

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2011
Bretton Woods, NH**

Attendance: Adele Woods, Charlie Cotton, Margo Sullivan, Ed Shanshala, Charlie White, Alisa Druzba, Roxie Severance, Sharon Beaty, Tony Poekert, Eileen Bolander

Absent: Gail Tomlinson, Gail Clark, Jim Michalik, Lucille Tremblay, Russ Keene,

Staff: Debra Simmons, Martha McLeod, Nancy Frank

February 2011 Minutes

Mr. Shanshala moved to approve the February 2011 minutes. Ms. Beaty seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Financial report

Ms. Simmons reviewed the Financial Summary Report provided to Directors and addressed the question from last month on cell phone expenses and where these are covered in the budget (Indirect). The Finance Committee will establish a monthly meeting day to review reports before the Board meeting.

The subject of Molar Express finances was raised and the group will discuss during the retreat to follow.

Ms. Druzba asked about Pearson Vue funding and whether these services will continue since there is no ongoing funding. Ms. McLeod will look at the P&L for this program and report back to the Board. There may be some opportunity to include these services in the Public Health Training Center grant.

Mr. White made a motion to accept the Finance Report. Ms. Druzba seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Grants update

Ms. Frank reported that she is working on a concept letter for the Jesse B. Cox Foundation for the Molar Express. Ms. McLeod attended the Grantmakers in Health national meeting in Los Angeles with the HNH foundation recently. Large and small foundations that specialize in the area of health attended. The focus of the foundations are access to care, oral health, mental health, and community prevention programs, children's health insurance, and the new national health law (implementation and advocacy).

NCHC Audit Report

The NCHC audit was reviewed with the auditor, James George, during a phone conference on March 10th. Seven Directors were able to be on the call. The audit was considered a clean audit.

Mr. Cotton made a motion to approve the audit report as presented. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Board Policies

Ms. McLeod presented the current Investment Policy. Staff does not recommend any changes at this time.

Mr. White made a motion to maintain the current Investment Policy. Ms. Beaty seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital Announcement-Newly Proposed Relationship with Coos Hospitals-Charlie White, COO

Mr. White reported on the recent announcement by Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital (UCVH) to develop a collaborative partnership with the purposes of having the most efficient operations, enhancing clinical capabilities, preserving core services, enhancing future opportunities, ensuring financial viability and maintaining local governance. This work has resulted in the development of a Hospital Service Company that will include, UCVH, Weeks Medical Center and Androscoggin Valley Hospital. The three hospitals shared common issues of access, logistics, funding, uncompensated care, recruiting physicians, and obtaining capital.

Other

Ms. McLeod suggested April 8th Board of Directors meeting date as an opportunity to invite NCHC members to participate in a NCHC Member Round Table to share challenges and opportunities such as the state budget and updates on programs and services that might lead to collaborative discussions. This is also a time when the new Bylaws language could be voted on by the members. Directors agreed. It was suggested that both a formal and informal sharing could be structured for the Member meeting.

Several Directors have a conflict with the date of the May Board meeting. Ms. McLeod was asked to send out a meeting wizard with potential other dates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 and the group moved into the Board and staff retreat.

Board Attendance 2011

Directors	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Adele Woods, President	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Charles Cotton, Vice Pres.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Russell Keene, Treasurer	ab	✓	✓	ab	ab							
Gail Tolimson, Secretary	ab	✓	✓	ab	ab							
Roxie Severance, Asst Sec	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Sharon Beaty	✓	ab	✓	✓	✓							
Eileen Bolander	ab	✓	✓	ab	✓							
Gail Clark	ab	ab	✓	ab	ab							
Alisa Druzba	✓	ab	✓	✓	✓							
Jim Michalik	ab	ab	ab	ab	ab							
Tony Poekert	✓	✓	ab	✓	✓							
Ed Shanshala	ab	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Margo Sullivan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Lucille Tremblay	✓	ab	✓	ab	ab							
Charlie White	ab	✓	✓	✓	✓							