

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 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: Anne Head (Vice-Chair), Poppy Arford, Maryagnes Gillman, Peter Gore arrived after the meeting has begun, Tom Hopkins, Anita Knopp, Neil Korsen, Jim Leonard, Katherine Pelletreau, and Dave Winslow. Absent members were: Lisa Harvey-McPherson, Mike DeLorenzo, and Andy Ellis. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Acting Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General. Katherine Pelletreau, outgoing Chair, stepped in to Chair the meeting in Lisa Harvey-McPherson's absence.

Chair Report

Vote to approve Board minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 1, 2014 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

Board Appointments - Katherine briefly discussed each of the Board members' appointment status stating that some reappointments have recently been made by the Governor. Karynlee provided a handout of Board members' terms with current expiration dates. (Refer to handout.) Karynlee will reach out to Peter Gore regarding submission of his reappointment paperwork. Karynlee will update the handout to show term end dates. It was stated that Board vacancies should be an ongoing agenda item.

Board Retreat Notes and Next Steps - The Board received a handout with the detailed notes of the June 5th Board Retreat. Katherine stated that the Executive Committee is working on a proposal for the timing of all the next steps as discussed at the retreat. The executive committee is working on the composition and charge for a subcommittee of the board to address the next steps regarding additional clinical data.

A stakeholder input meeting was recently held to give anyone interested an opportunity to share their feedback with staff regarding PL Chapter 528. The primary issues discussed were database security and the choice provision. The verbal feedback received in this meeting will be considered in the drafting of the new rule that will repeal and replace Chapter 120.

The Maine Association of Health Plans submitted written comments regarding several of the provisions in the new law. Karynlee summarized the key points of the letter. Karynlee is also looking at how other states and CMS are administering the choice option with their programs. Jim Leonard offered to contact the CMMI project officer assigned to SIM, who has contact with CMS, to see if he can provide any technical assistance.

Acting Executive Director Report

Grants to States to Support Health Insurance Rate Review and Increase Transparency in Health Care Pricing, Cycle IV – Karynlee reported that she has submitted a grant application to CMS with the support of the executive committee for \$1.179M. This is an extension of the current Cycle III grant and, if awarded, the grants will run parallel. This grant will allow the MHDO to collect additional information to further enhance price transparency on the HealthCost web site. (Refer to Project Abstract handout). The Feds hope to make an announcement by the end of September.

Project Management Report

Data Release Status - Karynlee is working on producing a new report format to be posted on the website that clearly shows the data stream and the anticipated release schedule for the year.

Karynlee reported that 2014 quarter 1 claims data for the commercial plans and Medicaid had been released. No new Medicare data was included in this release. There are questions regarding the Medicare Q3 and Q4 2013 files that need to be resolved before incorporating the Medicare data into the next APCD release.

Karynlee informed the Board that 2012 hospital outpatient data will be released next week, then the work on 2013 hospital inpatient and outpatient data will begin. The MHDO formal compliance process has not been in place for many years- beginning with Q2 2014 data the MHDO compliance policy will be implemented. The Maine CDC continues to perform the external quality checks as the final review before the data is released.

Transformation Progress - The contract with HSRI is due to expire in September. Discussions between the parties regarding the contract amendment and the specific deliverables for the next twelve months are ongoing. Goal is to finalize the contract amendment and submit to purchasing ASAP. Final note if the MHDO is awarded the Cycle IV grant the contract will be amended to include the grant work.

Transparency Grant Cycle III - Karynlee reviewed the projects in the Transformation and Transparency Grant. Refer to handout.

Compliance Issues/Updates - Karynlee informed the Board that both CoreSource and Patient Advocates have missed their extended deadlines to submit their outstanding claims data. In following the MHDO Compliance Policy, Deanna will send each of them a letter from the Office of Attorney General. If the correspondence does not resolve the issue the matter will be brought to the Board for consideration of possible fines.

MHDO's Data Warehouse and Security - Karynlee shared with the Board some concerns that HealthInfoNet has raised as part of the LD 1740 process, at the MHDO Board Retreat and during the stakeholder feedback meeting regarding the State not having the same level of security of its data as the private sector. Karynlee reminded the Board that the State's Chief Information Officer was a member of the RFP selection committee and provided guidance and expertise to the other members throughout the review process specific to data security. MHDO's data has been moved from the State servers to NORC. Karynlee passed out a document which describes NORC's security system protections. Karynlee reiterated that security is the MHDO's number one priority as it is for NORC. She gave a specific example of how a potential data threat had been addressed once it was communicated to her.

Karynlee informed the Board that the data review advisory committees are now listed on the MHDO web site, as requested, and the MHDO Transformation Future State Progress 2013-2016 handout will also be available on the web.

User Group Updates – Karynlee mentioned that the Data Users Group meets monthly with broad participation and all meeting information is available on the MHDO web site.

The Consumer Advisory Group meets bi-monthly to continue its work on improving the HealthCost web site with the main focus of the group being: raising public awareness, marketing and branding. Additional members will be added and any consumers interested may join the meetings.

Karynlee will continue to work with Gordon Smith and Andy MacLean at the Maine Medical Association (MMA) on a poster to display at Maine practices. MMA plans to distribute the poster and make it available by e-mail with a September 1, 2014 goal. It was suggested that this project be coordinated with the Maine Hospital Association. Karynlee will e-mail the Board the final versions.

There was a discussion about website analytics and Karynlee informed the Board that Google Analytics is now being used to view website activity. She was asked to bring some of the reports to the next Board meeting.

Karynlee informed the Board that although before releasing HealthCost 2014 a group of facilities reviewed the cost data for accuracy, issues with cost information reported for six entities and 24 specific CPT codes have since been identified. Those six entities will be notified and all the information for the six entities and the 24 CPT codes will be suppressed from the web site until such time that it is deemed accurate and appropriate to be included on the HealthCost website.

MQF Advisory Council Update - Karynlee informed the Board that 150 practices have registered for Round 2 of Patients Experience of Care. She hopes the participation is much greater by the close of registration.

Public Comment

No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.