

## MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
151 CAPITOL STREET  
AUGUSTA, MAINE

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2016

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:05 a.m. with the following board members present: Lisa Harvey-McPherson (Chair), Anne Head (Vice-Chair), Neil Korsen (Chair-Elect), Joel Allumbaugh, Patrick Denning, Andy Ellis, Peter Gore, Anita Knopp, Jim Leonard and Sandy Parker. Absent member was Maryagnes Gillman. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Acting 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 March 3, 2016 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

Legislative Update - The Chair informed the board that major substantive rule Chapter 120: Release of Data to the Public has passed to be enacted. Lisa thanked Karynlee and Deanna for all of their hard work to bring the rule to this point.

She also stated that a letter would be coming from the Health and Human Services Committee to the Maine Quality Forum asking them to track emerging healthcare trends, including the feasibility of building a medical marijuana database.

Board Appointments - Lisa announced that Sandy Parker has been recently appointed to the MHDO Board as a representative of Maine hospitals replacing David Winslow. Lisa then stated that her final term ends on May 29, 2016 and that she will continue to serve until replaced. She has informed Vickie Purgavie, Executive Director of the Home Care & Hospice Alliance of Maine of the need to appoint a new member. Ms. Purgavie plans to invite Karynlee to a board meeting to explain the role of the home health representative on the MHDO Board.

June 2 Board Retreat - Craig Freshley will facilitate the retreat and he is working with the Executive Committee on the agenda. Some of the agenda items will include: sustainability and a new data subscription model; an antitrust policy; and strategic priorities. Sandy is not available on June 2<sup>nd</sup> so the board requested that she ask David Winslow if he can attend the retreat in her absence.

### Acting Executive Director Report

Impact of Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual Decision - Karynlee informed the board that she had sent a written communication to the payers stating that for those self-funded ERISA Plans that are going to direct their third party administrators from sending claims data to the MHDO the MHDO is requesting a copy of the written notice from the employer. Karynlee also reported that she has met with the members of the Maine Association of Health Plans per their request to discuss the status and challenges ahead. Anthem Health Plans of Maine, Inc. sent an e-mail stating that they are temporarily suspending all data submissions and Karynlee reviewed with the board their reasoning

behind their decision. (Refer to Anthem APCD notice) She also sent a memo to the health plans informing them that we are formerly suspending enforcement of the claims data submissions for five months from the date of the U.S. Supreme Court decision of March 1, 2016. (Refer to MHDO Claims Data Submission memo) In tracking payer submissions, it is apparent that data are missing beginning in Q1 2016 from the top 5 large payers representing approximately 80% of data submissions. Therefore, the memo also stated that any outstanding data through February 2016 will need to be submitted and accepted for approval to avoid enforcement action.

Karynlee briefed the board on the status of the work that she is doing with the convening organizations (APCD Council, NAHDO and NASHPEE) and other states specific to a national solution. One option they discussed is via the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and a rule to require self-funded ERISA plans to submit claims data. There are several other tracks Karynlee discussed, a structure similar to NH and a voluntary track. Additional information will be provided at the board retreat. A board member suggested that we communicate to self-insured employers the importance of submitting this data and Karynlee provided a handout produced by the convening organizations that highlights some of the use case. (Refer to The Value of APCD's for Employers) The board asked about any financial impact to us and Karynlee stated that there will be an impact in the data access fees collected if no new claims data is being released. The board asked if we know the universe of self-funded ERISA plans in the state of Maine. It was suggested that the Maine Health Management Coalition might have this information, as well as the DOL. Peter Gore offered to provide the self-funded plans related to Workers' Comp. Karynlee will follow up with the MHMC and others.

Status of CompareMaine 2.0 - The board received a CompareMaine Priorities & 2.0 Updates handout, which they discussed. Karynlee stated that the facilities and payers being reported on were given the opportunity to review their individual cost data spreadsheets and to offer feedback. She has organized and quantified the feedback. She also informed the board that some good recommendations were received which may become part of the 3.0 launch.

Status of Chapters 270 and 120 - Karynlee informed the board that Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets has an effective date of June 1, 2016. She is working on providing communication to the data submitters regarding the changes. This information will also be posted on the MHDO web site.

Karynlee is working with HSRI on developing a work plan to implement the new rule Chapter 120: Release of Data to the Public. They will utilize the allotted 60 days before submitting the rule to the Secretary of State's office to ensure there is an infrastructure in place to accommodate the changes. The rule will become effective 30 days after the Secretary of State's approval. Once the rule is in effect a webinar will be held with interested parties to review the changes in Chapter 120.

Status of New Hospital Data Submission Portal - Karynlee informed the board that the 2014 inpatient and outpatient data was released on schedule on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The 2015 hospital data will be released later this fall after the new portal goes live-portal is scheduled to go live July 2016. Beginning with the 2016 hospital data we are working toward a release schedule for the hospital data that is more aligned with the release schedule for the claims data-more to come.

To date there have been several webinars we have conducted with the hospitals preparing them for the testing phases of the new hospital data submission portal. We have been in communication with

the Maine Hospital Association and they have helped us with outreach and communication of the readiness of each hospital. The new system has over 300 front end validations and provides the opportunity at the point of submission for information to be obtained about what is being submitted-all part of our meta data strategy. The goal of the new data submission system is for it to be more efficient for the hospitals once they adapt and the quality of the data received will be much improved for our end users of the data.

Miscellaneous:

Karynlee informed the board that by the end of the day tomorrow a report with 5 years of hospital financial data (2010 through 2014) will be available on our web site.

She also informed the Board that the State of Maine, Division of Employee Health highlighted CompareMaine in their recent newsletter. Also, she had a booth at the annual Quality Counts meeting where they had two computer screens up-one for CompareMaine and the second for the new HAI Training and the updated Patient Experience Matters survey results.

**Maine Quality Forum (MQF)**

2016 Annual Healthcare Associated Infections Report - The board received a copy of the current HAI report that was recently submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Karynlee noted that the Executive Summary provides a good outline of the report. (Refer to the MQF 2016 HAI Annual Report also posted on MHDO website)

New Infection Prevention Forum for Extended Care Facilities - Karynlee provided the board with copies of an online training brochure that was developed from a gap found in long-term care facilities due, in part, to high turnover and no infection preventionists.

2016 Maine Patient Experience Matters Report - Copies of this report were provided to the board and can be found on the MQF website. The report outlines the results of Clinician and Group Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems surveys done in 2012 and again in 2014. The results show improvements between the two years. A third round of surveying will be conducted in 2017 and reported in 2018.

Lisa reminded the board that the retreat will be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and at the end of the meeting she will hand the responsibility of Chair to Neil Korsen, the current Chair-Elect. There will be no meetings held in the months of July and August. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was provided.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.