

**Dirigo Health Agency
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, July 12, 2010**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, July 12, 2010.

Jonathan Beal, Chair, convened the meeting at 9:13 AM in the Dirigo Health Agency Boardroom located at 211 Water Street in Augusta.

Other Board members in attendance: Mary McAleney, Edward David, Mary Anne Turowski, Marianne Ringel, Gary Reed, Frank O'Hara, Trish Riley, David Lemoine, Ellen Schneider, and Anne Head. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the Dirigo Health Agency, William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the Dirigo Health Agency, and Dr. Josh Cutler, Director of the Maine Quality Forum.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the June 14, 2010 meeting.

Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance Update-Trish Riley

Ms. Riley reported that the 2010-2012 State Health Plan has been published and is available on line at the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance website.

Ms. Riley reviewed the criteria the Steering Committee will use when reviewing grant opportunities available through the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Refer to handout.

Ms. Riley reminded the Board that the primary agenda item for both the July 15th public Steering Committee meeting and the July 23rd meeting with ACHSD is Exchanges 101. The presentation by Bailit Health Purchasing will provide an overview of what an Exchange is as defined by the ACA and the various policy options the State will need to consider.

Ms. Riley added that the federal government has created a new website that can be accessed at www.healthcare.gov.

Agency Update

Ms. Harrington reviewed the Agency's revised Response to the Solicitation for State Proposals to Operate Qualified High Risk Pools. Ms. Harrington reviewed the Agency's internal operations and the financial arrangement with HPHC specific to the High Risk Pool Program. Refer to handout.

Ms. Harrington then asked the Board for their authorization to sign the high-risk pool contract with the Federal HHS to begin on August 1, 2010.

The Board unanimously approved Ms. Harrington's request.

Ms. Harrington presented to the Board a revised DHA SFY 2011 Operating Budget and Projected Membership. Refer to handout.

Ms. Harrington reviewed the SFY 2010 Cash Balance document. Refer to handout.

Ms. Harrington reported that HPHC's deferred payment was paid in full on July 1, 2010.

Mr. Kilbreth reviewed the Agency's balance sheet, income statement, and June enrollment report. Please refer to handouts.

Ms. Harrington explained that the Agency is exempt from the state's curtailment process because the Agency does not get its money from the general fund. The Agency is part of the moratorium on out-of-state travel and hiring.

Ms. Harrington reported that the Business Advisory Group has discussed the feasibility of opening the voucher program to small business. This issue may come back to the Board.

Ms. Harrington introduced Alexander Dragatsi, MPH the newest member of the Maine Quality Forum. Alex was most recently at the ME CDC where he worked as an epidemiologist.

Dr. Cutler reviewed the interim report on Shared Decision Making Project. Refer to handout.

Dr. Cutler reviewed the status of the Patient Centered Medical Home Pilot. MQF, Quality Counts, and the Maine Health Management Coalition launched PCMH with 26 practices. Three of Maine's four commercial health plans and Medicare support the PCMH pilot.

Ms. Harrington added that the one health plan not participating in the PCMH pilot is conducting its own primary care project with Bath Iron Works.

Ms. Harrington clarified the applicant for the Medicare demonstration project must be the state. Given the tight time lines the Agency has hired a grant writer to assist in preparing and submitting the application.

Dr. Cutler reviewed PL Chapter 350, An Act to Protect Consumers and Small Business Owners from Rising Health Care Costs. A requirement of this law is for MQF to make provider specific information regarding quality of services available on the website by early September 2010.

Ms. Harrington stated that the Agency will be meeting with the Executive Director of the Maine Health Data Organization to discuss how to work together in presenting and posting cost and quality data.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 9, 2010 beginning at 9:00 AM. The Board discussed blocking out a three hour timeslot for the meeting instead of the usual two. The members agreed that the meetings will now be scheduled for 9-12.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 AM.