

**Dirigo Health Agency  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, June 13, 2011**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, June 13, 2011.

Chair Bruno convened the meeting at 9:05 AM in the Dirigo Health Agency Boardroom located at 211 Water Street in Augusta.

Other Board members in attendance: Jonathan Beal, Mary McAleney, Gary Reed, Sara Gagne Holmes, Mary Anne Turowski, Dr. Edward David, Robert Harmon, and Douglas Carr. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the DHA.

The Board unanimously approved the May 9, 2011 meeting minutes.

**Agency Old Business**

Ms. Harrington reported to the Board that the Appropriations Committee has proposed a modified reduction in the Agency's access payment effective July 1, 2011. The proposal is in FY12 instead of 1.75% the revision is 1.86%, FY13 from 1.25% to 1.64%, and in the last six months from 0.75% to 1.14%. The proposal is that the increase in revenue generated from the higher percentage of access payments will be used to support the Medicaid parents between 133%-150% of poverty as well as the incremental cost to DHA for the expansion parents between 150-200% of FPL as the proposal eliminates the original proposal to phase out the expansion parents.

Ms. Harrington added that the draft legislative language includes "The Dirigo Health Agency shall annually set the amount of contribution." Refer to handout.

Ms. Harrington walked the Board through a discussion document created to layout the options for the Boards consideration specific to subsidy changes in the DirigoChoice program. Refer to document.

At the conclusion of the overview the Board discussed the options that Ms. Harrington presented.

Chair Bruno suggested the option of reducing the subsidy levels by 10% for levels D and E and 5% for levels B and C that would become effective upon renewal date.

A motion was made to change the subsidy levels that Chair Bruno suggested.

The motion failed.

A motion was made to adopt a 10% reduction in levels D and E, 5% in level C, and level B subsidy would stay as is.

The motion passed with a vote of 5-4.

Ms. Harrington reported that she was notified by HRSA that the Voucher Program has been defunded as of August 31, 2011. However, she reported that she felt confident after several conversations with HRSA that DHA will be granted a no cost extension which will provide the funding needed through August 31, 2012.

Ms. Harrington stated that she feels it is important to continue to support this program through December 31, 2013. Ms. Harrington has requested from the federal government an additional 12 month extension to use unspent funds through August 31, 2013. At this time the plan is to close the voucher program after January 1, 2012 enrollment.

### **Agency New Business**

Ms. Harrington reported on LD 1582-Resolve to create an Advisory Committee on Maine's Health Insurance Exchange. Refer to handout.

Board member Gagne Holmes expressed her interest in being a member of the Advisory Council on Maine's Health Insurance Exchange.

A motion was made to recommend Sara Gagne Holmes to this Advisory Council.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Harrington reported that the Maine Quality Forum's three key priorities are the Patient Experience of Care Survey work, Patient Centered Medical Home Pilot which includes Medicare's participation, and a Shared Decision Making Demonstration.

Ms. Harrington provided a brief summary on the priorities and will provide more information at the next meeting.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 8, 2011 beginning at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 AM.