

**Dirigo Health Agency
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, May 14, 2012**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, May 14, 2012.

Chair Bruno convened the meeting at 9:30 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, John Brautigam, Mary McAleney, and Ellen Shillinglaw. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of DHA.

The Board unanimously approved the April 9, 2012 meeting minutes.

Agency Old Business

Supplemental budget: Ms. Harrington reported that the legislature authorized the funding in the establishment grant as part of the FY13 supplemental budget.

Chair Bruno stated that the administration is waiting on the Supreme Court decision regarding the Exchange and as such we will not be spending the establishment grant. Board discussed the exchange and the possibility of moving forward with building an exchange without legislative authority and other potential options. Board discussed why the legislature did not pass legislation in this last session to create a Maine based exchange. The board was reminded that DHA was designated by the administration as the planning entity but was not designated as the exchange.

Ms. Harrington stated that the Governor sent a letter to CCIIO communicating that given the action of the Legislature, Maine is not moving forward with establishing a Maine based exchange at this time.

Absent legislation to create a Maine based exchange and the Governor's letter to CCIIO the Agency determined that it will not move forward with exchange related activities.

With a pending decision being made in June board member Beal motioned for a meeting to be held in July and August. The motion was denied with a 7-1 vote. July and August meetings are TBD.

Ms. Harrington responded to a question from board member Beal regarding what the Agency has budgeted for Medicaid and the populations it is responsible for. Ms. Harrington walked the board through a document that summarizes the Agency's Medicaid responsibility. The Medicaid changes discussed are contingent upon approval from the federal government. The board discussed proactively communicating to this population through DHHS the potential availability of DirigoChoice coverage. There are approximately 14,000 parents that may be impacted.

Ms. Harrington is working with HPHC on contract terms for renewals and adding new business after February 2013 as well as the impact of the reinsurance program on DC pricing which takes effect in July 2012.

Ms. Harrington summarized LD 1467 Resolve. Please refer to handout. She also discussed a feasibility study between MHDO and HIN looking at the linkage of administrative claims data with clinical data.

Alexander Dragatsi, Program Coordinator for the Agency presented to the Board a Patient Experience Matters presentation. Please refer to handout. The goals of the Patient Experience Matters project are: improvement on safety, effectiveness, patient-centeredness, timeliness, efficiency, and equity.

Ms. Harrington presented to the Board the report that Muskie did for the Agency focused on Patient Safety Activities. Please refer to handout.

Agency New Business

Ms. Harrington reported that the State departments/agencies are preparing their FY2014/15 budgets. The budget is due to DAFS in September 2012.

The Board went into Executive Session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405, Paragraph 6 (A) and (F) and Title 5 MRSA 770 to discuss a personnel matter.

No action taken in executive session. The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 AM.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is TBD.