

**Dirigo Health Agency
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2013**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting on Monday, April 8, 2013.

Chair Bruno convened the meeting at 9:02 AM in the Dirigo Health Agency Boardroom located at 211 Water Street in Augusta.

Board members in attendance: John Brautigam, Douglas Carr, Robert Harmon, Gary Reed, Deborah-Hamblen-Wood, Wesley Richardson and Neria Douglass. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of DHA.

Chair Bruno welcomed Wesley Richardson to the Board

The February 11, 2013 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Agency Old Business

Ms. Harrington let the board know all PCIP state contractors and the federally run PCIP are being audited for calendar months August 2010 through December 2011. No date has been solidified for the onsite audit at this time. We will track all costs associated with the audit as they will be billed back to CMS.

Ms. Harrington reviewed the States FY14/15 proposed budget document labeled LR1046 (1) - App-Alloc (IFS) Part A Sec. 19. Ms. Harrington reminded the board that the budget request for the next biennial includes maintaining the work of the MQF in FY2014 and FY2015-the funding is the Agency's remaining cash at the end of CY13.

The IFS Committee held a work session on the proposed budget and expressed concern over DirigoChoice membership receiving assistance in acquiring other coverage effective January 1, 2014. Ms. Harrington will draft a memo in response to the questions raised by the Committee.

Transition activities are underway. Communication with members prior to January 2014 is critical and a vital part of the transition plan. There will be five separate communications to all current membership regarding the DHA closure. Information has already been included in the renewal packets effective with the February 2013 renewals onward. USPS mail outs, email blasts and outbound phone calls are included in the outreach.

Ms. Harrington distributed a copy of LD 1049 to the Board- "An Act To Establish an Insurance Exchange" as one of the provisions could have an impact on DHA. The Public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th.

Ms. Harrington highlighted a few of the key recommendations in the LD1818 work group final report. In response to a request made by the IFS Committee of the DHA Board-a motion was unanimously supported by the DHA BOT to support the recommendation in the LD 1818 Final Report to move the MQF to MHDO. Ms. Harrington will draft a letter to IFS outlining the recommendation.

The draft of the HAI annual report is being reviewed by the DHHS- CDC and is anticipated that the report will be released by the end of the month. Ms. Harrington reviewed the purpose and charge of the newly created Maine Quality Forum Subcommittee on HAI.

Agency New Business

Public Comments

Mitchell Stein explained there are several bills up for public hearing on creating a state based exchange and on creating advisory boards in Maine for the federal Exchange. The LDs are as follows: 1049; 1162; 1094; and 547. The open enrollment period for the Exchange is from October 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 for the first year of enrollment.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2013 beginning at 9:00am. The meeting will be held as business indicates.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.