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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

151 CAPITOL STREET

AUGUSTA, MAINE

THURSDAY, March 5, 2020

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), Joel Allumbaugh, Andy Ellis, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Sandy Parker, Michelle Probert, and David Regan. Ronald Watson attended via phone. Peter Gore was unable to attend. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

**Chair Report**

Vote to Approve Board Minutes - Karynlee reviewed the draft minutes from the January 16, 2020 board meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on Board Appointments- Neil reviewed the handout labeled MHDO Board Appointments, dated 3/20. Karynlee will continue to follow up with the Director of Boards and Commissions in the Governors office regarding the status of the nominees and will report back to the board at the next MHDO board meeting. Neil reminded members that they have the option to continue to serve until they are replaced.

**Executive Director Report**

Vote on Final Adoption of Chapter 300, *Uniform Reporting System for Hospital Financial Data Sets* as Proposed, Pending Final Review and Approval from the AG’s Office. A motion was made and seconded authorizing Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form and to adopt the rule as proposed, pending review and approval from the Attorney General’s Office. Motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Update- Karynlee reviewed the status of the following LD’s and the potential impact to the MHDO if these bills become laws as written:

1. LD 2078: Chapter 100, *Enforcement Procedures*
2. LD 30: *An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis*
3. LD 2111: *An Act To Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care*
4. LD 2110: *An Act To Lower Health Care Costs*
5. LD 2105: *An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills*
6. LD 2096: *An Act To Save Lives by Capping the Out-of-pocket Cost of Certain Medications*

CompareMaine Update- Karynlee reported that the next release of CompareMaine, which will be version 9.0 is scheduled for December 2020. The payment data in V.9.0 will be for the period April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020. Karynlee also reported that the team is working on adding procedures and facilities to this next release. She will provide a detailed update at the June board meeting.

Status of New Rx Reporting Entities Registration- Karynlee reported that the registration of the new Rx reporting entities, which are manufacturers, wholesale distributors and pharmacy benefit managers is still in process. Based on data obtained from Licensing and the Bureau of Insurance, MHDO anticipates registrations from 665 entities. To date, she reported that approximately 60% in total have registered. MHDO will continue to reach out to the entities that have not yet registered and remind them of the requirement. Karynlee will update the board on the status of this action at the June MHDO board meeting.

**Maine Quality Forum Update**

2020 Annual Report-Primary Care Spending in State of Maine – Karynlee reviewed the key points in the executive summary of the report as well as the conclusions and recommendations specific to the collection of non-claims based payments. Recommendation in report:

*Finally, as noted earlier in this report, non-claims based payments are not processed as a claim or reported to the MHDO and therefore are not included in the primary care payment estimates in this report. As several Maine insurers reported, their investment in primary care via non-claims based payments (i.e. incentive payments) is significant and should be factored into total payments. Collection of non-claims based payments is something that the Maine Health Data Organization may want to pursue for future reporting.*

Karynlee will present a recommendation in terms of next steps at the June 2020 MHDO board meeting.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11am.