The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, December 10, 2012.

Chair Bruno convened the meeting at 9:32 AM in the Dirigo Health Agency Boardroom located at 211 Water Street in Augusta.

Board members in attendance: Gary Reed, Douglas Carr, Jonathan Beal, John Brautigam, Mary McAleney, Deborah Hamblen-Wood, Ellen Shillinglaw and Barbara Raths, Deputy Treasurer. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of DHA.

The September 10, 2012 meeting minutes were approved. The October 15, 2012 meeting minutes were approved.

Agency Old Business
At the October 15, 2012 meeting the Board directed Ms. Harrington to invite Kevin Lewis, CEO of Maine Community Health Options (MCHO), to this Board meeting to provide an overview of the MCHO. Chair Bruno welcomed Kevin Lewis to the meeting. Mr. Lewis was appreciative of the opportunity to speak to the Board and introduced Robert Hillman, COO of MCHO. Mr. Lewis referred the board to a handout titled: The Emergence and Role of the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP).

Summary of comments:
- The Affordable Care Act created the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) in an effort to foster new consumer governed nonprofit health plans.
- The fundamental purpose of the MCHO is to create and develop innovative forms of health care delivery and engagement to produce better health care value.
- The CO-OPs are to maintain a substantial focus on the Exchanges and focus on greater accountability to consumers and payers.
- The CO-OP will be accepting applications for enrollment as of October 1, 2013 for an effective coverage date of January 1, 2014.

Chair Bruno requested Kevin Lewis to return in 6 months to provide an update on the MCHO.

Ms. Harrington reminded the Board that she is a member of the MCHO Advisory Committee. She mentioned the collaborative nature of DHA’s relationship with the MCHO and the sharing of lessons learned and other pertinent information. She noted DHA’s willingness to share information with anyone.

Ms. Harrington stated there are 749 small businesses that are enrolled in the DirigoChoice program.
The average size employer group is 5 employees and 56% of small group employees are unsubsidized. She drew attention to the DirigoChoice Enrollment Breakout Report - October 2012.

Ms. Harrington summarized the ending financial balance for FY12. Refer to Balance Sheet and Preliminary Income Statement handout.

Ms. Harrington stated last week was the final week for accepting new enrollment into the DirigoChoice program. A small spike in new enrollment activity was shown due to Hostess closing its doors. Refer to DHA Monthly Dashboard October 2012 handout.

For all of our population, approximately 93% of every dollar is going towards claims. The medical loss ratios are as follows: Small Group-85.4%; Sole Proprietor-89.5%; and Individuals just under 100%. Harvard prices our program at about a 90% medical loss ratio.

Ms. Harrington briefed the Board on the current MQF activities including the LD 1818 workgroup; Patient Experience of Care and Shared Decision Making projects.

The charge of the LD 1818 workgroup is to look at issues around healthcare data, specifically claims data. The group is to share challenges, opportunities and recommendations going forward on the structure and sharing of the data. The group has broken out into four subcommittees.

A total of 323 practices (about 1200 providers) across the state have signed on to participate in the Patient Experience of Care initiative. The results will be publically reported.

New Business
Board Member Jonathan Beal submitted an email prior to the meeting wondering about any involvement DHA had regarding the recent budget talks at the State level. Ms. Harrington confirmed DHA had no involvement with the recent budget discussions.

Public Comments
There were no public comments.

Next Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January, 14, 2013 beginning at 9:30 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am.