

**Dirigo Health Agency  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes of Meeting  
Monday, March 14, 2011**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, March 14, 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, Marianne Ringel, Gary Reed, Sara Gagne Holmes, Frank O'Hara, and Bruce Poliquin, Treasurer. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the DHA, William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the DHA and Ellen Schneiter, Acting Director DHA- MQF.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the February 14, 2011 meeting.

**Agency New Business**

Ms. Harrington walked the Board through the DHA Board of Trustees Discussion Document, dated March 14, 2011. Refer to document. Ms. Harrington opened the discussion with a statement that this is a preliminary discussion and that at next months meeting she will provide the Board with more details and potential options. Ms. Harrington concluded her presentation stating the following, if the Governors proposed budget is enacted the Board will need to provide the Agency direction in the development of its budget and priorities over the 30 month period.

Chair Bruno stated that the legislative hearing in front of the Appropriation Committee regarding Dirigo will be held on March 24, 2011 beginning at 1:00 PM.

Board member Beal asked Ms. Harrington where she came up with the assumption that the Agency should prepare for closure. Ms. Harrington responded that based on the proposed budget and the elimination of the Agency's primary funding source she felt it was an appropriate assumption to plan to wind down Agency operations by 12/31/2013. Mr. Beal asked if anyone from the administration has discussed or advised her with what the plan is for the Agency and an Exchange. Ms. Harrington's response was no but that based on Commissioner Mayhews comments to the Board several months ago it is likely that there will be a Governor's bill that will address these concerns/issues. Mr. Beal expressed his concern that the Board can not carry out its duties without understanding the goals of the administration and legislature as it relates to the establishment of an Exchange and as such he believes it is difficult if not impossible to make financial and program design decisions without some direction. Chair Bruno stated that the Board needs to work on the assumption that what the governor has proposed is what will be passed. Chair Bruno also stated that we have 2.5 years to establish an exchange and that the State does have grant money to help with the planning and development of an Exchange.

Ms. Harrington stated that LD934 is a concept draft titled "*An Act to Reform the Dirigo Health Program*".

Ms. Harrington presented to the Board the *In-Network Deductible Distribution Small Group CY2009 Compared to DirigoChoice Small Group and Non-Group Enrollment January 2011*. Refer to handout..

**Agency Old Business**

Ms. Harrington reported that the state of Massachusetts and the New England Consortium has been awarded the Early Innovators Grant to design the technical components of the exchange. Ms. Harrington and Will Kilbreth are representing the State of Maine on the New England steering committee.

Board Chair Bruno asked if there were any questions regarding the DHA SFY 2011 Operating Budget and Project Membership, income statement, balance sheet, and enrollment report. There were none. Refer to handouts.

Board member Ringel stated that this meeting would be her and Frank O'Hara's last meeting as Board members. She wanted to express that she was proud to be a member of the Board and of Maine's effort towards universal coverage. She stated that the Agency should lean towards covering more people and assuming legislation does go through she hopes that the reduction in assessment is factored in when Insurance companies develop their rates.

Board member O'Hara thanked the Board and staff and is encouraged by the quality of the new DHA Board members.

Chair Bruno thanked Board members Ringel and O'Hara for their services and announced that the two individuals nominated are Robert Harmon and Douglas Carr. Their confirmation hearings with IFS will be March 29, 2011 at 1:00.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011 beginning at 9:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM.