

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
151 CAPITOL STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE

Thursday, September 3, 2015

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:10 a.m., immediately following a Public Hearing on Chapter 241: *Uniform Reporting System on Hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Data Sets*. The following Board members were present: Lisa Harvey-McPherson, (Chair), Poppy Arford, Andy Ellis, Maryagnes Gillman, Anita Knopp, Jim Leonard, Katherine Pelletreau, and Dave Winslow. Absent members were: Anne Head (Vice-Chair), Peter Gore, and Neil Korsen. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Acting Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

Chair Report

Vote to approve Board minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the June 4, 2015 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

Review of Key Decisions Made at July 16 Retreat - Lisa Harvey-McPherson reviewed the seven key decisions made at the Retreat. (Refer to handout.)

Revised Conflict of Interest Policy - Deanna White provided the Board members with an MHDO Conflict of Interest Policy with the revisions suggested at the July retreat. Board members will need to complete and submit a signed copy to Karynlee for the files. Karynlee will review the policy with staff.

Amicus Brief Update - Deanna explained the case of Gobeille vs Vermont and stated that Maine's Attorney General, along with other states, filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court. Karynlee will forward a copy of the final brief to the Board members once available.

Chairwoman Harvey-McPherson noted that Dan Morin joined the meeting as a guest.

Acting Executive Director Report

Vote to Approve the Adoption of Chapter 243 - Karynlee outlined the comments received and the proposed responses regarding proposed rule Chapter 243: *Uniform Reporting of Health Care Claims Data Sets*. (Refer to handouts.) With the

understanding that the AG's office will conduct a final review of the proposed rule a motion was made and seconded to adopt the changes as proposed. Motion unanimously passed.

CompareMaine Update - Karynlee discussed with the Board several of the issues raised as a result of working with several facilities and health plans on aspects of CompareMaine specifically how to report average payments for several ED CPT codes and how to report volume /frequency of procedures. (Refer to handout.) Staff made a recommendation on the methodology on how to report volume. A motion was made to proceed with the staff recommended relative approach. The motion was seconded and passed with two Board members in opposition. Karynlee will brief the Consumer Advisory Group at their next meeting.

Review timeline and upcoming deliverables – Karynlee referred the board to page 4 of the meeting notes from the July 16th board retreat -she summarized the specific items that the board voted on specific to CompareMaine. Karynlee then asked Melissa Hillmyer from Wowza to review the latest screen shots of the website. Melissa also summarized the usability testing that was recently conducted with 6 individuals. Overall the test results were positive; there are several revisions that we will be working on as a result of the testing. The majority of the revisions have to do with the location and clarification of several items.

Review Proposed Revisions to the New Draft Data Release Rule – After much thought and internal discussion after the board retreat Karynlee asked the board to consider a new recommendation regarding the release of charges and payments. Karynlee reminded the board that the focus in the law and in practice since 2003 is the release of payments. As such the revised recommendation is to exclude charges from the list of releasable data elements and to keep the focus on payments. There were several initial comments from board members regarding the recommendation. The board will discuss in more detail at next month's meeting.

Karynlee also explained that in reviewing several renewing data requests it has become clear that the rule needs some more specificity and definition regarding different types of data users. Karynlee and Deanna are working on a revised draft which she will bring back to the Board at their October 1 meeting.

Status of Upcoming Data Releases - Karynlee informed the Board that CY2014 Medicare data will be included in the October release of 2015 Quarter 2 commercial/Medicaid claims data.

She also apprised the Board of an issue currently being addressed where Maine Medical Center may have overstated the number of visits in the 2012 Outpatient data.

Review Recent Data Requests - Due to time constraints this issue was tabled.

Maine Quality Forum (MQF)

Status of Chapter 270: *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Quality Data Sets* - Karynlee is working with stakeholders on some revisions for Board review in October.

MQF Contract with HSRI - Karynlee is pursuing a sole source contract with the Maine Quality Forum to financially support the quality work being done on CompareMaine.

DHA Board - Karynlee will be reaching out to the Dirigo Health Agency Board Chair suggest the DHA Board convene within the next several months.

Public Comment

No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.