

**Summary Notes
Maine Quality Forum
Advisory Council
3/11/2005**

MQF Advisory Council Members Present:

Robert McArtor, Jonathan Beal, Stephen Shannon, Janice Wnek, Rebecca Colwell, David White, Laureen Biczak, Chip Morrison, and Dennis Shubert (Maine Quality Forum)

Due to impending bad weather a quorum was not present. The meeting was informational.

Dr. McArtor convened the meeting and welcomed the public.

Dirigo Health Reform Update

Mr. Peter Kraut updated the council on the Touch Choices in Health Care discussion scheduled for the next day statewide. The groups are approximately 300 people convening in three places throughout Maine, connected electronically, facilitated and coordinated. Mr. Kraut passed out a discussion guide.

Mr. Kraut also updated the group on DirigoChoice. He announced that approximately 3,700 covered lives were in the program at this point. Individuals will be applying in April.

EMR Implementation in the Community

Dr. Dan Mingle spent an hour and a half presenting and answering questions about electronic medical record implementation in the MaineGeneral Health Care community. Dr. Mingle explained the opportunities, successes as well as the barriers and failures. The program was well received.

Sentinel Event Report

Dr. Shubert reviewed the Maine Sentinel Event report with the Advisory Council. The statistical results of fifteen avoidable deaths, five patients with loss of function and four wrong surgeries were pointed out. Dr. Shubert explained goal system improvement by focus on these failures.

Updates

Dr. Shubert briefly discussed planned legislative updates for Maine Quality Forum around information flow and granting ability as well as potential changes on the Maine

health and higher education facilities authority language that would allow potential support of MHINT.

Dr. McArtor briefly outlined the involvement of the Provider Group with the activated consumer curriculum.

Mr. Jim Harnar gave an update on the MHINT project. He outlined briefly the proposal to the Maine Health Access Foundation for Phase II.

Dr. Shubert handed out multiple articles addressing topics of interest to the Advisory Council with a brief explanation. The meeting adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 8th.