

**North Country Health Consortium  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2014  
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Littleton, NH**

**Present:** Tony Poekert, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Ed Shanshala, Adele Woods, Elaine Bussey, Rob Darling, Shirley Powell, Charlie Cotton, Nancy Bishop, Sharon Beaty

**Phone:** Margo Sullivan

**Staff:** Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included:

- December 13, 2013 board meeting minutes
- November 2013 Financials
- Executive Director's Update

*Ed Shanshala made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Nancy Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**Grant Opportunity**

There is a grant opportunity from DHHS, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health, titled "Mobilization for Health: National Prevention Partnership Awards Program." It is a three year opportunity for \$500,000 each year. NCHC, in collaboration with partners, would like to apply for the grant with a focus on health and wellness utilizing the strength of already existing program areas. Nancy F. will participate on the pre-application webinar January 14<sup>th</sup> to learn more about it. The grant is due March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Ed Shanshala made a motion to move forward with the grant proposal; Adele Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

**Motion Regarding Pecuniary Notices**

Sharon Beaty left the room.

*Adele Woods made the following two motions:*

*Motion to approve the North Country Health Consortium's Agreement with Mid-State Health Center for provision of services for the Marketplace Assistance Program. The Agreement provides for the provision of services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2014.*

*Motion to approve the North Country Health Consortium's Subrecipient Agreement with Mid-State Health Center for provision of services to support Navigator activities. The Agreement provides for the provision of services in an amount not to exceed \$49,700 for Fiscal Year 2014.*

*Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded both motions. Both motions passed.*

Sharon Beaty returned to the meeting.

Shirley Powell left the room.

*Adele Woods made the following motion:*

*Motion to approve the North Country Health Consortium's Subrecipient Agreement with Indian Stream Health Center for provision of services to support Navigator activities. The Agreement provides for provision of services in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 for Fiscal Year 2014.*

*Charlie Cotton seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

### **NH AHEC Program**

Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, NH AHEC Program Director, gave a brief overview of the Clinical Placement Program AHEC is working on through a grant from the state. The grant provides funds to study the feasibility of development a statewide placement system for primary care students into preceptor sites. AHEC is considered the cost/value of a web based model to match academic institutions and health care facilities. The board provided Kristina with input and suggestions.

### **North Country ACO Update**

The ACO will begin reporting the second round of quality measures to CMS in February. Focus continues to be on the CMS Triple Aim.

### **Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) Follow-Up**

A follow-up meeting of the PHAC is being planned for March. As requested at the December meeting, it will be an "active" meeting...possibly at the AMC Highland Center. The State would like the PHAC to be an independent entity. Nancy F. met with the Neil Twitchell and Valerie Morgan to explain the relationship of the PHAC to the NCHC Board of Directors. The PHAC is designed to be in an advisory capacity to the board regarding public health priorities and activities in the North Country. The board recommended this model as the most efficient and effective way to utilize the PHAC.

### **Board Self-Assessment**

Nancy F. distributed a board self-assessment and asked that everyone complete it either on paper or on-line. Working with the NH Center for Nonprofits, a link will be sent to all board members. NH Center for Nonprofits will tally the survey results which will be discussed at the February board meeting.

**Upcoming Board Meetings: February 14, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in Littleton  
March 7, 2014, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in Littleton  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MARCH DATE**

*Charlie Cotton made a motion to adjourn; Adele Woods seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.*

