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TO: Senator Gatwick, Representative Treat and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services

FROM: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director, Dirigo Health Agency

CC: Colleen McCarthyReid, Legislative Analyst
Joe Bruno, Chair Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees
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RE: Recommendation from the DHA Board regarding the Maine Quality Forum (MQF)

The Joint Standing Committee on Insurance and Financial Services asked the Dirigo Board of Trustees to submit a recommendation to the Committee specific to the ongoing operations of the Maine Quality Forum. The Dirigo Board of Trustees met on Monday, April 8, 2013 and discussed transitional issues relating to the defunding of the Agency as of December 31, 2013. The Board discussed the Maine Quality Forum and the sixth recommendation in the LD 1818 Report which is summarized in the Executive Summary of the report as follows:

6. Continue the work of the Maine Quality Forum (MQF) within the MHDO (conditioned on availability of funding and the identification of administrative efficiencies)

The Dirigo Board concluded that it would support the recommendation in the LD 1818 Report to continue the work of the MQF within the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO). Assuming the Governors proposed budget for fiscal years ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015 is passed the Board will continue to provide the governance structure for the Agency, specifically the MQF until such time that it is no longer required.

The full Report of the LD 1818 Work Group is available at:

http://www.maine.gov/hit/ld_1818/documents/ld1818workinggroupfinalreport2242013.pdf

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.