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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

151 CAPITOL STREET

AUGUSTA, MAINE

9:00am-9:30am

THURSDAY, May 14, 2020

The virtual meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:00 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Neil Korsen, (Chair), Joel Allumbaugh, Andy Ellis, Peter Gore, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Sandy Parker, Michelle Probert, David Regan, and Ronald Watson. Anne Head was unable to attend. Also participating were Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

**Chair Report**

Dr. Korsen opened the meeting with introductions and with a review of the voting protocol for virtual meetings.

**Executive Director Report**

Vote on Final Adoption of Chapter 100, *Enforcement Procedures-* Karynlee reviewed the revision that the Legislature made to the definition of Pharmacy Benefits Manager. She also stated that Deanna White reviewed the documents and has signed off on the changes. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the rule as amended and authorized Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Vote on Enforcement Plan-Karynlee reported to the board that a request from the Maine Hospital Association (MHA) was made to Governor Mills on behalf of its member hospitals specific to the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) and hospital reporting deadlines. The MHA’s request, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was for the MHDO not to enforce hospital data submission deadlines. Given the sense of urgency Karynlee consulted with the MHDO executive committee and developed a response to the MHA’s request in the spirit of balancing administrative burden during the COVID-19 pandemic with public benefit. The board reviewed the response and after some discussion a motion was made and seconded to not enforce the usual data filing deadlines. The Board voted to adopt the extended deadlines as detailed in the document labeled MHDO COVID-19-final adopted version 5-14-20 (2) for filing data under Chapters of 270 and 300, 90-590 CMR in response to the COVID-19 civil emergency. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on the Following Legislative Bills-Karynlee provided the following updates on the Legislative bills that the Agency was tracking during the session.

1. LD 30: ***An Act To Improve Health Care Data Analysis-*** carried over to any special session of the 129th Legislature pursuant to Joint Order SP 788
2. LD 2111: ***An Act To Establish Patient Protections in Billing for Health Care-*** Public Law Chapter 670 (no impact to MHDO)
3. LD 2110: ***An Act To Lower Health Care Costs*** - carried over to any special session of the 129th Legislature pursuant to Joint Order SP 788
4. LD 2105: ***An Act To Protect Consumers from Surprise Emergency Medical Bills*** -Public Law Chapter 668 (impact to MHDO)
5. LD 2096: ***An Act To Save Lives by Capping the Out-of-pocket Cost of Certain Medications-*** Public Law Chapter 666 (no impact to MHDO)

There was some preliminary discussion on the impact of Public Law 668/LD 2105. The board agreed to continue the discussion at the June board meeting.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40am