



MNSure Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 25, 2016, 1–3 p.m.

81 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN, 1st floor atrium

Participants in attendance: Peter Benner, Martha Eaves, Chuck Johnson (sitting in for Commissioner Emily Johnson Piper), Phil Norrgard, Edgardo Rodriguez

Staff in attendance: Allison O'Toole, Marcus Schmit, Aaron Sinner

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 MNSure 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.

Peter noted the board is now down to five members until the Governor appoints successors to Tom Forsythe and Kathryn Duevel.

Public comment

None.

Administrative items

Peter Benner, Board Chair

Board officer elections

Peter noted the terms of chair and vice-chair have expired. Peter asked Phil Norrgard to chair this portion of the meeting.

Phil requested nominations for board chair.

MOTION: Edgardo Rodriguez nominated Peter Benner to a second one-year term as chair of the MNSure Board of Directors. Martha Eaves seconded. Peter accepted the nomination. All board members were in favor and the motion was approved.

Peter noted the board's bylaws do not require the Board to immediately fill the vice-chair position, and recommended the board delay action on that item until it is at full complement following the Governor's appointments.

MOTION: Peter moved to table nominations for the vice-chair position. Edgardo seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Approve April 20 meeting minutes

MOTION: Edgardo moved to approve the [draft April 20 meeting minutes](#). Phil seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Advisory Committees

Health Industry Advisory Committee (HIAC) – Jonathan Watson, HIAC chair, presented for the committee. Jonathan voiced a request from committee members for dates as to when the assister portal would be made widely available. Jonathan also reported that some HIAC members had expressed concerns about the funding amounts in the MNSure budget for IT development and the Contact Center.

Jonathan presented slides 14-20 of the [Board deck](#). He reported that in response to a board request that the HIAC develop a recommendation for a MNSure funding mechanism, the committee is currently reviewing possible mechanisms and narrowing their recommended options. The committee intends to present a full recommendation later this summer, which could be shared with the MNSure Legislative Oversight Committee.

Consumer and Small Employer Advisory Committee (CSEAC) – Martha noted that while the CSEAC is not currently seeking new members, it does have one member whose term is about to expire: Gladys Chuy, who is currently serving as chair. This is her first term on the Committee, and thus she is eligible for a second.

MOTION: Martha moved to re-appoint Gladys Chuy to the Consumer and Small Employer Advisory Committee. Edgardo seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Martha reported the CSEAC has been discussing health literacy as well as MNSure's SHOP program at recent meetings.

Work group updates

Finance Work Group – Edgardo reported the Finance Work Group will be meeting over the next several days to finalize the Fiscal Year 2017 budget for presentation to the full board later this summer.

Compliance Work Group – Peter reported the Compliance Work Group has been meeting and will be presenting an updated compliance work plan to the full board later this summer.

Legislative update

Marcus Schmit, Director of Legislative Relations & Community Partnerships

Director of Legislative Relations & Community Partnerships Marcus Schmit reported that the legislative session had ended on May 22 without any major implications for MNsure.

Marcus reported the most noticeable MNsure-related change was that the Executive Steering Committee (ESC), which advises the MNsure Board of Directors and the Commissioner of Human Services on development of the METS system, will see some slight membership changes and is subject to the Open Meeting Law beginning August 1. The ESC will now be composed of two members appointed by the MNsure board, two members appointed by the Commissioner of DHS, two members representing the counties, and two nonvoting members of MN.IT.

There were also several relevant provisions related to health and human services in the supplemental finance bill, which currently awaits the Governor’s signature or veto, including:

- resolution to the estate claim issues that affect Medical Assistance enrollees 55 years old and above enrolled for health care;
- a 12-month redeterminations cycle for public programs; and
- quarterly reporting requirements to the Legislature for interagency agreements and transfers above \$100,000.

Marcus noted that will there was exploration of some issues coming out of the Health Care Financing Task Force, none of those ideas made it through the legislative process this year.

Marcus also noted that some issues received bipartisan support but did not become law, and could be taken up next year. These included addressing the health insurance rate disparities in southern Minnesota, new standards for life events, and exploring other MNsure technology options via a request for information.

CEO report

Allison O’Toole, CEO

Allison O’Toole, CEO, reported that although the legislature ultimately did not enact a proposal to initiate a request for information (RFI) regarding other possible technology solutions for MNsure, MNsure will be moving forward with this RFI. The process will be focused only on information collection at this stage.

Allison also reported that since November 1 and as of end of day May 22, MNsure has enrolled over 350,000 Minnesotans. This includes nearly 92,000 QHP enrollees, over 195,000 Medical Assistance enrollees, and over 64,000 MinnesotaCare enrollees.

Allison noted that MNsure is seeing an uptick in the percent of QHP enrollees receiving APTC. She said this is because those with subsidies are more likely to keep their plans, but also because the biggest driver of special enrollment period enrollment is loss of health insurance coverage, and the largest portion of those enrollees is individuals coming off of public programs. The percent QHP enrollees receiving APTC is now up to 62%, compared to 57% at the end of open enrollment.

Allison also shared that she had recently attended a meeting of state-based exchange directors in Washington, D.C. that included a meeting with Secretary of Human Services Sylvia Burwell and Kevin Counihan, CEO of HealthCare.gov. Both congratulated Minnesota on its historically low uninsured rate and the work of MNsure to support that.

IT and Executive Steering Committee update

Scott Peterson, MN.IT

Scott Peterson of MN.IT presented slide 13 of the [slide deck](#).

Scott reported that the first summer release is slated for June 4 and the associated projects are on track. MN.IT is also on schedule with the second summer release and the fall release.

Scott also noted that MN.IT continues to hold weekly meetings with carriers around carrier data integration projects.

Additionally, Scott mentioned that the ESC is moving toward defining the winter release; however, much of that time will be consumed by knowledge transfer hours from vendors to MN.IT.

Wrap up and any new business

Peter Benner, Board Chair

None.

Adjourn

Phil moved to adjourn. Edgardo seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.