

## 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

### NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION HEARING

#### THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Senator Rodney L. Whittemore, Senate Chair  
Representative Wesley E. Richardson, House Chair

**POSITION:** Dirigo Health Board

**NOMINEES:** Richelle R. Wallace of Auburn, Ellen Shillinglaw of Orr's Island

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 1:00 pm, Room 220 Cross Building

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

Dirigo Health was established by law (24-A MRSA Chapter 87) as an independent executive agency to arrange for the provision of comprehensive affordable health care coverage to small employers with 50 or fewer employees on a voluntary basis. Along with the Dirigo Health Insurance program, Dirigo Health is also charged with monitoring and improving the quality of health care in the State through the Maine Quality Forum and with developing disease management protocols for use in the Dirigo High Risk Pool.

Dirigo Health operates under the supervision of Board of Directors. The Board is the governing body of Dirigo Health and is responsible for the appointment of an Executive Director and any necessary staff. There are 9 voting members appointed by the Governor who are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over insurance matters and to confirmation by the Senate. In addition there are 4 ex-officio, nonvoting members---the Director of the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance, the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services and the Treasurer of State or their designees. Six of the voting members must have knowledge of and experience in one or more of the following: health care purchasing, insurance, policy and law, and financing; management & budgeting; labor or consumer advocacy; marketing; and MaineCare. One of these 6 will be selected from a list of candidates nominated by the President of the Senate. Three of the voting members must have knowledge of and experience in one or more of the following: accounting; banking; securities; and insurance. These 3 members will be selected from lists of candidates nominated by the Speaker of the House, Senate Minority Leader and House Minority Leader.

The voting members serve 3-year terms and may serve up to 2 consecutive terms. The Governor appoints one of the voting members as chair of the Board. The Board meets monthly and at other times at the call of the chair or executive director. Meetings of the Board are public proceedings.

Board members are entitled to receive a per diem and reimbursement for any necessary expenses while engaged in Board activities.

Dirigo Health must report annually to the Governor and the Legislature. Annual audits by the State Auditor are also required.

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS:** Written comments relevant to qualifications of the nominee may be filed with the Legislative Information Office by 9 am on the day of the hearing.

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