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An Act To Add a Member to the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §104, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 179, §1, is further amended to read:

1-A. Appointment; composition. The Advisory Council on Health Systems Development, established in Title 5, section 12004I, subsection 31A and referred to in this section as "the council," consists of 2021 members appointed pursuant to this subsection.

A. The Governor shall appoint 1516 members with the approval of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters:

- (1) Two individuals with expertise in health care delivery, one of whom represents hospitals;
- (2) One individual with expertise in long-term care;
- (3) One individual with expertise in mental health;
- (4) One individual with expertise in public health care financing;
- (5) One individual with expertise in private health care financing;
- (6) One individual with expertise in health care quality;
- (7) One individual with expertise in public health;
- (8) Two representatives of consumers;
- (9) One individual with expertise in the insurance industry;
- (10) Two individuals with expertise in business, one representing a business or businesses with fewer than 50 employees;

(11) One representative of the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention that works collaboratively with other organizations to improve the health of the citizens of this State; ~~and~~

(12) One individual with expertise in health disparities and representing the State's racial and ethnic minority communities; and

(13) One individual with expertise in the discipline of food science.

Prior to making appointments to the council, the Governor shall seek nominations from the public, from statewide associations representing hospitals, physicians and consumers and from individuals and organizations with expertise in health care delivery systems, health care financing, health care quality and public health.

B. Five members of the council must be members of the Legislature who serve on the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters or the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over insurance and financial services matters:

(1) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member recommended by the Senate Minority Leader; and

(2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including one member recommended by the House Minority Leader.

SUMMARY

This bill adds an individual with expertise in the discipline of food science to the membership of the Advisory Council on Health Systems Development.