

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Littleton, NH**

Present: Sharon Beaty, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Charlie Cotton, Maria Ryan, Nancy Bishop, Tony Poekert, Roxie Severance

Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- May 9, 2014 board meeting minutes
- April 2014 Financials
- Executive Director Update

Sharon Beaty made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Tony Poekert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grants/ Contracts Update

Gladys Brooks Foundation

Nancy Frank submitted a grant application to the Gladys Brooks Foundation for \$50,000 to purchase a new Molar Express van. The Foundation determines, based on the original 2-page application, if they will invite a “Second Round Grant Questionnaire.” Nancy asked the board for support if the Consortium is invited to complete the next round.

Tony Poekert made a motion to move forward with the grant; Nancy Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Partnerships to Improve Community Health

Nancy Frank submitted the mandatory Letter of Intent to apply to for this grant which was due June 5, 2014. The project goal of this grant is to reduce heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and obesity using population-based strategies that have broad reach and effect chronic disease risk factors. Strategies should focus on two or more of the following: tobacco use, poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and lack of access to chronic disease prevention, risk reduction, and management opportunities. Board discussed creating a “Wellness Team” at the Consortium that would be available for consultation to member/community organizations. Grant is due July 22, 2014.

Tony Poekert made a motion to motion to move forward with this proposal; Nancy Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Hampshire Health Plan Contract

New Hampshire Health Plan has an opportunity to extend our current contract through the next open enrollment period which is February 2015. The new contract will be approximately \$90,000, and NCHC would again provided a sub-award to Mid State Health Center.

Charlie Cotton made a motion to give Nancy Frank the authority to enter into a new contract with the New Hampshire Health Plan; Maria Ryan seconded the motion. Sharon Beaty abstained. Motion passed.

HNH Foundation

The HNH Foundation invited NCHC to apply for the current round of funding (very last minute invitation) to continue Molar Express services to uninsured and underinsured children in Coos County. Nancy Frank completed the application which was due today (June 13) for \$20,000 each year for 3 years.

Tony Poekert made a motion to approve this proposal; Nancy Bishop seconded the motion. Motion passed.

ACO/CCO Update

Discussion focused on ACO activities:

- Board members from each of the FQHCs will be attending a joint North Country ACO planning meeting on May 29, 2014;
 - The ACO is having contract discussions with Minuteman Health, a Massachusetts based Co-op health insurer that intends to offer policies in NH in 2015;
 - The ACO is negotiating with LabCorp Corporation to assist with data analytics
- The CCO Design Team continues to meet monthly. A Concord attorney, Mark McCue, is providing assistance with development of the organizational and governance structure.

Strategic Plan Discussion

This month the Board conducted a brief SWOT analysis of the goal: *Respond to the needs of an aging population:*

What are the strengths?

- Gained expertise in data and data analysis
- Adapt to changing needs of the healthcare system
- Capacity to think “outside the box”
- Strength of staff – work together and independently
- Adaptable to funding streams

What are the Weaknesses?

- Workforce getting older (succession plan)
- Generational differences

What are the Opportunities?

- More literature written about the aging population
- Technology
- Strong partnerships
- Collaborations

What are the Threats?

- Funding
- Lack of availability of services
- Transportation
- Aging healthcare workforce

Recommendations/Priorities:

- Utilize experienced workforce to maximize their expertise, skills and wisdom
- Strengthen new partnerships, for example, industry, to be sustainable
- Workforce training and recruitment; promote the North Country culture; “grow your own” strategy

Other Business

July Board Meeting

Meeting scheduled for July 11, 2014; Mike Ferrara, Dean of the UNH College of Health and Human Services, would like to come for the first part of our next meeting to talk about what he has learned over the past year from community stakeholders, and discuss current and new college initiatives.

Third Annual North Country Health Improvement Summit

Please attend – June 23, 2014, all day at the Mountain View Grand

**Next Meeting: July 11, 2014
 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
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Sharon Beaty made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:35a.m.

Board Attendance-2013 - 2014

Directors	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct
Sharon Beaty	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Nancy Bishop	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	√			
Elaine Bussey	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab			
Gail Clark	n/a	√	Ab	√	Ab	√	√	Ab			
Charlie Cotton	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Michael Coughin	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab			
Rob Darling	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	Ab			
Kristina Fjeld-Sparks	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√			
Scott Howe	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	Ab			
Russell Keene	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab			
Tony Poekert	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Maria Ryan	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	√	√			
Roxie Severance	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√			
Ed Shanshala	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab			
Margo Sullivan	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	Ab	Ab			
Warren West	√	n/a	Ab	n/a	Ab	n/a	Ab	Ab			
Charlie White	√	√	Ab	√	√	Ab	√	N/A			
Adele Woods	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab			