

## MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:05 a.m. with the following Board members present: Katherine Pelletreau (Chair), Anne Head (Vice-Chair), Poppy Arford, Andy Ellis, Maryagnes Gillman, Anita Knopp, Neil Korsen, Jim Leonard, and Dave Winslow. Lisa Harvey-McPherson attended the meeting by telephone. Absent members were: Mike DeLorenzo, Peter Gore, and Tom Hopkins. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Acting Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

### Chair Report

Vote to approve Board minutes - After clarification of issues regarding PHI draft legislation being more stringent than HIPAA; the timeframe for receiving CMS data; and a statute change regarding the MHDO annual legislative report, a motion was made and seconded to accept the November 7, 2013 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

Select date for January Board meeting – January 2, 2013 Board meeting will be reschedule. Linda Adams will poll the Board to determine availability later in the month.

Katherine Pelletreau reminded the Board that there will be an election for the Chair position at the January meeting. She stated that Lisa Harvey-McPherson has expressed her interest as a candidate and asked the Board members to let herself, Commissioner Head, or Karynlee know if they are interested in becoming a candidate. A ballot will be circulated at the January Board meeting and the voting will be confidential.

Legislative Commission to Study Transparency - Katherine and Karynlee briefed the board on the discussion that occurred at the last meeting of the commission and some of the recommendations that may be part of the final report.

A discussion ensued regarding the creation and usage of a master provider index. As discussed in the past Karynlee is committed to reducing redundancy and leveraging existing resources when feasible. Karynlee stated that MHDO rules require hospitals to report organizational data to the MHDO including changes in staffing every six months; she is also scheduling meetings with HIN and the MHMC to further explore their

provider directories/index. She also mentioned that the provider index would be an agenda item for an upcoming data user's group meeting.

In regard to transparency, the issue of public meeting notification requirements specific to the user group meetings was questioned. Deanna White, AAG will check the legal requirements and report her findings to the Board.

### **Acting Executive Director Report**

Compliance Report - This issue was discussed under the Transformation Activity topic.

#### Project Management Report

General Agency Operations - Karynlee reviewed the status of the critical projects defined by the Board. Refer to Project Status Report handout. Karynlee informed the Board that the plan to release third quarter 2013 claims data the end of the month is on track.

Transformation Activity - Karynlee reviewed the MHDO Transformation and Transparency Grant handout stating that the transparency grant work is on schedule. Refer to handout. Karynlee provided information on what will be included in the first release of the HealthCost web site which will include approximately 200 new procedures. Karynlee also talked about the format for this first release. Consistent with the current HealthCost website the cost data will be displayed by hospital. What will not be included in this release is the breakdown by health plan by product. Karynlee plans to share a test site with the hospitals (as done with the last release of HealthCost). A discussion ensued regarding ways various affiliates are engaging consumers in their work and also on leveraging funds for sustaining the HealthCost web site.

Chapter 10: Determination of Assessments - Karynlee reviewed the proposed change to Chapter 10 which would move the MHDO from a cash accounting structure to an accrual accounting structure. After some discussion a motion was made and passed unanimously.

#### Chapter 243: Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets -

A motion was made and unanimously passed- the Board of Directors of MHDO hereby suspends operation and requirement of the final clause of 90-590 CMR Chapter 243 Section (2)(A)(9)(a) to wit "but shall comply with the annual registration requirements of Section 3(A)" meaning that until further action of the MHDO Board of Directors, including rulemaking, health care claims processors who are excluded from filing health care claim data sets shall not have to register under Section 3(A).

Formal Extension of Moratorium on Data Fee Waiver Requests - A motion was made and passed unanimously- the Board of Directors of MHDO hereby suspends operation of 90-590 CMR Chapter 50 Section 7 “Waiver Provisions” meaning that until further action of the MHDO Board of Directors, including policy setting or rulemaking, the MHDO Board continues its moratorium on new requests for fee waivers or reductions.

SIM Data Subcommittee – Update will be provided at January meeting

**MQF Advisory Council Update**

Update will be provided at January meeting

**Public Comment**

No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.