

Dirigo Health Agency
Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting - Approved
May 20, 2005

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Directors held a meeting on Friday, May 20, 2005. Dr. Robert McAfee, Chair, convened the meeting at approximately 12:00PM in the Dirigo Health Agency Board Room, located at 211 Water Street in Augusta. Other Board members in attendance: Commissioner Christine Bruenn and Trish Riley. Joining by telephone were Mary Henderson, Charlene Rydell, Carl Leinonen, and Dana Connors. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of Dirigo Health Agency and Kirsten Figueroa, Fiscal Operations Director.

Dr. McAfee shared with the Board that he would be testifying on behalf of the Agency specific to the Part II budget request on May 24, 2005. Dr. McAfee then turned the meeting over to Ms. Riley and Ms. Harrington for an update on LD 1577.

Ms. Riley shared with the group that on May 18, 2005, Senator Sullivan decided to take LD 1577 off the table expressing deep disappointment with all parties for failure to reach consensus to get an amendment to her in a timely fashion. The Agency quickly called the stakeholders work group to arrange a meeting to work out a proposal. Unfortunately, the work group members could not break previous commitments on such short notice.

Ms. Riley was able to work with Senator Sullivan and Representative Perry. Draft language was incorporated into LD 1577 and was worked at the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services on May 19, 2005. Both chairs appreciate the role and work of the Board of Directors and agreed to finish work on the bill next week in order for the Board to have time to review.

Mr. Connors stated the following:

- Opposed to administrative costs being included in the SOP.
- Not comfortable voting on a decision today specific to the assessment base.
- Suggested voting Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

Other members of the Board agreed that they would like more time to better understand issues before the work session with IFS on Wednesday, May 25, 2005.

The Board agreed to meet again on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 9:00 AM at the Dirigo Health Agency, 211 Water Street, Augusta.

There were no other matters discussed, and there were no questions or comments from the public. Dr. McAfee motioned, the Board seconded and voted to adjourn at approximately 3:00PM.