

**Dirigo Health Agency
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, September 20, 2010**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, September 20, 2010.

Jonathan Beal, Chair, 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: Mary McAleney, Joseph Bruno, Edward David, Sara Gagne-Holmes, Marianne Ringel, Gary Reed, Frank O'Hara, Trish Riley, Anne Head, and Ellen Schneider. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the DHA and Dr. Josh Cutler, Director of the DHA-MQF.

Chair Beal asked that the letter from DirigoChoice member Alice Knapp be reviewed at the meeting.

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

Ms. Riley announced the time and location of the press conference in Portland with the Governor and Nancy-Anne DeParle. Nancy-Anne is the Director of Health Reform for the President.

Ms. Riley summarized the meeting in Vermont which took place September 13-14th. The primary agenda item was the implementation of health reform. There were several key federal officials at the meeting. In comparison to many other States, Maine is well positioned to implement health reform however, the timeframes are tight and there are still many unknowns that the federal government will define through rule making over the next several months. The work of the Steering Committee, ACHSD and the Joint Select Committee on Health Reform is all critically important in providing a framework for the new administration and Legislature to work from.

The next meeting of the Joint Select Committee on Health Reform is September 21st. The Steering Committee will meet later in the afternoon.

Agency Business

Per the Boards request Ms. Harrington summarized the issues raised by Alice Knapp in a letter to the Agency dated July 24th.

Ms. Harrington stated that a sole proprietor is defined as a type of business entity. The Agency's policy is business are required to contribute 60% of the employee only premium cost. Ms. Harrington stated that if sole proprietor's were subsidized like the individual segment it would cost the Agency approximately \$6.5- \$7 million annually. The Agency's membership target would have to be reduced by 2,000 members to offset the additional expense.

Board Chair Beal asked the Agency to research the questions that were raised by Board members in this discussion and report back to the Board the findings and recommendations.

Ms. Harrington presented to the Board the proposed October 1, 2010 DHA- HPHC Group Health Insurance Agreement. She highlighted for the Board the substantive revisions/additions in the proposed Agreement compared to the existing DHA-HPHC Agreement.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed October 1, 2010 DHA-HPHC Health Insurance Agreement. Ms. Harrington and HPHC will move forward with executing the Agreement. Ms. Harrington will then forward to the Department of Purchasing for their final approval.

Maine Quality Forum Update

Ms. Harrington announced that Dr. Cutler will be leaving his position as Director of the Maine Quality Forum.

Dr. Cutler stated that he appreciated the support of the Board and the Agency through out his years of service.

Dr. Cutler presented to the Board the work plan of the Quality Forum. Refer to handout.

Ms. Harrington added that she has started the recruitment process and that in the interim she was confident that with Alex in place and the support of Muskie and Dr. Cutler in a consulting capacity their will be no disruption in moving our quality agenda forward.

Public Comments

Jessa Barnard introduced herself as a new employee of the Maine Medical Association.

Alice Knapp made a few comments and distributed to the Board a recent article that may be of interest as the Board thinks about the issue with sole proprietors.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 18, 2010 beginning at 9:00 AM.