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MAINE HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2013

The meeting of the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) Board of Directors began at 9:05 a.m. with the following Board members present: Katherine Pelletreau, (Chair), Anne Head, (Vice-Chair), Poppy Arford, Mike DeLorenzo, Andy Ellis, Maryagnes Gillman, Lisa Harvey-McPherson Tom Hopkins, Anita Knopp, Jim Leonard, and Dave Winslow. Absent members were: Peter Gore and Neil Korsen. Also in attendance were Karynlee Harrington, Acting Executive Director and Deanna White, Agency Assistant Attorney General.

George Shaler, USM Data Fee Waiver Request - George Shaler was available by telephone to answer questions from the Board. After some discussion regarding other possible funding resources and on the results being shared with the public, a motion was made and seconded to grant the fee waiver request of $5,775. The motion passed with two Board members in opposition and one abstention.

James Rhudy, University of Alabama Data Fee Waiver Request - Mr. Rhudy, a PhD student, was present via telephone and explained the research he was doing for his dissertation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the one time waiver of $2,025. The motion passed with two Board members in opposition.

Eric Floyd, University of Chicago Data Fee Waiver Request - Mr. Floyd, also a PhD student working on his dissertation, was available by telephone. In an effort to reduce costs he had requested only one quarter of unrestricted claims data. A motion was made and seconded to grant the $1,025 fee waiver. The motion passed with two Board members in opposition.

Moratorium on Data Fee Waivers - As mentioned at the May Board meeting, a proposal of a moratorium on fee waivers effective from June 15, 2013 to January 1, 2014 was recommended and authorized by the Board. During this time a written policy will be developed to provide consistency when considering fee waiver requests.

Chair Report

Vote to approve Board minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 2, 2013 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

July Board Meeting – The Chair requested that the Consumer Information Subcommittee and the PHI Subcommittee present preliminary reports to the Board at the July Board meeting. The Chair also reminded the Board that a legislative proposal needs to be submitted to the Legislature by September. An updated handout from the 2012 Retreat *Transforming the MHDO Board* was disseminated and discussed. The handout will be discussed further at the July Board meeting and voted on at that meeting or at the August retreat.

Agenda for August Board Retreat - At the retreat the Board will discuss the legislative proposal which includes the restructuring proposal, and formal reports from the Consumer Information Subcommittee and PHI Subcommittee.

Legislative Update - Ms. Pelletreau informed the Board that the Appropriations Committee voted to transfer $800,000 over 2 years from DHA to the General Fund. The Legislature did not take up the proposal to move the MQF into the MHDO.

L.D. 1453: An Act To Increase the Transparency of Charges and Expenses of Hospitals That Receive State Funding has now been turned into a joint order and MHDO will be asked for information and potentially staffing support.

Acting Executive Director Report

Compliance Report - There were no compliance issues to report.

Project Management Report - Ms. Harrington reviewed the status of the critical projects defined by the Board, stating that the backlog of inpatient and outpatient 2010 and 2011 data is complete. Refer to Project Status Report handout.

The Transformation Project Status and Beta testing timeline handouts were reviewed by Ms. Harrington and she stated that the HSRI/payer testing is on track. Refer to handouts.

Access to Medicare Data - Ms. Harrington informed the Board that she is waiting for verification from CMS that the same Medicare data will be received if the MHDO accesses the data on a quarterly basis vs. annually, as it is currently being accessed; and whether or not there will be any additional charge. It is hopeful that the Board will have sufficient information to vote on the issue at the July meeting.

Vote to initiate rulemaking of Chapter 241: Uniform Reporting System for Hospital Inpatient and Hospital Outpatient Data Sets - The rulemaking timeline for Chapter 241,

which needs to be modified to reflect the ICD-9 to ICD-10 changes, was provided to the Board. Ms. Harrington has been working on the rule changes with Dave Winslow at the Maine Hospital Association (MHA) and an e-mail was sent to hospitals for their review of the proposed modifications. A motion was made authorizing the MHDO to initiate rulemaking of Chapter 241 as described. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Joint Presentation with HealthInfoNet (HIN) MHDO/HIN Feasibility Study - Ms. Harrington gave the Board a brief overview of the feasibility study. Sean Alfreds, HIN explained a handout that was disseminated (refer to handout) and stated that the findings show that the technology is available to link claims and clinical data. The Board also received a full report which will be placed on the MHDO website. Mr. Alfreds informed the Board that the data they received from the MHDO used for this study has been purged from their system.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Data Use and Release Policy portion of the MHDO/HIN Feasibility Study presentation.

Karynlee Harrington updated the Board on the status of the amendments to Chapter 270: Uniform Reporting System for Quality Data Sets, stating that the rule should be ready for final adoption at the July Board meeting.

Ms. Harrington informed the Board of a grant opportunity from CMS that the MHDO would like to pursue. She explained the guidelines of the grant, one being approval from Governor LePage. She is preparing a briefing memo for the Administration and will keep the Board apprised of the progress.

Public Comment
No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.