

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
151 CAPITOL STREET
AUGUSTA, MAINE
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015

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, Andy Ellis, Maryagnes Gillman, Neil Korsen, Jim Leonard, Katherine Pelletreau, and Dave Winslow. Absent members were: Peter Gore and Anita Knopp. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Acting Executive Director, Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General and Leanne Candura, HSRI.

Chair Report

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 29, 2015 minutes as written. A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 2, 2015 minutes as written. Both motions carried.

Legislative Update - Chairwoman McPherson shared a letter with the Board that she had received from the Insurance and Financial Services Committee regarding LD 813: An Act to Ensure that Hospitals Comply with the Laws Governing Transparency of Medical Billing. The proposed legislation did not pass, but the Committee requested that Karynlee return in January to provide them with an overview of the MHDO's updated website.

L.D. 1305: An Act to Encourage Health Insurance Consumers to Comparison Shop for Health Care Procedures and Treatment. This rule was carried over to the next Legislative Session.

L.D. 1264: An Act to Transfer Oversight of the Maine Quality Forum to the Maine Health Data Organization was voted Ought Not To Pass due to the uncertainty of future funding and the current workload of the MHDO Board.

July 16, 2015 Board Retreat - Karynlee gave an overview of the proposed agenda items for the retreat and she informed the Board that Craig Freshley of Good Group Decisions will facilitate the Board Retreat.

Acting Executive Director Report

Vote to initiate rulemaking for changes to Chapter 243: Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets – Karynlee summarized the proposed changes for the board. Refer to handout. A motion was made and seconded to initiate rulemaking on Chapter 243. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Status of the proposed new data release rule – Karynlee updated the board that she is working on the revisions that the board agreed and she will be prepared to review in detail those revisions at the July retreat.

Status of proposed changes to Chapter 241: Uniform Reporting System for Hospital Inpatient and Outpatient Data Sets – Karynlee briefly mentioned that staff is working on proposed changes to chapter 241 which are primarily definitional and bring the rule into alignment with federal standards. She will be prepared to review in more detail at the upcoming retreat.

CompareMaine Presentation from the team on recommendations for: Incorporating Healthcare Quality Data into the new website - Presenters from HSRI, NORC, and the University of Oregon joined the meeting via phone and introductions were made. Refer to deck.

Kathy Rowen, NORC explained the three proposed quality measures (Patient Experience, Serious Complications, and HAI) for the September release of CompareMaine. Elaine Swift, NORC explained the proposal that the three quality measures be rated on a five point scale, which aligns with what is being implemented across all of the CMS quality websites.

Judith Hubbard, University of Oregon explained the methodology behind the recommendation on the selected icons, words choices and symbols for use on CompareMaine. A motion was made and seconded to test the staff recommendations of the two symbols with the same word pattern. The results will be presented and discussed at the July retreat. Motion passed with one Board member in opposition.

Several issues were discussed after the presentation that Karynlee will follow up on at the July retreat, including the issue of the feasibility of a comparison of the quality measures to both a national and state benchmark and an overview of the statistical testing supporting the quality rankings.

Medical Episode Grouping Software – Staff then presented its recommendation on using Medical Episode Grouping Software for specific inpatient and outpatient procedures. Refer to Deck. A motion was made and seconded that staff continue on

their recommended path with the MEG Grouper. Karynlee will work with the team to develop materials with more specifics, to be shared at the retreat, for further discussion and a final decision from the board. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Gregory Fox presented the Board with two handouts which outlined CLEAR Healthcare Estimates HCT's healthcare cost transparency software. (Please refer to handouts.) The Chair asked Karynlee to schedule time to meet with Mr. Fox to further discuss the product.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.