



## MNsure Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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**Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**81 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN, 1<sup>st</sup> floor atrium**

**Participants in attendance:** Peter Benner – Chair, Martha Eaves, Lauren Gilchrist, Commissioner Emily Johnson Piper, Phil Norrgard, Edgardo Rodriguez, Kathy Sheran

**Staff in attendance:** Allison O'Toole, Karina Milosovich, Aaron Sinner

### Meeting Topics

#### Welcome

*Peter Benner, Board Chair*

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 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 welcomed Kathy Sheran to the MNsure board.

Kathy introduced herself, noting she had just finished a term with the Minnesota Senate, where she had served for 10 years, including as chair of the Health and Human Services and Housing Policy Committee. She also noted she lives in Mankato.

#### Public comment

Shawnee Christianson, a broker with the Minnesota Association of Health Underwriters, raised three issues. First, Shawnee reported MNsure is behind on processing life event changes. Second, Shawnee noted that MNsure's process for reauthorizing federal tax information checks for renewing consumers was cumbersome, and suggested the broker community should have access to the form needed to create this reauthorization. Third, Shawnee expressed hope the 1095-A forms would be mailed by the end of January.

Allison O'Toole, MNsure CEO, asked Karina Milosovich, MNsure's Director of Broker Relations, to speak with Shawnee and to clarify these matters as needed with the broker community.

## Administrative items

*Peter Benner, Board Chair*

### **Approve December 14 meeting minutes**

**MOTION:** Edgardo moved to approve the draft [December 14 meeting minutes](#). Phil seconded. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

### **Finance Work Group update**

Edgardo reported that to date, the MNsure board had offered compensation to members of the Consumer and Small Employer Advisory Committee, but not to members of the Health Industry Advisory Committee. The Finance Work Group would like to amend board policy to offer compensation to members of either advisory committee who were not otherwise compensated for their participation on an advisory committee.

**MOTION:** Edgardo moved to adopt the [Board Policy on Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities, as amended](#). Phil seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

### **Annual Report**

Aaron Sinner, MNsure Board and Federal Relations Director, presented the [2016 Annual Report](#).

Aaron noted the report was statutorily required. Aaron also noted that highlights of the report include Minnesota's historic 4.3% uninsured rate, the codification of the METS Executive Steering Committee, the benefits Minnesotans were seeing from advanced premium tax credits, and MNsure's continued emphasis on transparency.

**MOTION:** Edgardo moved to approve the 2016 Annual Report. Phil seconded. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

### **CEO report**

*Allison O'Toole, CEO*

Allison reported that since November 1 and as of end of day January 8, MNsure had enrolled over 181,000 Minnesotans. This includes over 106,000 QHP enrollees, over 65,000 Medical Assistance enrollees, and nearly 20,000 MinnesotaCare enrollees. Allison noted that MNsure had ended the previous open enrollment period with 85,000 QHP enrollees.

Allison also reported that over 62% of MNsure's individual market population is receiving a tax credit. These tax credits average \$672 off each and every monthly premium bill these consumers receive, or \$8,000 in savings over the course of a year.

Allison reported that MNsure had seen great gains in its SHOP enrollment, with a 65% increase in employers enrolled. This also includes a 75% SHOP renewal rate. Allison noted that three out of every four SHOP enrollments were done with the assistance of a broker.

Allison noted that January 15 is the deadline for coverage beginning February 1. Like other deadlines, MNsure will feature extended hours over the deadline weekend.

Allison also noted that MNsure is prepping 1095-A tax forms. These forms indicate the amount of advanced premium tax credit a consumer received throughout the year, as this amount is needed for tax filings. MNsure is committed to mailing these forms by January 31.

Allison thanked staff at MNsure, MNIT, DHS, counties and assisters for their dedication to a making the open enrollment period successful.

## **IT and Executive Steering Committee update**

*Scott Peterson, MN.IT*

Scott Peterson of MN.IT presented slides 13-17 of the [slide deck](#).

Scott noted that at the December board meeting, the winter release had been about to be deployed. He reported the deploy had occurred smoothly.

Scott noted MNIT was in the process of creating 1095-A forms and would have them mailed by January 31.

Scott reported work was continuing on spring release items, with an expectation that the release would move into the test environment the weekend of February 22.

Scott noted planning was continuing for 2017 releases. Scott had met with the board's Operations Work Group, and MNIT had been working to determine the length of time each priority item would take to implement. MNIT would be presenting those results to the Project Management Team the following day, laying out multiple options for a 2017 IT release roadmap. It would then go before the METS Executive Steering Committee as well as the Operations Work Group.

Commissioner Piper noted that Periodic Data Match would return as a project for the state at some point in the future, and the METS Executive Steering Committee would need to be prepared to bring it back into scope.

## **Wrap up and any new business**

*Peter Benner, Board Chair*

Peter expressed his thanks on behalf of the board to the staff of MNsure, MNIT, and DHS for all their work during open enrollment.

## **Adjourn**

Phil moved to adjourn. Edgardo seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.