

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting
August 9, 2019
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Present: Ed Shanshala, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Suzanne Gaetjen-Oleson, Michael Lee, Tara MacKillop, Curtis Metzger, Lars Nielson, Jeanne Robillard, Jarrett Stern

Phone: Ken Gordan, Kevin Kelley

Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue, Karen Hoyt

Meeting called to order at 8:35 by Ed Shanshala.

Consent Agenda

- June 14th, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- May 2019 Financials

Mike Lee made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Curtis Metzger seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

June 2019 Financial

Colleen Gingue presented the May Financials and highlighted the following

Mike Lee made the motion to approve the financials as presented.

Tara MacKillop seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Friendship House Update

Nancy Frank presented the following information:

- We hired a new Administrative Director, Sharon Bilodeau. She has been here part-time for 2 weeks.
- We are currently restructuring the Management team as Stacie LeClerc the Clinical Director will be leaving on maternity leave and would like to return in a different capacity.
- Nancy asked the Board for permission to add a “Donate” button to the website and post a wish list – the Board agreed this and suggested we explore other opportunities for fund raising

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)/Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP):

Nancy Frank reviewed the PHAC roles and responsibilities, and the revised CHIP with the Board (which is the PHAC for the North Country):

- Reviewed CHIP priorities: Heart Disease and Stroke, Obesity, Mental Health, Substance Use Prevention, Emergency Preparedness, Oral Health, and regional activities that address priorities
- Leadership and direction for PHAC comes from the Board, and regional sub-committees and work groups
- PHAC (NCHC) responsible for data collection and analysis related to community health needs and priorities
- PHAC members required to have conflict of interest form (completed by board)

- PHAC updates will be provided quarterly and other updates can be found on NCHC website

Grant Updates and New Opportunities:

- **FORE: Improving Access to OUD Treatment and Recovery Services**

Nancy outlined the scope of the grant. After discussion, it was decided not to pursue the grant at this time.

Nancy announced that NCHC was awarded Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Implementation grant. It is a three-year, one-million-dollar grant to strengthen and expand substance use/opioid use disorder prevention treatment and recovery service delivery in the North Country.

Jarrett Stern made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30

Mike Lee seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

The board entered a Strategic Planning session.

Next meeting will be on October 11, 2019.

