Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees Minutes of Meeting Monday, May 13, 2013

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting on Monday, May 13, 2013.

Chair Bruno convened the meeting at 9:00 AM in the Dirigo Health Agency Boardroom located at 211 Water Street in Augusta.

Board members in attendance: John Brautigam, Douglas Carr, Robert Harmon, Deborah-Hamblen-Wood, Wesley Richardson, Ellen Shillinglaw and Neria Douglass. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of DHA.

The April 8, 2013 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Agency Old Business

Ms. Harrington recapped for the board the FY14/15 proposed state budget for the Agency. The Agency's budget request for the next biennial includes maintaining the work of the MQF in FY2014 and FY2015 - the funding is the Agency's remaining cash at the end of CY13. She also summarized the key points of a memo dated April 9, 2013 to the Chairs of the Joint Standing Committee on IFS and a letter dated April 11, 2013 from chairs of IFS to Chairs of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee.

Ms. Harrington let the board know that due to funding limitations on the federal level all State operated PCIP contractors were recently notified about potential funding changes to the PCIP contract for the last phase of the contract June-December 2013. Ms. Harrington sent a letter to CMS dated May 10th outlining the Agency's position regarding the estimated cost of the Maine PICP enrollment. A response from CMS is expected this week as to acceptance of our revised cost proposal. Ms. Harrington will e-mail the board an update as the issue unfolds.

The board agreed that the frequency of board meetings in 2014 would be on an as needed basis.

DHA-MQF released the 2013 Annual Report of Healthcare Associated Infections in Maine to the Joint Standing Committee of Health and Human Services on April 26th, 2013. Ms. Harrington stated that while there remain opportunities for improvement on some of the measures and by specific hospitals, our report show that Maine hospitals continue to show progress in reducing the incidence of healthcare associated infections.

The Board recommended both Maine Community Health Options (MCHO) and Anthem present an update on their participation as Qualified Health Plans in the Federal Exchange/Marketplace at the upcoming June meeting.

Public Comments

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2013 beginning at 9:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.