

MINUTES

MAINE HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:10 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, Jim Leonard, and Dave Winslow. Absent member was Peter Gore. 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 April 4, 2013 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

Status of Maine Health Data Processing Center - This issue was tabled until the June Board meeting to allow for more time for the Agency's AAG to review the process relating to the dissolution of the Data Processing Center.

Acting Executive Director Report

Compliance Report - Ms. Harrington stated that there are no compliance issues to report.

Agency Operations Project Management Report - Ms. Harrington reviewed the status of the critical projects defined by the Board. Refer to Project Status Report handout.

The Board was supportive of Ms. Harrington continuing to explore the pros and cons of accessing the Medicare data on a quarterly basis vs. annual which is how it is accessed currently.

Ms. Harrington discussed with the Board the provision in the law that governs MHDO (passed last year) which requires the HealthCost website be updated every six months. A plan will be in place after the 2011 and 2012 data is in (end of June is the plan), ensuring that the site will be updated on the required schedule.

Ms. Harrington reviewed in detail the status of releasing the 2010 and 2011 hospital inpatient and outpatient data. Completing this work is the priority of the Agency and two of the Agency's strongest resources are now focused on this work.

Transformation Activity Project Management Report - Ms. Harrington reviewed with the Board the Transformation Project Status and several other documents that were provided to the Payer User Group (PUG) which provide a visual of the file submission process. She also updated the Board on the progress that has been made with the Payer User Group.

MHDO/HIN Feasibility Study - A final report will be available in June or July and will be presented to the Board.

L. D. 886 - Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets - Ms. Harrington informed the Board that she is working on an amendment to Chapter 270 proposed rule changes that she is working on in collaboration with the Maine Hospital Association and the Maine CDC, to present at an upcoming legislative work session. The purpose of the amendment is to make several technical corrections and clarifications in the Rule which will help the data submitters.

Ms. Harrington shared with the Board copies of a memo to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee from the Chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services (IFS) on the Governor's Biennial Budget Bill LR 1046. The memo supported the recommendations of the L. D. 1818 Work Group that the work of the Maine Quality Forum be continued within the Maine Health Data Organization.

George Shaler Data Fee Waiver Request - The Board will be provided with additional information regarding his project and the issue was tabled until the June meeting.

A Board member suggested that a moratorium be considered for all data fee waivers. The issue will be discussed in more detail at the next Board meeting.

LD 1453: An Act to Increase the Transparency of Charges and Expenses of Hospitals that Receive State Funding - The proposed legislation was distributed and briefly discussed. The Board requested information regarding any associated fiscal note.

The Board had been polled and it was determined that a Board retreat will be held on August 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Poppy Arford provided a handout regarding all states submitting a letter of support of federal funds being available to the CDC for prevention of healthcare-associated infections. Karynlee Harrington will share the letter with the MQF-AC.

Going forward the DPC will report to the Board only if issues with the Payers warrant Board attention.

MQF Advisory Council Update

The Board was given copies of Dirigo Health Agency/Maine Quality Forum's 2013 annual report on healthcare associated infections that was presented to the Health and Human Services Committee. The report can also be found on the DHA and MHDO web sites.

Public Comment

No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.