

**North Country Health Consortium  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 12, 2015  
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Littleton, NH**

**Present:** Nancy Bishop, Elaine Bussey, Charlie Cotton, Margo Sullivan,  
**Phone:** Roxie Severance, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Mike Coughlin, Ken Gordon  
**Staff:** Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda included:

- May 8, 2015 board meeting minutes
- April 2015 Financials
- Executive Director's Update

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

**North Country ACO Update**

The North County ACO plans to submit a renewal application that is due August 7<sup>th</sup>. Once the application is submitted, other participants can be added, and also can make deletions. The ACO is waiting to hear about quality measures that were submitted and expenditure reports that will determine cost savings.

**Pecuniary Benefit Transaction Rule**

Nancy Frank explained the NH RSA 7:19-a rule for approval of pecuniary benefit transactions by a 2/3 majority of disinterested directors. The law requires that 2/3 of the board must be disinterested and not receive any funds through the organization during any given year. The Consortium has been challenged by this rule because in order to be in compliance we must limit the number of organizations on the board that receive funds through collaborative initiatives. Nancy has been working with the Attorney General's office to figure out a way to work around/change this law. Currently the law makes it very difficult for NCHC to fulfill its commitments to funders when grants are based on collaboration and support of our rural health network partners. Nancy worked with State Senator Jeff Woodburn to try to amend the law during the last legislative session, but we were unable to include language in any bill that had been proposed. We will try to work with state reps to propose a change in the law next session. The board discussed other options to ensure compliance with the law if it is not changed. One option is to expand the board to include more disinterested parties.

**Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Strategy Discussion (PHAC Discussion)**

Initially the 5 priority areas for the CHIP were: substance use disorders, emergency preparedness, oral health, obesity, and access to mental health services. After discussion with the PHAC and other community partners, the chosen 5 priority areas are:

- Substance Use Disorders
- Emergency Preparedness
- Oral Health

- Obesity
- Heart Disease and Stroke

Access to mental health services continues to be a critical issue, however it will be incorporated into other priority areas. It was determined that heart disease/stroke is in alignment with the state health improvement plan, has been identified as a priority in north country community health needs assessments, and is an area where there is potential for change and impact.

### **Molar Express Update**

Dr. Jeff Williams has signed a new contract for another year with Molar Express. Dr. Williams will be working one day/week, with the option of adding an additional days s needed.

### **Guests**

Mike Ferrara, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, UNH, and John Bunker, Director of External Affairs, UNH, provided their annual UNH updates. Potential UNH/North Country partnerships were discussed; the possibility of a research conference at UNH was presented.

No July Board Meeting

Next Meeting: August 14, 2015

*Charlie Cotton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10: 45 a.m.*

### **Board Attendance-2014 - 2015**

<b>Directors</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>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>
Sharon Beaty	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	Ab			
Nancy Bishop	Ab	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√			
Jonathan Brown	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab			
Elaine Bussey	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√			
Gail Clark	√	n/a	√	n/a	√	n/a	Ab	Ab			
Charlie Cotton	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Michael Coughin	Ab	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Rob Darling	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab	Ab			
Kristina Fjeld-Sparks	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
Ken Gordon	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	√	√	√	√			
Scott Howe	Ab	Ab	√	√	Ab	√	Ab	Ab			
Russell Keene	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab			
Tony Poekert	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab	Ab			
Shirley Powell	√	Ab	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Maria Ryan	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	Ab			
Roxie Severance	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√			
Ed Shanshala	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	Ab			
Margo Sullivan	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√			
Warren West	n/a	√	√	√	n/a	√	Ab	Ab			
Adele Woods	√	√	√	√	√	n/a	n/a	n/a			