The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, February 13, 2012.

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: Gary Reed, Robert Harmon, Douglas Carr, Jonathan Beal, Mary Anne Turowski, Dr. Edward David, and Mary McAleney. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the DHA.

Board member Beal requested that additional language be included in the January minutes to reflect the conversation that took place and his position specific to Legislative action that may impact the Agency’s budget and programs.

The Board agreed to table the January 9, 2012 meeting minutes and Board member Beal agreed to send Karynlee language to be included for the Boards consideration.

Agency Old Business

There were no questions from the Board on the monthly financial and enrollment reports.

Ms. Harrington reviewed with the Board the provisions in the proposed supplemental budget that have been approved by Appropriations that will impact DHA. The full Legislature and Governor will ultimately need to approve the proposal. Refer to budget document handout.

If the proposed supplemental budget passes, DirigoChoice will need to close to new subsidized members as of May 1, 2012. Ms. Harrington stressed that nothing is final at this time. Both the Legislature and Governor need to act.

A motion was made to allow closing DirigoChoice as of May 1, 2012 to new subsidized members pending the action of the Legislature and Governor.

The motion was passed with an 8-1 vote.

Ms. Harrington presented to the Board a draft copy of the Planning for Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Exchange Implementation Report per PL Ch. 380; Section BBB-3.

The Board discussed and asked Ms. Harrington to make a few revisions in the last two paragraphs.

A motion was made to accept the report with the requested submissions.

The motion passed with 9-0 vote.

Ms. Harrington informed the Board of a project that the Agency has assumed which is to map the MAPCP claims file to the MHDO claims file layout. The Agency took this project on because
of the timelines and need to produce practice level reports for the providers in the PCHM/MAPCP demonstration.

Ms. Harrington reviewed the projects the Agency is working on through the Maine Quality Forum: Patient Centered Medical Home Pilot, Shared Decision Making, Physician Database, and Patient Experience of Care.

Ms. Harrington informed (and extended an invitation) the Board that the Patient Experience of Care Provider launch meeting will be held on March 6, 2012. The agenda is in the process of being finalized. The keynote speaker is Dale Shaller, a nationally recognized leader in Patient Experience of Care.

Ms. Harrington provided an overview of the Health Care Innovation Challenge grant opportunity. The grant applications are due by January 31, 2012. DHA, Quality Counts and Medicaid are collaborating with the Maine Health Management Coalition on this opportunity.

**Public Comments**

Mitchell Stein, Policy Director from Consumers for Affordable Healthcare stated he understands the need for capping the DirigoChoice product beginning May 1, 2012. He encouraged the Board and Agency to follow through on short contracts for remaining members. Mr. Stein asked the Board to look at money from the Maine Quality Forum activities to fill any gap in coverage.

Sara Gagne Holmes, Executive Director from Maine Equal Justice reminded the Board that the cut in the current parent coverage is down 133% from 200% and this means there will be 14,000 parents uninsured. Closing the program to new members as of May 1, 2012 will leave 14,000 people without an affordable option for health care coverage.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2012 beginning at 9 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 AM.