

## **Dirigo Board Sets Hearing Date for Re-hearing on 4th Year SOP, Discusses Health System Reform, & Receives Financial Update**

The Dirigo Health Agency Board of Directors held a regular meeting on Friday, October 30, 2009. The Board began the meeting with an executive session in which AAG William Laubenstein provided advice regarding litigation over the Year 4 savings offset payment (SOP). During the public discussion of the litigation, the Board set December 16, 2009 for a new hearing on the SOP following a remand order from the Superior Court and the Superintendent of Insurance.

GOHPF Executive Director Trish Riley briefed the Board on her recent trip to Washington during which she had the opportunity for discussions in depth about the health system reform debate with Senators Snowe and Collins and their staffs. Board members followed up her report with a discussion of the national debate. Ms. Riley also provided an update on the payment reform work of the Advisory Council on Health System Development (ACHSD). The Council's report to the legislature on payment reform is due in January. Finally, Ms. Riley mentioned that her office will ask the legislature for authority to delay the next State Health Plan until June because of state and federal health system reform work.

Dirigo Health Agency Executive Director Karynlee Harrington mentioned that she has received several statements of intention to bid for the next DirigoChoice contract and that bids are due on November 16, 2009. She also related stories of DirigoChoice subscribers affected adversely by eligibility changes made by the Board earlier this fall. Will Kilbreth next provided an overview of the Dirigo Health Agency's finances which he described as "about where he expected."

The Board scheduled its next regular meeting for Monday, November 16, 2009 at a time TBA.