

**North Country Health Consortium  
Special Board Meeting  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Jonathan Brown, Suzanne Gaetjens-Oleson, Pauline Tibbetts, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Nancy Bishop, Bob Nutter, Mike Peterson, Mike Counter, Mike Lee, Russell Keen, Kristy Letendre, Roxie Severance, Ed Shanshala, Scott Colby, Karen Woods

**Joined by telephone:** Sharon Beaty

**Staff:** Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue, Karen Hoyt

- **Guest:** Mike Claflin, Executive Director, AHEAD

Special Board Meeting called to order for the sole purpose of discussion the future of Friendship House.

**Points of Interest**

- Thanks expressed to Mike Claflin, Jeff Woodburn, and Commissioner Meyers for their support in this process
- Changes from initial pro forma presented: Revised Reimbursement Rates and *new* Room & Board rate for both state and Medicaid reimbursement
- Pro forma included NCHC assumptions that were not included in original pro forma
- Accreditation and Program Consultants incorporated into budget
- Letter from Commissioner Meyers supporting venture with up to \$250,000

**Comments:**

- Consider Sweep account to maximize financial gain
- Begin accreditation process at earliest possible time.
- State extended Friendship House contract to end of September 2017
- Consider Exit Strategy to examine future use of building
- Two-year rate commitment from state
- Consortium not party in Purchase and Sale Agreement, only AHEAD
- AHEAD absorbs exposure and obligated to serve low and very low income clients
- Friendship House remains non-profit
- Creative guidance and innovation remains key role for Consortium
- Develop steps to manage waiting list and integrate recovery continuum throughout community
- Consider strategy to address YR 0 deficit
- Friendship House license expires in October 2018
- Community Services block grant not included in revenue
- Consider consultant from YR 0 through YR 5

*Scott Colby made a motion for the Friendship House to become a program of the North Country Health Consortium, including program management and operations; Robert Nutter seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

*Scott Colby made a motion to adjourn.*

*Meeting adjourned 10:30 a.m.*