

**Dirigo Health Agency
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2012**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, January 9, 2012.

Chair Bruno convened the meeting at 9:00 AM in the Dirigo Health Agency Boardroom located at 211 Water Street in Augusta.

Board members in attendance: Gary Reed, Robert Harmon, Douglas Carr, Jonathan Beal, Mary Anne Turowski, and Mary McAleney via telephone. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the DHA.

The Board approved the November 9, 2011 meeting minutes with Board members Jonathan Beal, John Brautigam, and Mary McAleney abstaining.

Agency Old Business

There were no questions from the Board on the financial reports.

Ms. Harrington reported to the Board that the Agency was granted \$5.8 million from the level one establishment grant application that was submitted. The Agency is working with the Administration on putting together a work plan that will provide deliverables over the next six months.

The level two grant deadline date has been extended by the federal government but the specific date has not yet been released.

Ms. Harrington summarized for the Board the recent guidance from the federal government specific to the definition of essential benefits.

Ms. Harrington reviewed the projects the Agency is working on through the Maine Quality Forum: Shared Decision Making, Physician Database, and Patient Centered Medical Home Pilot.

Ms. Harrington provided an overview of the Health Care Innovation Challenge grant opportunity. The grant applications are due by January 31, 2012. DHA, Quality Counts and Medicaid are collaborating with the Maine Health Management Coalition on this opportunity.

Ms. Harrington reported that PCMH Pilot will be expanding by 20 practices as of January 1, 2013.

Agency New Business

Ms. Harrington reviewed with the Board the initiatives in the Governor's proposed supplemental budget that will impact DHA. Refer to handout.

Ms. Harrington explained that if the proposed supplemental budget stays as is, DirigoChoice will be capped as of July 1, 2012 for subsidized members only. If the proposed supplemental is modified to eliminate the offsetting reductions in expenses in FY13, DirigoChoice will be capped as of July 1, 2012 and we will need to stop renewing contracts (with subsidy) after January 1, 2013. Ms Harrington stressed that this is all a work in progress and that it is all dependent on final Legislative action.

There was a discussion concerning the responsibilities of the Board and Agency concerning the transfers from the DHA funds being contemplated in the Governor's budget proposal being considered by the legislature. Member Beal expressed concern that the Trustees had a fiduciary obligation to protect the DHA funds meant to be expended for the Agency's programs, and asked whether the Agency should not be seeking a promissory note or other mechanism which would assure repayment to the Agency's funds. The Chair indicated that, in his view, the Legislature had the power to redirect the funds through legislation. This discussion related to a \$13 million sum being asked for in the budget.

Chair Bruno stated that by the February meeting the Board should have some information on the direction that the Legislature is moving.

Ms. Harrington provided the Board with the January 2012 IFS calendar. Refer to handout.

Ms. Harrington reported to the Board that she will be signing the amendment to the PCIP contract for year two of the program.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 13, 2012 beginning at 9 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.