

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
151 CAPITOL STREET, AUGUSTA, MAINE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2014

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

Chair Report

Election of Chair – The Board voted to appoint Lisa Harvey-McPherson as the new MHDO chair.

Vote to approve Board minutes - A motion was made and seconded to accept the December 6, 2013 MHDO Board minutes as written. Motion carried.

Anne Head informed the Board that some members' terms have expired or are due to expire soon. She will send these members the necessary paperwork to submit to the Governor's Office if they are interested in reappointment.

Acting Executive Director Report

Compliance Report - Karynlee Harrington recommended that the Board approve an amendment to the Compliance Policy eliminating the requirement of Board authority for staff to send a letter to the Attorney General's Office for delinquent assessment payments. The board will be provided an update of all referrals made to the AG's office. A motion was made and seconded to amend the Compliance Policy as outlined. After a brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Project Management Report

General Agency Operations - Karynlee reviewed the status of the general operations. Refer to General Operations Status Report handout. She informed the Board that she has created a Super Data Users Group (SDUG). A page has been created on the MHDO website for this group where meeting agenda's and documents are posted.

Karynlee reviewed with the Board a handout outlining information that is currently available on the MONAHRQ web site.

Transformation Activities - Karynlee reviewed the general Transformation and Transparency grant timeline that she distributed. (Refer to handout.)

She stated that the additional 200 procedures on HealthCost will be reviewed by the Maine Hospital Association and a test site will be sent to Board before being released to the public. She reinforced that this release of HealthCost is interim step that allows the agency to update the cost data and increase the number of procedures. The end state release will consider all that was included in the grant abstract and will be released in the fall of 2015.

Update on PHI Bill - Karynlee explained the revised language in the proposed amendment (copy distributed to Board). She continues to meet with various stakeholders and Lisa Harvey-McPherson is speaking with key contacts at EMHC. Karynlee will testify on behalf of MHDO at the public hearing before the Health and Human Services Committee.

Update on timeline for proposed changes to Rule Chapter 10 and Chapter 243 - The Board received timelines for Chapter 10: *Determination of Assessments* and Chapter 243: *Uniform Reporting System for Health Care Claims Data Sets*. Karynlee is working with payers on the ICD-9 file layout before beginning official rulemaking of Chapter 243.

Status of Medicare Claims Data for CY 2012 and first two quarters of 2013 - The MHDO has received this data from Medicare and is starting to process. Karynlee stated that at this time we are planning to include in the April release of the APCD.

Update on status of working with the QC Consumer Advisory Group - Karynlee reviewed the grant abstract and a copy of the charge of the MHDO Consumer Advisory Group. The first meeting of the MHDO Consumer Advisory Group will be held in March.

SIM Update - Jim Leonard informed the Board that the governance structure took some time to get into place and that the implementation phase is currently underway within the subgroups.

Transparency report - The Board received copies of the final report of the Commission to Study Transparency. Karynlee will track the progress of the committee bill, which is now with the Insurance and Financial Services Committee, and will notify the Board when the public hearing has been scheduled.

Karynlee informed the Board that she has been e-mailing with Gordon Smith, Executive Director of the Maine Medical Association regarding Senator Woodbury's law that passed in the last session. The idea is perhaps the MHDO can help support the requirements in the law.

MQF Advisory Council Update

Karynlee advised the Board that the Patience Experience of Care web site will be launched before the end of the first quarter.

Public Comment

No public comment provided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.