



MNSure Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 20, 2015, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
81 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN, 1st floor atrium

Participants in attendance: Peter Benner, Kathryn Duevel, Martha Eaves, Tom Forsythe, Nathan Moracco (as designee of Commissioner Lucinda Jesson), Phil Norrgard, Edgardo Rodriguez (via phone)

Staff in attendance: Allison O'Toole, Katie Burns, Debby Dill

Meeting Topics

Welcome

Peter Benner, Board Chair

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Peter Benner, Board Chair.

Peter read MNSure's purpose: The purpose of the organization is to ensure that every Minnesota resident and small business, regardless of health status, can easily find, choose, and purchase a health insurance product that they value and does not consume a disproportionate share of their income.

Consumer story

Allan Overland, Sturgeon Lake (via phone)

Allan Overland is a dairy farmer in Sturgeon Lake. Allan reported he has been purchasing health insurance since 1982 and is very familiar with the process. He enrolled in MNSure when it first opened for business with help from a broker, and with the assistance of a subsidy was able to purchase a plan that saved him money while significantly lowering his deductible.

Public comment

None.

Administrative items

Peter Benner, Board Chair

Peter introduced MNSure's two new Board members, Edgardo Rodriguez and Martha Eaves, and noted that the Board is now at full complement. He also noted Nathan Moracco is the Assistant Commissioner at DHS and is sitting in for Commissioner Lucinda Jesson for the meeting.

Approve June 17 meeting minutes

MOTION: Phil Norrgard moved to approve the [draft June 17 meeting minutes](#). Kathryn Duevel seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

County Update

Marti Fischbach of Dakota County was joined by Stacy Hennen of Grant County to report for the counties. Stacy is the president of the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA).

Stacy thanked DHS and MNSure for their willingness to partner with the counties and allow them a collaborative voice on many issues.

Marti reported DHS and the counties have been working to complete the backlog of public programs renewals cases. Both agree that determining cases have accurate eligibility is the top priority. Marti explained that the backlog is created by counties waiting on a system release or procedure to undertake certain case management tasks, and then using that release to work through the backlog on that issue. She noted counties hope that with system improvements, this pattern will diminish over time.

Marti reported counties are looking forward to the August IT release.

CEO report

Allison O'Toole, Interim CEO

Allison O'Toole reported that since November 15, 2014, MNSure has enrolled over 306,000 individuals. This includes nearly 68,000 QHP enrollees, over 186,000 Medical Assistance enrollees, and over 51,000 MinnesotaCare enrollees.

Allison noted that earlier this month, MNSure awarded \$4.2 million in Navigator Outreach and Enrollment Grants to 26 organizations. These grants support a network of expert navigators who have specialized relationships with populations facing barriers to enrollment or renewal and deep community connections to reach and educate consumers. Research shows that people are more likely to enroll with help, and this year, more free help than ever is available to Minnesotans.

Allison also noted that MNSure will soon be announcing the names of 18 broker agencies supporting 20 Broker Enrollment Centers throughout the state. Additionally, the SHOP Lead Agency solicitation for partnership proposals is on track. MNSure intends to complete the selection process by early September.

IT update

Katie Burns, COO

Katie Burns presented on slide 7 of the [discussion deck](#).

Katie reported that MN.IT has an upcoming release scheduled for the weekend of August 8. Testing is currently underway on this release. This release is intended to include three life event wizards, case worker functionality simplification, improvements to the process for sending enrollment data to carriers, enhancements to the timeliness of MA and BHP renewals, usability enhancements, functionality improvements related to a confidentiality program for individuals who have experienced domestic violence, and some system defect fixes.

Nathan Moracco reported that MNsure will manage public programs eligibility determinations, but DHS will continue to manage MinnesotaCare payments from enrollees.

Katie also noted MN.IT is beginning work on defining the scope of IT projects that will take place in 2016.

Fiscal year 2016 budget presentation

Tom Forsythe, Finance Work Group Lead

Tom Forsythe presented on the [FY2016 Budget](#) and the [FY2016 Premium Withhold Revenue estimates](#).

Tom explained that FY2015 is complete, and shows a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures, with a modest carry-forward into FY2016. FY2015 had lower expenditures than previously budgeted, largely due to a slower pace of IT spending than previously thought, which will lead to a larger carry-forward of CCIIO establishment grant funding and increase the FY2016 budget. Because CCIIO has recently indicated a longer timeframe for spending of grant funding is permissible, some grant funding will now extend into FY17. Tom noted changes to the three-year total are relatively modest, and most budget changes involve shifting timing of spending.

Tom reported that MNsure has three sources of funding: premium withhold revenue, DHS reimbursement of DHS portions of MNsure expenditures, and CCIIO grants. In projecting premium withhold revenue, MNsure used conservative estimates of effectuated enrollments in 2015, combined with an enrollment year 2016 (EY16) projection of an additional 30,000 members, to reach a projection of 83,000 enrollees for EY16.

Tom reported that one notable difference in the revised FY16 budget is an increase in spending on the PMO Office, caused by the spending of CCIIO grant funds on that budget line. IT spending in FY16 has decreased because it has been shifted to FY17 due to new CCIIO guidance on when grant funds can be spent.

MOTION: Tom moved to approve the FY2016 budget as proposed and presented in Column F of the [FY 2016 Budget document](#), and its lines at the group level, and an overall budget of \$95 million in FY2016. Phil seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Tom noted no motion was necessary for FY17 updated budget since this update only exists for planning purposes, and the Finance Work Group will present an updated three year financial plan later this year.

Wrap up and any new business

Peter Benner, Board Chair

None.

Adjourn

Phil moved to adjourn. Tom seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.