

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2014

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:10 a.m. immediately following a Public Hearing on Chapter 243: *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets*. The following Board members were present: Lisa Harvey-McPherson, (Chair), Anne Head (Vice-Chair), Poppy Arford, Andy Ellis, Maryagnes Gillman, Tom Hopkins, Anita Knopp, Katherine Pelletreau, and Dave Winslow. Jim Leonard attended via telephone. Absent members were: Mike DeLorenzo, Peter Gore, and Neil Korsen. 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 January 23, 2014 MHDO Board minutes as written. The motion carried. The February 6, and March 6 minutes were tabled to allow for corrections in regard to some specific feedback from board members regarding the interim HealthCost web site.

Board Appointments – A handout was distributed showing the Board members' appointment status. For the members interested in reappointment documentation needs to be submitted to the Governor's Office by the beginning of May. Tom Hopkins will be retiring at the end of the month but agreed to remain on the Board until a replacement is appointed. Karynlee will follow up with the absent Board members.

There was a brief discussion regarding Board restructuring and the board agreed that the issue had been reviewed in detail and will not be pursued again at this time. It was stated that the issue may be revisited in the future.

LD 1740: Amend Laws Relating to Health Care Data - The Chair informed the Board that LD 1740, which allows the MHDO to release identifiable claims data, has passed the house and senate and is waiting for the Governor's action. Karynlee shared with the Board how she is looking at LD 1740; two phases of work. First phase is the work that needs to be done to develop rules for the release of identifiable claims data. The second phase is the issue specific to the definition of future clinical data. Phase I- there was discussion about convening a workgroup of the board and or a multi stakeholder group to provide input on the specific provisions in LD 1740 that has to do with the release of PHI. It was agreed that Karynlee will consult with Deanna regarding the best

way to seek input before drafting the proposed rule. At the May board meeting the Board will consider the recommendation by staff which will include the composition of the group and their charge. Karynlee will also prepare a document that defines what limited PHI the MHDO currently collects.

Phase II will require the Board to decide on whether or not to broaden the definition of clinical data and on integrating claims data with some defined clinical data. A motion was made to turn the June 5th meeting into a Board retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to address the issues associated with Phase II. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

LD 1760: Commission to Study Transparency - LD 1760 has not yet been released by the Insurance and Financial Services Committee. There will be an update on its status at the May Board meeting.

LD 1642: Public Disclosure of Health Care Prices - The Chair informed the Board that the Governor has vetoed LD 1642. There will be an update on the status at the May Board meeting.

Acting Executive Director Report

Project Management Report

General Agency Operations - Karynlee reviewed the status of the MHDO operations with the Board. (Refer to handout.) She stated that the release of 2012 Inpatient and Outpatient data is the number one priority of the Agency. Karynlee will be meeting with the Maine Health Management Coalition to discuss the claims data provider linkage issue with the end goal of building a master provider index. The original HealthCost web site has been replaced by the interim HealthCost 2014 site. The 2012 hospital financial templates are available on line. Board members asked that the MHDO Policy on transparency be added as an agenda item for the June retreat.

Transformation Progress including grant deliverables - Karynlee explained the status of the key projects outlined in the Transformation Progress handout. She explained the activities of various workgroups currently underway (Refer to handout). To date the transformation results are on track with the plan.

Vote to adopt Chapter 10: *Determination of Assessments* - Karynlee informed the Board that no comments to the proposed changes to Chapter 10 were received. There was a motion and a second to adopt the proposed rule changes to Chapter 10. Motion carried.

Compliance Report - There were no compliance issue to report. Karynlee reminded the board that during the first six months of the transition to their new system the Agency has been more flexible with compliance. Effective this month the Agency has reinstated its formal compliance structure. Karynlee also stated that, even with the delay of the implementation of the ICD-10, the MHDO will move forward with the proposed changes in Chapter 241 and 243.

Status of MQF - Karynlee informed the Board that the Patient Experience survey data has been released on a public website and that the 2014 HAI report is being released today. Chair Harvey-McPherson wrote a letter to the Appropriations Committee on behalf of the Board supporting the move of the Maine Quality Forum into the MHDO if funding is available. It is anticipated that the legislature will leave approximately \$1.5M available, which could possibly fund the MQF for a couple of years. The DHA Board would be transferred to the MHDO Board and the MQF Advisory Council would still convene on a regular basis. This will be discussed further at the May board meeting and if needed at the Board retreat.

MQF Advisory Council Update

Karynlee stated that there is no additional information to report.

Public Comment

No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.