

**North Country Health Consortium  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 22, 2012  
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Charlie White, Nancy Bishop, Rosemary Orgren, Alisa Druzba, Sharon Beaty, Roxie Severance

**Absent:** Tony Poekert, Jane MacKay, Ed Shanshala, Elaine Bussey, Gail Clark/Warren West, Russell Keene, Jim Michalik, Margo Sullivan, Lucille Tremblay, Adele Woods

**Staff:** Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

### **Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included:

- May 11, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes
- April 2012 financials
- Executive Director's Update

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

### **New Membership Applications**

Two new membership applications have been received from the Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country and the Granite United Way-Northern Region. *Charlie White made a motion to approve the two new members; Alisa seconded the motion; there was some discussion about the United Way and its approach to fundraising. Board members wanted to be sure there would not be a conflict because United Way funds some of our members. The motion passed.*

### **Grant Opportunities**

*Community Transformation Grant-Small Communities Program.* The grant is an opportunity that supports evidence-based program, policy, and infrastructure improvements in communities up to 500,000 to improve health outcome measures. Nancy Frank also explained that there may be a statewide initiative proposed by the Foundation for Healthy Communities.

*Charlie White made a motion to support management's decision to move forward with the grant proposal if it seems to be in the best interest of the organization; Alisa Druzba seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

### *NH Charitable Foundation – Substance Abuse Prevention*

The NH Charitable Foundation has committed \$1.5 million to fund regional prevention activities throughout the state. Working with the NH Center for Excellence and the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services, the North Country Regional Prevention Network (NCHC) submitted a three year strategic plan to the NH Charitable Foundation for consideration. NCHC proposed five strategies which build on the school and community-based infrastructure that has been developed in the North Country. The Charitable Foundation will determine the amount of funding for each region based on approved strategies and activities.

### **North Country ACO**

Sharon Beaty provided the ACO update. The last ACO Board meeting was held at the Citizen's Health Initiative in Concord. It provided an opportunity to include Megan Spencer and Jo Porter from the Center for Health Analytics who will be working on claims data analysis for the ACO. The ACO is in the process of coordinating a meeting with Kevin Stone from Helms and Company and the hospitals in the region. Interested NCHC board members are also welcome to attend the meeting. The ACO is working through some challenges with CMS and data uploading. The ACO is contracting with NCHC to provide management and financial services. Nancy Frank has been given flexibility to determine the best way to staff the ACO.

### **New England Telehealth Consortium (NETC) Contract**

NCHC has been a member of NETC for several years and has been putting money into the project for quite some time. NETC has finally received federal approval to move forward. Entering into contracts with NETC and Fair Point will ultimately save NCHC money and increase its bandwidth to 1.5 Mbps. NETC will cover 85% of costs. Initial start-up costs will be approximately \$2500.00.

*Sharon Beaty made a motion that NCHC enter into contracts with NETC and Fair Point Communications; Charlie White seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

### **North Country Needs Assessment**

NCHC is working with the Berlin service area to complete a community needs assessment. The hospital is now required to complete a needs assessment every three years and other community agencies and organizations have committed to the same time line. There was discussion about a regional needs assessment. Nancy will consider how we may be able to coordinate the various assessments done in the region.

### **NCHC Program Update – Heart Truth**

Francine Morgan, AHEC Program Coordinator and (new) Molar Express Program Manager, presented a video on Heart Truth. NCHC was awarded a grant from the *Foundation for the National Institutes of Health, Heart Truth Community Action Program*, to provide community-based programs for women. The video highlighted the various heart health programs that have been done in collaboration with our community partners. By the end of 2012, it is anticipated that programs will have reached well over 500 women in the North Country.

### **Other Business**

Board members provided organizational updates.

Next board meeting: NO meeting in July. Next meeting August 10<sup>th</sup>, possibly at the Hugh Gallen Technical Center at Littleton High School.

*Charlie White made a motion to adjourn, Sharon Beaty seconded the motion.  
10:25 a.m. meeting adjourned.*

**Board Attendance-2011-2012**

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>
<b>Roxie Severance</b>	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
<b>Tony Poekert</b>	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab
<b>Charlie White</b>	Ab	√	√	√	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	√	√	Ab	√
<b>Jane MacKay</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ab	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	Ab
<b>Ed Shanshala</b>	Ab	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab
<b>Sharon Beaty</b>	Ab	√	√	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√
<b>Nancy Bishop</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
<b>Elaine Bussey</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab
<b>Gail Clark</b>	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
<b>Rob Darling</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	√	√	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	√	Ab
<b>Alisa Druzba</b>	Ab	√	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	Ab	√	√	√
<b>Russell Keene</b>	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
<b>James Michalik</b>	√	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
<b>Rosemary Orgren</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	√
<b>Margo Sullivan</b>	√	Ab	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab
<b>Lucille Tremblay</b>	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
<b>Adele Woods</b>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	Ab
<b>Warren West</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	√	Ab	Ab