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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Virtual Meeting

THURSDAY, December 1, 2022

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The virtual meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at approximately 9:05 a.m. with the following Board members in attendance: Joel Allumbaugh (chair), Commissioner Head (vice-chair), Dr. Neil Korsen, Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Andrew Ellis, Michelle Probert, David Regan, and Ronald Watson. Absent: Peter Gore. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

**Chair Report**

Joel opened the meeting with introductions and a review of the voting protocol for virtual meetings. The board reviewed and voted to approve as drafted the October 6, 2022, meeting notes. Joel 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*, as proposed (routine technical rule)**

Karynlee stated that there were no verbal or written comments received on the proposed changes to Rule Chapter 247. The board received a copy (via e-mail) of the rule as originally proposed; and an updated Basis Statement noting that no public comments were received.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt Rule Chapter 247, *Uniform Reporting System for Non-Claims Based Payments,* as proposed; and authorized Karynlee to sign the MAPA 1 form.

**Vote on Provisional Adoption of Rule Chapter 100, *Enforcement Procedures,* as proposed *(major substantive rule****)*

Karynlee stated that there were no verbal or written comments received on the proposed changes to Rule Chapter 100. The board received a copy (via e-mail) of the rule as originally proposed; and an updated Basis Statement noting that no public comments were received.

The Board voted unanimously to provisionally adopt Rule Chapter 100, *Enforcement Procedures,* as proposed; and authorized Karynlee to send the proposed rule to the legislature.

**Review Public Comment and Agency Proposed Response to Rule Chapter 570, *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets (major substantive rule****)*

Karynlee reviewed the written comments submitted by the Association for Accessible Medicines regarding Rule Chapter 570. For details regarding the comments refer to the updated Basis Statement or the meeting deck. Karynlee reviewed staff’s recommendations based on the comments received:

1. Amend current Section 1(C) as follows:

**Drug Product Family.** “Drug product family” means a group of one or more prescription drugs that share a unique non-proprietary name ~~generic drug description (non-trade name)~~ and ~~drug~~ dosage form.



2. Add a definition to current Section 1 for Dosage Form as follows:

**Dosage Form.** “Dosage Form” means the physical form in which a prescription drug is produced and dispensed, such as a tablet, a capsule, or an injectable.

**Vote on Provisional Adoption of Rule Chapter 570, *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, as proposed and amended (major substantive rule)***

The Board voted to provisionally adopt the changes to Rule Chapter 570, *Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets,* as proposed and amended; and authorized Karynlee to send the proposed rule to the legislature.

**Update on Status of Key Deliverables**

Karynlee provided an update on the status of the various legislative reports and on the following items:

* Release of CompareMaine V. 11.0 - week of December 15, 2022 (reflects the period July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022).
* FY2021 Standardized Annual Hospital Financial Report (three-part report) - posted to MHDO website the week of December 28, 2022.
* High-Priced Items or Services Report (as required in PL 2019, Chapter 653, *An Act To Enact the Made for Maine Health Coverage Act and Improve Health Choices in Maine,* Part Brequires the Department of Health and Human Services and the Maine Health Data Organization to identify high-priced items or services) - available December 2022.
* Geocoded Data (11-digit census tract FIPS code) - completed and available to request in December 2022.
* Cancer-Incidence Registry Data Linked with MHDO Data Sets - completed and available to request in December 2022.
* Vital Statistics Data Linked with MHDO Data Sets - completed and available to request in December 2022.
* MHDO De-Identified Person Directory - completed and available to request in December 2022.
* MHDO Data Dictionary and Business Rules - updated to incorporate new data assets, available January 2023.
* MHDO Provider Directory - ready for release in Q1 2023, can request in December 2022.

**Board Meeting Calendar for 2023**

The 2023 board meeting schedule is as follows:

February 2, 2023

April 6, 2023

June 1, 2023

September 7, 2023

November 2, 2023

Meetings will start at 9am and depending on agenda will run 60-90 minutes. Additional meetings may be added depending on need. Karynlee will send outlook appointments for the 2023 meetings.

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF) Update**

Karynlee reviewed the timelines for the legislative reports that the MQF is working on including:

* Developing the annual report on Primary Care Spending in the State of Maine.
* Developing annual report on Behavioral Health Care Spending in the State of Maine.
* Developing annual report on Rate of Healthcare Associated Infections in the State of Maine.
* Working with MHDO on the updates to the quality data on CompareMaine that will be included in the December 2022 release; and on a longer-term strategy to enhance quality data reported on CompareMaine; and,
* Working on deliverables for Project Firstline
* Posted a new training module (45-60 minutes) on the *Importance of Reducing Urinary Tract Infection Rates in Long-Term Care.*
  + Two primary goals of the new UTI module: Provide education on reducing UTIs in long-term care facilities; and build an understanding of how over-prescribing antibiotics, which commonly occurs in these facilities, can lead to antibiotic resistance of some bacteria, which increases the potential deadliness of bacterial infections.
* *Submitted a product brief to the Maine-CDC on a new training module on Infection Control Training Targeted for Outpatient Facilities.*

**Public Comments**

None

**Next MHDO Board Meeting**

February 2, 2023

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