

**Dirigo Health Agency  
Board of Directors  
Minutes of Meeting  
August 3, 2007**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Directors held a meeting on Friday, August 3, 2007. Dr. Robert McAfee, Chair, convened the meeting at 1:07 PM in the Dirigo Health Agency Board Room, located at 211 Water Street in Augusta. Other Board members in attendance: Jonathan Beal, Edward David, Anne Head, and Trish Riley. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the Dirigo Health Agency, Will Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the Dirigo Health Agency, Josh Cutler, Acting Director of the Maine Quality Forum, and William Laubenstein of the Attorney General's Office.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes with the following revision "the Board moved and adjourned into executive session" be changed to the Board moved to go into executive session and the Board moved to come out of executive session.

**Update from the Governor's Office-Trish Riley**

Ms. Riley stated that the Governor is close to nominating two new board members to replace Dana Connors and Ned McCann. The expectation is a Senate confirmation in September.

The Advisory Council on Health Systems Development met on Friday, July 27, 2007 to discuss cost drives and expanding healthcare efforts. Wendy Wolfe of the Maine Health Access Foundation may assist with partial funding of this effort. Beth Kilbreth with Muskie and Josh Cutler have agreed to look into financing from RWJ for additional studies.

**Adoption of the Decision ACMS-Dr. Robert McAfee**

The Board reviewed the draft decision regarding the determination of Aggregate Measurable Cost Savings for the Third Assessment Year (2008).

The Board voted unanimously to approve the decision regarding the determination of Aggregate Measurable Cost Savings for the Third Assessment Year (2008).

Mr. Laubenstein stated that the Superintendent of Insurance will set a date for a hearing once he receives the record.

**Maine Quality Forum Update-Dr. Joshua Cutler**

Dr. Cutler provided an overview of the key initiatives the Quality Forum continues to focus on:

- o Variation studies using the paid claims database and discharge information that MHDO collects and processes for the Maine Quality Forum.
- o Healthcare associated infections,
- o In a Heartbeat, and
- o Voluntary practice assessments.

Additional projects that MQF would like to venture into are mental health management and quality management.

The Board asked about the Safety Star Program. Dr. Cutler responded that the program is not an active initiative at the moment but the Maine Quality Forum has been working with one hospital to get their application completed and submitted.

### **Agency Update-Karynlee Harrington**

#### *Enrollment-Will Kilbreth*

- 649 new DirigoChoice members in July
- 15,063 DirigoChoice total members
- Coverage cost to date is \$39,895,765.00 of which the agency was responsible for \$21,452,581.00
- Subsidy PMPM is \$216.79
- Based on the Boards previous decision new enrollment will be suspended effective September 1, 2007

#### *Financials-Will Kilbreth*

Financials were not presented at this meeting.

Mr. Kilbreth stated that the fiscal year has ended. Staff will provide a year end report to the Board after the Agency has completed reconciliation with the State Controller. Mr. Kilbreth expected this reconciliation to take two months.

The final EMP reconciliation for CY2006 has been completed with Anthem. The Agency received \$581,509.00 back from Anthem.

Ms. Harrington stated that there have been some reductions in staff. She explained that four full-time positions have been cut in the subsidy determination area. The agency is continually looking for ways to keep staff energy and moral up during these times.

Ms. Harrington informed the group that she met with Anthem representatives on July 16, 2007. She felt this meeting was very productive.

A letter was received Tuesday, July 24, 2007 from Anthem. The letter outlines Antheims serious concerns with the extension of a contract. Ms. Harrington feels that both parties will continue to work through the issues in an effort to reach a mutually acceptable agreement.

In light of the issues and timing Ms. Harrington requested that they board grant her authority to negotiate a contract in order to ensure that there is a program for the 15,000 members enrolled in DirigoChoice effective January 1, 2008.

Mr. Beal moved that the Board give the Executive Director of the Dirigo Health Agency the authority to negotiate this contract. The Board approved unanimously.

Dates that have been tentatively held for the next Dirigo Board meeting are September 10<sup>th</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup> both to begin at 1:00 PM.

### **Public Comments**

Hilary Schneider of Consumers for Affordable Health Care stated that they have received many inquiries from people concerning the enrollment cap. She stated that in the past two years they have been able to help many people by referring people to DirigoChoice and this does show the success of this program.

Dr. McAfee adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM.