

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Littleton, NH**

Present: Charlie White, Sharon Beaty, Adele Woods, Jane MacKay, Ed Shanshala, Nancy Bishop, Warren West, Roxie Severance, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Maria Ryan, Tony Poekert, Scott Howe; **Staff:** Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- June 14, 2013 board meeting minutes
- May and June 2013 financials
- Executive Director's Update

Charlie White made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Tony Poekert seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sharon Beaty abstained (was not present at June 2013 meeting).

ACO Financial Review

Charlie White, chair of the Finance Committee, provided an overview of the North Country ACO financials as they relate to NCHC. Charlie advised that the Finance Committee was satisfied with how the financials are being monitored and reported. The Finance Committee will review the ACO financials twice/year per direction from the auditor.

Grants/Funding Update

ACA Outreach and Enrollment Activities – Rural Health Outreach Supplement

As a grantee of a rural health outreach grant, NCHC was invited to apply for \$25,000 supplemental funding to carry out education and outreach activities to implement the ACA. Grant was submitted and we will hear about the funding September 16th.

Healthy Smiles Healthy Children

NCHC applied for a \$20,000 grant for educational and dental supplies for Molar Express.

Partnership for Success II, Cohort II

NCHC would like to apply for this grant from NH DHHS. The program seeks to reduce underage drinking among persons aged 12 to 20, to reduce problem drinking among persons 21-25, and to reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12-25. NCHC would like to partner with Plymouth State University.

Charlie White made a motion to approve NCHC apply for this funding; Warren West seconded the motion. Motion passed.

HRSA, Office of Rural Health Policy, Rural Health Network Development Grant

This RFP is expected to be released early fall. NCHC would like to apply for this opportunity and to focus on workforce development.

Adele Woods made a motion for NCHC to apply for the grant when the RFP is released; Nancy Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sharon Beaty abstained (potential conflict with another network also interested in the grant).

Public Health Training Center

Public Health Training Center funds have been dramatically reduced as a result of federal budget cuts. NCHC expected to receive \$150,000 beginning September 1, 2013, but will only receive \$20,000. Programming and staffing have been affected by this reduction. A staff position has been eliminated and some staff responsibilities have been shifted to other program areas.

Rural Health Workforce Development Grant Sustainability Report

NCHC's 3-year Workforce Development Training Program grant will end August 31, 2013. This funding resulted in the development of the Live, Learn, Play in Northern NH program that supported both students and preceptors, and provided enhanced community based experiences during student rotations. One of the final deliverables is a sustainability plan. NCHC, in collaboration with network partners, plans to sustain several components of the program including the cultural orientation, assistance with student placements and community service projects, and preceptor site development. The Board of Directors (Network Partners) were asked to review and sign-off on the sustainability plan.

Molar Express Update

- This summer Molar Express held two clinics for students identified during the school year, one in Haverhill and one in Groveton. Eighteen children were seen by the dentist.
- NCHC/Molar Express has entered into an agreement with Ammonoosuc Community Health Services (ACHS) to hold 10 community clinic days. This collaboration is an effort to reduce the number of dental related emergency room visits, and serve patients in the ACHS service area that do not have access to dental care. Molar Express is working closely with the ACHS Patient Navigator to triage and schedule patients. Clinics will be scheduled at ACHS in both Littleton and Warren, Cottage Hospital, and Littleton Regional Healthcare.
- NCHC/Molar Express has also entered into an agreement with Coos County Family Health Services (CCFHC) to hold up to 4 clinic days for WIC parents. This is a collaborative opportunity to work with the CCFHS Dental Hygienist to provide oral health education, expanded hygiene services, and restorative care.

North Country Prevention Network Update

Service To Science Nomination

The NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services nominated the Consortium's Prevention Youth Councils Project for a Service to Science Award. If awarded, the NCHC/North Country Prevention Network will be provided with technical assistance and an evaluation process that may result in national recognition as an evidence-based program. The Consortium, with help from the Center for Excellence, must complete and submit the nomination by September 9th.

Vet Corps

Iris Marcus has joined the staff for a year as a National AmeriCorps VetCorps member to assess and develop support in the North Country for military service members and their families.

North Country ACO Update

Ken Gordon has been hired as the new ACO Administrator. Ken was the Executive Director of the Northeast Kingdom Area Agency on Aging for ten years, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Consortium and the ACO.

Other Business

NCHC Berlin Office

We will not be renewing our lease that expires September 30th with AV Home Care in Berlin. The rent is currently \$725.00 per month. Initially, the space in Berlin provided office space as well as a location for Molar Express community clinics. We are no longer holding general community clinics and the space is primarily being used by one part-time employee.

Next Meeting is September 13, 2013 in Littleton.

Tony Poekert made a motion to adjourn; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Board Attendance-2012 - 2013

Directors	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct
Sharon Beaty	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	√	Ab	√		
Nancy Bishop	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√		
Elaine Bussey	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab		
Gail Clark	√	n/a	√	√	√	√	√	√	n/a		
Rob Darling	√	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	Ab	Ab	Ab		
Alisa Druzba (resigned from the board March 2013)	Ab	√	√	√	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a		
Kristina Fjeld- Sparks									√		
Scott Howe	n/a	Ab	√	√	Ab	√	Ab	√	√		
Russell Keene	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	√	Ab		
Jane MacKay	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	Ab	√		
Rosemary Orgren (retired June 2013; replaced by Kristina Fjeld- Sparks)	√	√	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	n/a	n/a		
Tony Poekert	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√		
Maria Ryan	n/a	√	√	Ab	n/a	√	Ab	n/a	√		
Roxie Severance	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√		
Ed Shanshala	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√		
Margo Sullivan	Ab	√	√	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	Ab		
Lucille Tremblay	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab		
Warren West	n/a	√	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	√		
Charlie White	√	Ab	√	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	√	√		
Adele Woods	Ab	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab	√		