

## MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE  
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:00 a.m. with the following Board members present: Lisa Harvey-McPherson, (Chair), Anne Head (Vice-Chair), Poppy Arford, Mike DeLorenzo, Andy Ellis, Maryagnes Gillman, Tom Hopkins, Anita Knopp, Jim Leonard, and Katherine Pelletreau. Absent members were: Peter Gore, Neil Korsen and Dave Winslow. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Acting Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

### **Chair Report**

Vote to approve Board minutes – The February and March minutes will be revised and voted on at the next Board meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April 3, 2014 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

Board Appointments – Lisa Harvey McPherson and Michael DeLorenzo have been reappointed to the MHDO Board, and those members due for reappointment have been notified and will complete the necessary paperwork.

LD 1642: Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices – The Chair informed the Board that LD 1642 passed with an override of the Governor's veto. Lisa reviewed the language in the bill that requires health care entities to display information regarding MHDO's price transparency web site. Karynlee will meet with the Maine Medical Association and the Maine Hospital Association to discuss their interest in creating a standard posting to include the MHDO's website information that health care entities can print and post. The costs will be absorbed by the transparency grant as one of the deliverables to raise public awareness.

LD 1760: Commission to Study Transparency - The Chair informed the Board that this LD passed without the Governor LePage's signature. Karynlee explained that the law requires the inclusion of collaborative activities within the MHDO annual report. There was a question about the requirement in the law regarding hospitals or ambulatory surgical centers to publicly display a notice of individuals' authority to request information on average charges. Deanna will research enforcement of the requirement and report back at a future Board meeting.

LD 1740: Amend Laws Relating to Health Care Data - At their April 3rd meeting the Board had discussed bringing together a multi-stakeholder workgroup. Karynlee met with the Executive Committee and a draft was provided with the charge of this group and the recommended stakeholders, based on those who provided testimony at LD 1740 Legislative hearing. Board members and other interested parties are welcome to attend. The meeting will be publically noticed. After the workgroup meets, Karynlee and Deanna will craft a proposed rule for Board approval before initiating rulemaking. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations as outlined in the handout. The motion passed unanimously.

It was stated that several provisions of the new law will not be in effect until the rules are adopted by the Health and Human Services Committee in 2015. However, some provisions will go into effect within 90 days of signing. Deanna will provide a summarization for the Board.

MHDO's Governing Statute - At a previous meeting the Board decided to revisit the MHDO statute. They were provided copies of Chapter 1683 to review prior to the retreat. It was stated that Paul Gauvreau had previously prepared for the Board a summary document of the MHDO. Deanna will review and update that document.

Board Retreat - The Chair reviewed the draft agenda, which the Board discussed. There will be presentations from various stakeholders and the timeline was discussed.

It was stated that the MHDO Consumer Advisory Workgroup will hold regular meetings until September 2015 and will discuss outcomes of the transparency grant. There will be various webinars and all are welcome to attend.

### **Acting Executive Director Report**

Compliance Report - There were no compliance issues requiring Board attention.

### Project Management Report

Data Release Status - Karynlee reviewed with the Board the MHDO Data Release Status (refer to handout).

There was a discussion regarding the quality data that is available from Chapter 270. The Maine Quality Forum has contracted with Muskie to develop a process to update the website to raise awareness of what information is available and the importance of the data.

Work on MONARQH is ongoing to make it more accessible and more user friendly.

There was a discussion regarding the handout, MHDO Data Release Status and the Board agreed on certain changes that will be incorporated in the next report.

Karynlee informed the Board that the Data Users Group met and discussed establishing metrics to define quality. Karynlee will keep the Board apprised of this process going forward.

Transformation Progress - Karynlee stated that she is meeting with the team to discuss priorities in the transformation process. She will have a revised timeline for the Board at their next meeting.

Transparency Grant - The Board received a handout that is being used to help guide the agenda for the Consumer Advisory Group. Refer to handout.

Vote to adopt Chapter 243: Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets - No public comments were received that would result in any proposed changes. There was a motion and a second to adopt Chapter 243. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MQF Advisory Council Update**

The Legislature took all of the anticipated cash balance that the DHA/MQF would have had as of June 30, 2015. In exchange, they were included in the FY16/17 General Fund baseline budget for \$1.5M. The Legislature did not approve moving the MQF into the MHDO, but the Dirigo Health Agency Board still supports the blending of MQF into the MHDO. Karynlee will work with the Attorney General's office on the feasibility and will come back to Board. Karynlee also informed the Board that a second round of the Patients of Care Survey will be done in 2015.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.