

**Dirigo Health Agency
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

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: Gary Reed, Dr. Edward David, Mary McAleney, Robert Harmon, John Brautigam and Douglas Carr. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the DHA.

Chair Bruno introduced John Brautigam as a new Board member who is a former legislator and chaired the IFS Committee.

The Board approved the August 8, 2011 meeting minutes with the following changes:

- In the tenth paragraph on page 1, change Medicaid to MaineCare and add that Board member Beal objected to the proposal.
- In the tenth paragraph last sentence eliminate becomes revise 18M to \$18M.

Agency Old Business

There were no questions from the Board on the standard enrollment and financial reports.

There is currently \$22.5M in surplus.

Ms. Harrington stated that she and Will Kilbreth have reforecast FY12 primarily due to a renewal rate from HPHC that is slightly higher than anticipated. HPHC has filed for a 13.5% non-group rate increase effective January 1, 2012.

Ms. Harrington confirmed that the Agency received notification from HRSA approving the year two no-cost extension. In light of this news the reforecast includes re directing funds (approximately \$500,000) that were originally moved to the Voucher Program in SFY13 back to DirigoChoice.

Based on recent internal discussions, Ms. Harrington recommended that the \$2M set aside for the 90/10 match opportunity with MaineCare for system work needed for the integration of Medicaid and the Exchange be directed back into the DirigoChoice program.

The revisions made to the budget based on all these factors allow the Agency to keep the DirigoChoice program open to subsidized members until March 2012. The approval of the no-cost extension allows the Voucher Program to remain open to new employers through January 1, 2013.

Ms. Harrington presented to the Board the Project Abstract pertaining to the Level One Establishment Grant. Refer to handout.

Ms. Harrington stated that she is working with her team on building a work plan for an exit strategy when operations end on 12/31/2013. Ms. Harrington will review the plan with the Board at a future meeting.

Ms. Harrington reported that the Advisory Committee on Maine's Health Insurance Exchange released its report to the Governor and the IFS Committee with recommendations and model legislation for a Maine based health insurance exchange.

IFS will meet on November 1st and December 15th to discuss the committee's report and the two carry over bills 1497 and 1498.

Chair Bruno added that the Committee took a free market approach to the Exchange with no federal involvement. It was recommended that the Exchange be part of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. The report also recommended that the executive director be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

Ms. Harrington updated the Board on MQF activities. All project plans are looking at concluding work by December 2013.

A workgroup has been formed to think through how to build a physician database. Ms. Harrington intends to submit these recommendations to DHHS for inclusion in the report to the Legislature per LD 1467.

The Agency has been working with Muskie on a data mapping exercise and has asked the Maine Health Management Coalition and Quality Counts to review the metrics and to provide guidance to the Agency on what new metrics are needed given the current and near future needs and on eliminating ones that are no longer relevant.

Ms. Harrington reported to the Board on the status of the Shared Decision Making pilot and creation of the workgroup which will help guide the project. Refer to handout.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 beginning at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 AM.