

**North Country Health Consortium
Northern New Hampshire AHEC
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2012
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Present: Sharon Beaty, Charlie White, Tony Poekert, Ed Shanshala, Alisa Druzba, Margo Sullivan, Jane MacKay, Elaine Bussey, Rosemary Orgren, Warren West

Absent: Nancy Bishop, Rob Darling, Russell Keene, Jim Michalik, Lucille Tremblay, Adele Woods

Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue (joined after Executive Session)

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- March 9, 2012 board meeting minutes
- March 9, 2012 strategic planning retreat notes
- February 2012 financials
- Executive Director's Update

Charlie White made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Sharon Beaty seconded the motion, motion passed.

Executive Session

At 8:40 a.m. Sharon Beaty made a motion to go into Executive Session, Tony Poekert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8:55 a.m. Board moved out of Executive Session. No action was necessary as a result of Executive Session.

Review and approval of Audit Form 990

We will review the items identified by the auditor that need to be addressed. Some of the recommendations have already been implemented that will improve internal control of allowable grant expenses.

Sharon Beaty made a motion to accept the Form 990, Tony Poekert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Board Resolutions for State of New Hampshire contracts

Be it resolved that North Country Health Consortium enters into contracts with the State of New Hampshire, acting through its Department of Health and Human Services.

*Be it resolved that the Executive Director and /or Board President is hereby authorized on behalf of this corporation to enter into said contracts with the State and to execute any and all documents, agreements, and other instruments; and any amendments, revisions, or modifications thereto, as he/she may deem necessary, desirable, or appropriate.
Nancy Frank is the Executive Director.*

Sharon Beaty made a motion to accept the Board Resolutions; Tony Poekert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Molar Express

Nancy Frank provided an update on Molar Express activities:

- We have been awarded a HRSA Rural Health Outreach Grant for \$450,000 over three years. When we applied last November we had a full time dentist and Program Manager. Nancy will talk to our HRSA Project Officer to discuss how much flexibility we have to carry out the proposed work plan.
- Nancy has negotiated a contract renewal with Grafton County Nursing Home for the period of May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013.
- NCHC/Molar Express partnered with the State Office of Oral Health on a federal grant submitted to HRSA. If awarded, the grant will provide funding to purchase new portable equipment to enhance our school-based hygiene program.

NCHC/NNH AHEC Staff Changes

Debra Simmons has resigned. Colleen Gingue is currently working on finances on a temporary basis. Diana Gibbs who is currently a Program Coordinator with the CSAP program is going to begin working ½ time on CSAP and ½ time on grant writing. April Allin, Workforce Program Manager, has been promoted to Workforce Development Director and is also going to receive training in grants administration.

Grants Update

NCHC was awarded the New Hampshire North Country Public Health Network grant for \$157,500 and the DBRT contract for \$70,000. DBRT services are contracted through Northern Human Services. NCHC did not receive funding for school based flu immunization clinics. We also received funding from the Endowment for Health and the Charitable Foundation to support the North Country Health Improvement Initiative Summit we are having June 14th at the Mountain View Grand.

ACO Update

Sharon Beaty announced that the North Country ACO has been accepted into the CMS Shared Savings Program and the Advanced Payment Model Program. Twenty-seven ACOs nationwide have been designated, and only five of them have been included in the Advanced Payment Model. The Advanced Payment Model provides upfront money based on the number of attributed Medicare beneficiaries in the ACO. Elaine Bussey suggested looking at the model in Manchester that integrates home health, the hospital, and the health center in transitions of care.

VISTA Volunteer Update

NCHC has been one of the 6 host sites for the New England Rural Health Round Table (NERHRT) VISTA project. Over the last month several issues have arisen between the VISTAs, the Round Table, and the federal VISTA program. The VISTA program decided not to fund the Round Table's project for another year and NERHRT has disengaged from the project. All of the VISTAs have been placed on administrative hold while the sites decide if they want to continue to host for the remainder of the service year.

