

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

Present: Ed Shanshala

Phone: Gail Clark, Charlie Cotton, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Ken Gordon, Roxie Severance

Staff: Nancy Frank, Lynda Bloom

Consent Agenda

- December 11, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes
- January, 2016 Executive Director Update

Charlie Cotton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grant Opportunities / Follow-up

DHHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program – Nancy presented the Drug Free Community Grant opportunity. NCHC had a DFC grant that focused primarily on Coos County, and is eligible to apply for another grant if it is a different community/coalition. This proposal would focus on the Woodsville area; the application is due March 18, 2016.

Gail Clark made a motion to move forward with the DFC Grant in partnership with the Woodsville area; Roxie Severance seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Accountable Health Communities Model – Nancy discussed the FOA details and the three tracks. A planning group for model development would potentially be convened at the next Board meeting. Letter of Intent is due February 8, 2016. More information will be available after CMS webinar on January 21/27. CMS application is due March 31, 2016.

Charlie Cotton made a motion to investigate, and to proceed with the non-binding Letter of Intent due February 8, 2016; Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Waiver Project SIMS Grant – Charlie emailed Nancy/Board the PowerPoint five year summaries. Nancy will review the documents for detail. The RFP is not out yet. NCHC may apply as public health network. Nancy asked the Board for their thoughts. Board agreed when the RFP is out Nancy will bring back to the Board with completed matrix.

Charlie Cotton made a motion for Nancy to begin investigation, and NCHC to take the lead; Ken Gordon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

OPEN DOORS Homelessness Prevention and Supports for Low Income Pregnant and Parenting Women with Substance Disorders – Nancy stated the RFP was discussed at the last Board meeting. Nancy was asked by Tri-County CAP to investigate. Nancy discussed the Bidders Conference questions; the answers to questions raised should be available today. Nancy stated she is hesitant to apply for this grant based on the state's expectations for the amount of money, and the lack of clarity from the state.

