

Dirigo Health Agency
Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting - Approved
May 25, 2005

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Directors held a meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2005. Dr. Robert McAfee, Chair, convened the meeting at approximately 11:00AM in the Dirigo Health Agency Board Room, located at 211 Water Street in Augusta. Other Board members in attendance: Dana Connors, Mary Henderson, Commissioner Christine Bruenn, and Trish Riley. Joining by telephone were Carl Leinonen and Charlene Rydell. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of Dirigo Health Agency and Kirsten Figueroa, Fiscal Operations Director.

Dr. McAfee highlighted the Appropriations session held 5/24/05 regarding the Agency's Part II budget request: the request for 18 permanent positions; the move from an Other Special Revenue fund to an Enterprise fund. In addition, he recapped the Agency's expenditures to date: 41% discount program, 44% to the Carrier, 6% Personal Services (including MQF), and 9% All Other (including MQF).

Ms. Riley highlighted ongoing LD 1577 discussions – next work session to be held today at 1:00PM at the Joint Committee on Insurance and Financial Services:

- General administration of the Agency
- Pooling
- Discount vs. subsidy
- Paid claims vs. premiums
- Voluntary targets
- Individual discount
- Full time employee defined as 30 hours
- Work group – membership and role
- Routine/Technical rules vs. Major Substantive

There was a significant amount of exchange between Board members specific to these key issues. All members agreed that the issues are critical to the ongoing success of Dirigo and need to be resolved openly and collaboratively. In the end, the Board decided to uphold their May 16, 2005 vote.

Comments from the public:

- Representative from Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield expressed concerns about SOP paying for administrative costs.
- Representative from Consumers for Affordable Health Care wants to ensure adequate consumer participation on work group.
- Representative for the Maine Chamber of Commerce not comfortable with rules being anything but major substantive; also expressed concern about work group composition.

There were no other comments from the public. There were no other matters discussed. Dr. McAfee motioned, the Board seconded to adjourn at 12:30PM.