

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.**

Present: Sharon Beaty, Nancy Bishop, Jonathan Brown, Elaine Bussey, Gail Clark, Charlie Cotton, Scott Howe, Russell Keene, Kristy Letendre, Roxie Severance, Ed Shanshala, Margo Sullivan, Karen Woods
Guest: Rich Lyons, CPA - A.M. Peisch & Company, LLP
Patti Stolte, Executive Director, Family Resource Center
Staff: Lynda Bloom, Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Consent Agenda

- January 8, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
- November & December 2015 Financials
- February, 2016 Executive Director's Update

Russell Keene made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Audit Report

Rich Lyons, CPA, reviewed the Financial Statement (handout included in Board packet). Rich stated he appreciated the staff effort, extremely helpful, also reviewed highlighted items, and Income Statement – no issues, no findings and no notable content for management letter. Board of Directors reviewed 990's for NCHS and North Country ACO. Consortium classified as low risk auditee. Final letter will be provided to NCHC.

Charlie Cotton made a motion to approve the Audit Report as presented; Margo Sullivan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New Grant Opportunity

US DHHS, HRSA, Office of Rural Health Policy

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program

Nancy provided an update regarding the new funding opportunity purpose/goal. HRSA will allow re-application if expanded or enhanced; due March 4, 2016. The expansion of Motivational Interviewing training and injection of community health workers was discussed. Grant requires a quality improvement project, with a chronic disease to be identified.

Jonathan Brown made a motion to move forward with the grant application; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Community Health Workers Models

NH DHHS has offered to support development of a Community Health Worker program in the North Country. Funding would come from 2 program areas – hypertension, and breast and cervical cancer screening. Discussion occurred regarding hiring Community Health Workers and the challenges in the North Country. Training would be provided, including cancer screening and hypertension. Questions discussed regarding types of training, providing credits toward education, populations to work with, short term / future funding.

Public Health Advisory Council

Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data

Nancy reviewed the raw data survey handout, North Country at a glance. Survey data reviewed 2013 – 2015 including North Country compared to state data. It was suggested that a trend up, down column would make it quick to evaluate.

Program / Partner Updates

NH Rural ACO

Russ Keene provided information regarding the new New Hampshire Rural ACO, which includes three federally qualifying health centers (Indian Stream Health Center, Coos Country Family Health Services, and Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, and six critical access hospitals (Monadnock, Weeks Medical Center, Littleton Regional Healthcare, Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, and Cottage Hospital). It is a Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO/AIM ACO and is part of the National Rural ACO. A monthly update will be provided. Russ also discussed was North Country Health - Four Hospital Affiliation that has been approved by NH Attorney General's office.

Announcements / Other Items for Discussion

Flyer was distributed for - Save the Date! Joy in Practice: Achieving a sustainable Practice of Primary Care. May 20, 2016, @ The Common Man – Plymouth, NH.

LRH will be holding a Community Regional Forum regarding the Affiliation. All are welcome, letters will be mailed. Board of Directors will be emailed regarding the event.

Board agreed to table accepting Patti Stolte to the NCHC Board of Directors until the By-laws are reviewed. At that time, Patti will be informed on process.

Roxie Severance made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05; Margo Sullivan seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Executive Committee (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Asst. Secretary)

Meeting per request from Ed Shanshala, NCHC Board President, to discuss Nancy Frank, Executive Director NCHC Annual Performance Evaluation.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 4, 2016

Board Attendance-2015 - 2016

Directors	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct
Sharon Beaty	Ab	√	Ab	√							
Nancy Bishop	√	√	Ab	√							
Jonathan Brown	√	√	Ab	√							
Elaine Bussey	√	√	Ab	√							
Gail Clark	Ab	Ab	√	√							
Charlie Cotton	√	√	√	√							
Kristina Fjeld-Sparks	√	√	√	Ab							
Ken Gordon	√	√	√	Ab							
Scott Howe	Ab	Ab	Ab	√							
Russell Keene	Ab	Ab	Ab	√							
Kristy Letendre	√	√	Ab	√							
Roxie Severance	√	Ab	√	√							
Ed Shanshala	√	√	√	√							
Margo Sullivan	Ab	√	Ab	√							
Warren West	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab							
Karen Woods	√	√	Ab	√							