The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Trustees held a meeting Monday, December 13, 2010.

Chair Beal convened the meeting at 9:08 AM in the Dirigo Health Agency Boardroom located at 211 Water Street in Augusta.

Other Board members in attendance: Joseph Bruno, Sara Gagne Holmes, Mary McAleney, Marianne Ringel, Dr. Edward David, Gary Reed, Frank O’Hara, Mary Anne Turowski, Trish Riley, Ellen Schneiter, and David Lemoine. Also in attendance: Karynlee Harrington, Executive Director of the DHA and William Kilbreth, Deputy Director of the DHA.

Chairman Beal acknowledged and welcomed Treasurer-Elect Poliquin and thanked Treasurer Lemoine for his service.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the November 8, 2010 meeting.

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

Ms. Riley shared with the Board a copy of an Op-Ed that she wrote which was recently printed in the Bangor Daily News and Times Record paper. Writing the Op-Ed was an opportunity for Ms. Riley to reflect on all the work that has been done since 2003 specific to the Dirigo Health program. “We leave this endeavor in as good of shape as it can be.” “We built it, sustained it and fixed it.” It is now up to the next administration to figure out what is next.

Ms. Riley handed out to the Board a draft copy of the report *Options and Opportunities for Implementing the ACA in Maine December 2010*. The report is the States attempt to summarize the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and recommendations for the new administration and Legislature to consider. Ms. Riley reviewed the key provisions of the report with the Board.

The draft report will go to public hearing tomorrow 12/14. Ms. Riley went on to say that the conclusion of both the Steering Committee and Advisory Council on Health Systems Development is that “Maine is in a uniquely strong position with a solid foundation to build off of to implement key provisions of the ACA.” Ms. Riley focused her remaining comments on the recommendations in the report specific to Exchanges.

**Agency Business**

Ms. Harrington summarized the most recent sales and marketing activities. She also informed the Board that she received a Freedom for Information Request from Consumers for Affordable Health Care requesting a list of all businesses enrolled in a Dirigo program, including contact information.

Ms. Harrington also informed the Board that the contract amendment with HHS for the PCIP program had been approved.

Ms. Harrington reviewed the operating budget with the Board with a focus on membership projections. Ms. Harrington added that she will reforecast the SFY11 budget after January 2011 enrollment settles. Ms. Harrington is hopeful that the Agency will be able to set aside reserves at a level of 1.5 months of premium which at full DirigoChoice capacity is approximately $4.4 million.
Mr. Kilbreth presented to the Board the operating budget, income statement, balance sheet for the month of and enrollment report for the month of November. Please refer to handouts.

Ms. Harrington reviewed the key sections of the Dirigo Briefing Book with the Board. Refer to document.

Ms. Harrington reviewed with the Board the key provisions of the MAPCP demonstration.

Ms. Harrington reported that the Agency is in the process of convening an advisory group for the Patient Experience of Care project.

Ms. Harrington reported that the results from the MRSA Prevalence Study were presented to the MDRO workgroup. The Agency is now in the process drafting the Agency’s annual HAI report to be released to the public end of January early February.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011 beginning at 9:00 AM.