

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

**Present:** Ed Shanshala, Sharon Beaty, Michael Counter, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Suzanne Gaetjens-Oleson, Tara MacKillop, Lars Nielson, Karen Woods

Phone: Gail Clark, Curtis Metzger

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

Meeting called to order at 8:37 by Ed Shanshala

**Consent Agenda**

- February 8, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
- January 2019 Financials

*Sharon Beaty made motion to approve the Consent Agenda.*

*Lars Nielson seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**Discussion – Board Director’s role**

A few action items came from the discussion

- Contact the Center for Not For Profit regarding trainings
- Information about NCHC programs would be helpful to the board members
- Skill Assessment would be helpful to determine areas of strength and gaps in skills on the Board

Nancy Bishop has retired and it was recommended Craig Labore from Grafton County Nursing Home replace her on the board.

*Sharon Beaty made a motion to invite Greg to be a board member.*

*Suzanne Gaetjens-Oleson seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

With Nancy Bishop retiring, the Secretary position on the Board was open. Karen Woods was recommended to fill the position.

*Suzanne Gaetjens-Oleson made the motion to elect Karen Woods as the Board Secretary.*

*Sharon Beaty seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed unanimously*

**New Funding Opportunity – HRSA, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program**

The grant is due April 22<sup>nd</sup> and is for 3 years for \$200,000 each year

*Lars Nielson made a motion to move forward with this grant.*

*Karen Woods seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

A second grant was discussed, HRSA's Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation

- The grant is due on May 6<sup>th</sup> .
- Payment is different in that the money is granted up front to the program; funding is up to one million dollars.
- Would be helpful in the opioid treatment to build and expand IDN Integration primary care, behavioral health and OUD

*Sharon Beaty made the motion for Nancy to move forward with the grant*

*Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

### **IDN Program and Funding Update**

On Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> in West Stewartstown there will be another meeting to vote regarding IDN funding. It was determined the first meeting was not correctly noticed. Nancy asked that anyone able to attend to the meeting, please attend to help support the funding.

### **Clinical Services Update**

Nancy presented the following information:

- Friendship House – A new Administrative and Operations Director has been hired, Chad Dingman. He will start on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Nancy had a preliminary conversation with the State of NH. They would like to contract with NCHC to use the Detox wing for stabilization.
- MAT Services – will start with Drug Treatment Court clients.
- Berlin Office – The Berlin office used for the Impaired Driver Care and Out Patient Services has moved from the Tri-County CAP building to Main Street in Berlin.

### **Audit Report**

A representative from A.M.Peisch & Company presented the finding from the recent financial audit. There were no findings found. North Country Health Consortium will remain a low-risk auditee.

There was a correction that needed to be made which has been reflected in the Final Audit Report. (Page 4 Total Expenses for 2018 at \$6,678,646 will be revised to match Page 5 Total Functional Expenses at \$6,691,493. Auditor provided corrected Page 4 prior to Board Meeting and document was not incorporated in packet for Board review.)

It was decided that the Board did not need to move into Executive Session. There was brief consideration about hiring a different auditing company. Colleen felt that this company is very thorough and would be a learning curve for a new company to learn our grant funding requirements. It was decided to stay with A.M. Peisch & Company.

*Sharon Beaty made a motion to approve the audit report as presented.*

*Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded the motion.*

*Motion passed unanimously.*

