

## MINUTES

MAINE HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013

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

### **Chair Report**

Katherine Pelletreau introduced Michael DeLorenzo, Acting Director of the Maine Health Management Coalition who has been nominated to join the Board as the MHMC employer representative, the position formerly held by Chris McCarthy. Ms. Pelletreau also informed the Board that Tom Hopkins, University of Maine has also been nominated to join the Board as a consumer representative, filling a vacant position left by the recent resignation of Ted Rooney.

Vote to approve Board minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the February 7, 2013 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

L. D. 1818 Final Report and presentation to HHS - Commissioner Head, the MHDO representative to LD 1818 work group, informed the Board that the final report of the LD 1818 work group was presented to the Health and Human Services Committee with favorable reception. Ms. Pelletreau stated that the committee was very interested in the status of the MHDO and spent most of the time asking Ms. Harrington questions. She also reported that the committee members were supportive of what the MHDO is doing.

Establishment of a Protected Health Information (PHI) Subcommittee - Ms. Pelletreau reviewed with the Board a proposal from the executive committee to establish a PHI subcommittee comprised of members from the MHDO Board. She outlined the proposed charge of the subcommittee as follows:

- Develop draft principles to guide the use of protected health information to improve the utility of MHDO data sets

- Propose a governance structure to oversee the release and use of protected health information that includes appropriate privacy and security safeguards
- Recommend amendments to Maine law and regulation to allow the appropriate use of protected health information
- Report back to the MHDO board at September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting or before

After further discussion a motion was made and seconded that a PHI subcommittee be formed as proposed. The motion passed with one board member opposed.

### **Acting Executive Director Report**

MHDO/HSRI Proposed Contract Review - Ms. Harrington informed the Board that the contract has been preliminarily approved by the State Chief Information Officer, the Office of Attorney General and reviewed by the Division of Purchases and is currently under formal review by the Purchasing Review Panel. She reviewed the deliverables, other key provisions and the funding of the contract with the Board. Ms. Harrington stated that a kick off meeting with the claims data submitters was held on February 26<sup>th</sup> with over 100 participants. The Agency is creating a Payer's User Group (PUG) which will help guide the Agency in the development of the APCD.

There was some discussion on consumer access to cost and quality data and on establishing a vision/plan. Ms. Harrington reminded the board of the vision described in the RFP and the timing of deliverables. The initial focus of the contract is on the APCD. The Executive Committee and Ms. Harrington will report back to the Board with a plan and what to discuss/cover at Board meetings for remainder of the year. A motion was made and seconded that the Board approve the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

Compliance Report - Ms. Harrington stated that Manna, Inc. has not responded to inquiries regarding their unpaid assessment and recommended a \$250 fine, in accordance with the MHDO Compliance Policy. A motion was made and seconded to impose a \$250 fine to Manna Inc. Motion unanimously passed.

Project Management Report - Refer to Project Status Report handout.

Data Fee Waiver Request – Jianjing Lin, a student at the University of Arizona joined the Board meeting via telephone to explain her request for claims data and a waiver of \$98,635. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to deny the waiver request. The motion passed unanimously. It was stated that, although the Board supports Ms. Lin's research they know that the data is not adequate to help her and

encouraged her to stay in communication with the MHDO as more data becomes available.

ICD 10 Conversion - Ms. Harrington handed out an overview prepared by CMS describing the ICD 10 conversion. She informed the Board that the Agency is working with the Maine Hospital Association on a proposal for how to handle the conversion in the data submission format which will be vetted with the hospitals. A rule change will be required. She also mentioned that this will also be an agenda item for the PUG as the conversion impacts health plans as well.

MHDO Website - With Will Kilbreth's assistance, Ms. Harrington walked the board through the newly designed MHDO website, highlighting some of the key changes. She noted that this was an initial step in a longer term strategy (as part of the transformation) specific to the website and the functionality of the site. For now the objective was to make some minor enhancements as the Agency drives users to the site for information on the status of the Agency's transformation.

#### **Data Processing Center Report**

Refer to handouts.

#### **MQF Advisory Council Update**

No report was given.

#### **Public Comment**

No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.