

**Dirigo Health Agency
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2011**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, January 10, 2011.

Chair Beal convened the meeting at 9:15 AM in the Dirigo Health Agency Boardroom located at 211 Water Street in Augusta.

Other Board members in attendance: Joseph Bruno, Mary McAleney, Marianne Ringel, Dr. Edward David, Gary Reed, Mary Anne Turowski, and Bruce Poliquin. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the DHA.

Chairman Beal welcomed Treasurer Poliquin to the Board.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the December 13, 2010 meeting.

Agency Business

Ms. Harrington reviewed with the Board a series of charts and graphs which compared:

- Enrollment in DirigoChoice January 2010 - January 2011.
- Subsidy Level Distribution in DirigoChoice January 2010 -January 2011
- Subsidy Level Trend January 2010 – January 2011
- Segment Trend January 2010 – January 2011
- DirigoChoice Net Member Growth August 2010 – January 2011

Key Points made:

- 76% of membership growth between August 2010 –January 2011 is in the small business segment
- Small business membership represents 38% of total membership and continues to trend upward
- There has been a 43% reduction in the percentage of members qualifying for the deepest subsidy. (this is because of the eligibility changes the Board made over a year ago. Refer to handout)
- There has been a 53% increase in the percentage of unsubsidized DirigoChoice members

Ms. Harrington reported that enrollment in the Voucher Program (VP) is lower than what was anticipated. The primary barrier continues to be the previously uninsured requirement, the economy, rating and participation issues with their employer sponsored insurance plans. The Agency is focusing its marketing and outreach efforts on the industry types that have successfully incorporated the VP into their portfolio. Ms. Harrington confirmed the VP is funded primarily with federal funds. Dirigo provides a 20% match.

Ms. Harrington also confirmed that the Pre-Existing Program has a requirement that a person must be uninsured for six months prior to entering the program. This program is part of the Affordable Care Act.

Ms. Harrington will reconvene the Business Advisory Group to talk about how to move the voucher program forward.

Will Kilbreth presented to the Board the operating budget and projected membership, income statement, balance sheet, and enrollment reports. Please refer to handouts.

Mr. Kilbreth explained that Dirigo is an enterprise fund and operates on a full accrual basis.

Ms. Harrington announced to the Board that Ellen Schneiter will join the Agency the end of the month as the Acting Director for the Maine Quality Forum.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 14, 2011 beginning at 9:00 AM.