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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, December 2, 2021

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The virtual meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at approximately 9:30 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Dr. Neil Korsen (Chair), Joel Allumbaugh, Andy Ellis, Anne Head (Vice Chair), Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Michelle Probert, David Regan, Ronald Watson and Peter Gore. Also participating were Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

**Chair Report**

Dr. Korsen opened the virtual meeting with introductions and a review of the voting protocol for virtual meetings. The board reviewed and voted unanimously to approve as drafted the November 4, 2021 meeting notes. Dr. Korsen then led the board through the process of electing a new chair of the MHDO board of directors. Joel Allumbaugh was nominated to serve in the role as chair of the MHDO board of directors for a two-year period beginning February 2022. The board voted unanimously in support of the nomination. Dr. Korsen will hand the gavel to Joel at the February 3, 2022 board meeting. Neil then asked Karynlee for her report.

**Executive Director Report**

**Refer to Meeting Presentation which can be found here:** [**https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm**](https://mhdo.maine.gov/boardMtngs.htm) **for details on topics summarized below:**

**Vote on Final Adoption of Rule Chapter 247, *Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments (routine technical rule), as proposed and amended***

Karynlee reviewed with the board the language that she added to the table in Appendix B, *MHDO Source Codes*, as requested by the board at the November 4, 2021 Board Meeting. The board voted unanimously to adopt the changes to Rule Chapter 247, *Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments,* as proposed and amended; and to authorize Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

**Vote on Final Adoption of Rule Chapter 730, *Interagency Reporting of Cancer-Incidence Registry and Vital Statistics Data (routine technical rule) as proposed***

Karynlee reported that no verbal or written comments were received on the proposed joint Rule with the Department of Health and Human Services, Chapter 730. The board received an updated copy of the rule as originally proposed with minor corrections (non-substantive) that were suggested by the AG’s office. The board voted unanimously to adopt Rule Chapter 730,*Interagency Reporting of Cancer-Incidence Registry and Vital Statistics Data, as proposed with minor corrections based on recommendations from the AG’s office*; and to authorize Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

**Vote on the Provisional Adoption of Rule Chapter 120, *Release of Data to the Public*, as proposed (major substantive rule)**

Karynlee reviewed with the board the section of the Basis Statement that was prepared for the proposed changes to Rule Chapter 120, that identifies the party submitting either written or verbal comments in response to the proposed changes. There was a public comment received in response to the proposed changes. After reviewing the public comment, Karynlee then reviewed staff’s response to the comment. The board voted unanimously to provisionally adopt the changes to Rule Chapter 120, *Release of Data to the Public,* as proposed; and to authorize Karynlee to send the proposed rule to the legislature in advance of the January 2022 deadline.

**Review Status of Annual Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency Report**

Karynlee reviewed with the board the reasons for the revised timeline for the submission of the draft annual report on Prescription Drug Pricing Transparency to the board for review and feedback. Primarily the topic of prescription drug pricing is complicated as is finding the balance in producing a report that is both technically accurate and understandable. If all goes as planned the final report will be submitted to the HCIFS committee the first week of January 2022.

**Overview of Project Underway Specific to MHDO’s Hospital Financial Reports**

Karynlee discussed with the board the project that is underway specific to updating the language on the MHDO website that describes the MHDO’s standardized hospital financial reports. She reported that the goal is to add language that provides context and clarity about the hospital financial data that MHDO collects and has been publicly reporting since 2004. She reminded the board that Maine’s hospitals populate and submit to MHDO the MHDO standardized accounting templates. Karynlee also noted that beginning with hospital FY2021, based on an update to Rule Ch. 300, if applicable Maine hospitals will populate the MHDO standardized accounting templates using data from their audited financial statements for both their unconsolidated and consolidated functions. Reports will be available on MHDO website in October-November 2022

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF)**

Karynlee reported on the key activities that the MQF is working on. Including developing the annual report on Primary Care Spending in the State of Maine; participating in LD 1196, *Investments in Primary Care & Behavioral Health,* Stakeholder Group, (as requested by HCIFS Committee); preparing annual report on Rates of Healthcare Associated Infections in State of Maine; and updating the quality data on CompareMaine as data becomes available. These include:

Preventing Serious complications

Preventing Healthcare- Associated Infections

Preventing Falls with Injury

Preventing Pressure ulcers

Unplanned Hospital-Wide Readmissions

Karynlee discussed the status of Project Firstline and brought to the boards attention the new content that has been added to the Infection Prevention Forum, the infection prevention online learning modules for healthcare and direct care professionals that has been developed in partnership with Maine CDC, University of Southern Maine and the Federal CDC. Karynlee shared the link to the site and encouraged board members to review the site as applicable. <https://maineinfectionpreventionforum.org/>

**Public Comments**

None

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.