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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

151 CAPITOL STREET

AUGUSTA, MAINE

THURSDAY, December 6, 2018

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:00 a.m. with the following Board members present: Neil Korsen, (Chair), Anne Head (Vice-Chair), Andy Ellis, Colin McHugh, Sandy Parker, David Regan and Ronald Watson. Absent members were: Joel Allumbaugh, Peter Gore, and Lisa Harvey-McPherson. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, 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 September 6, 2018 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Executive Director Report**

Vote to provisionally adopt Rule Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets Karynlee informed the Board that no written or verbal public comments were received on the proposed rule changes. After a brief discussion on the procedure going forward with the Legislature and the Attorney General’s Office, a motion was made and seconded to provisionally adopt Chapter 270 contingent upon AG approval. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote to initiate rulemaking for Chapter 241: Uniform Reporting System for Hospital Inpatient and Hospital Outpatient Data – Karynlee apprised the Board that data users working have requested that MHDO consider collecting data that identifies the provider performing the specific surgery. The Board requested a specific example of the request; information on how widespread the issue is; and a recommendation on how staff would approach the issue. Karynlee will talk to data users and submitters to help understand their needs, and limitations, and will come back to a future board meeting with additional information.

Vote to initiate rulemaking for Chapter 630: Uniform System for Reporting Baseline Information and Restructuring Occurrences for Maine Hospitals and Parent Entities – Karynlee reminded the board of the discussion at the board’s June retreat regarding a formal registration process for CompareMaine. Karynlee recommended that Rule Chapter 630 be the vehicle for defining the registration process. There was a motion and a second to initiate rulemaking for Chapter 630. Motion passed unanimously.

Review status and next steps of the MHDO Website Redesign RFP – Karynlee stated that the MHDO had received six proposals, three of which were priced considerably above our budget. The internal selection committee met to review and score the proposals. A motion was made to authorize Karynlee to send the company who scored the highest score the award letter and to negotiate a contract. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Review recommendations specific to MHDO made in the Task Force on Health Care Coverage for All of Maine, November 2018 report (to be submitted to the First Regular Session of the 129th Legislature) - The Board discussed the set of recommendations in the report of the task force that may impact MHDO if implemented. A lengthy discussion specific to MHDO’s resources and limitations in producing ad-hoc reports for external stakeholders and individual legislatures and legislative committees; as well as the reporting requirements in MHDO’s governing statute, section 8712. Karynlee asked the board to support a policy that the MHDO will take on ad-hoc reporting requests that are estimated to take the team no more than 10 hours to produce. The board supported this policy and suggested that MHDO only fill data requests from legislative committees not individual legislators.

Review new Rx report (result of LD 1406) – The Board reviewed a draft memo from Karynlee to the Committee on Judiciary (refer to handout). She stated that she would like to send the memo and post the interactive Prescription Drug Reports on the MHDO website before the end of the week. The board provided Karynlee with a few edits that she will make before submitting the memo.

Review Status of Enhancing Cost and Quality Data CompareMaine - Karynlee provided the Board with screenshots of NH’s health care costs and quality transparency website, called NH HealthCost and CompareMaine. NH HealthCost has a more comprehensive set of information specific to quality data (that is available nationally). As discussed at the Board’s June retreat, the Insurance and Financial Services Committee has requested that MHDO enhance the amount of quality data on CompareMaine. As discussed, the process of enhancing the quality data on CompareMaine is an incremental approach-see attached document labeled Enhanced Quality Strategy. Staff is prepared to explore the feasibility of implementing a similar approach that NH has taken in displaying a more robust set of quality measures (that are reported nationally). Assuming no objections staff will begin to work though the timeline for implementation.

Review Status of New CompareMaine Grouper – HSRI is moving forward with accessing the Optum ETG (episode treatment groups) to use for developing the cost estimates for the surgical procedures reported on CompareMaine beginning with the next release scheduled for early spring 2019.

Review Status of MONAHRQ – Karynlee discussed taking the MHDO MONAHRQ site down since it has not been updated in years and instead bringing some of the data reported in MONAHRQ into CompareMaine.

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF)**

No update

**Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.