

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Littleton, NH**

Present: Roxie Severance, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Charlie White, Sharon Beaty, Scott Howe, Adele Woods, Mike Coughlin, Ed Shanshala, Maria Ryan, Charlie Cotton, Shirley Powell, Elaine Bussey, Rob Darling, Margo Sullivan, Tony Poekert

Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Absent: Nancy Bishop, Russ Keene, Warren West

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- February 14, 2014 board meeting minutes
- January 2014 Financials
- Executive Director Update

Charlie White made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Ed Shanshala seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ratify Approval of Form 990 – e-mail vote

Following the February board meeting recommended changes were made by the auditor to the Form 990 and sent via e-mail to the board. The board unanimously approved by e-mail and Form 990 was filed by the deadline.

Charlie White made a motion to ratify the e-mail vote; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Investment Policy

The NCHC Investment Policy is reviewed every three years. It was last reviewed and approved in March 2011.

Charlie White made a motion to approve the Investment Policy without any change; Adele White seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Lease Renewal

NCHC's current lease ended February 28, 2014. AHEAD has purchased the building and agreed to extend the current agreement through April 2014 to provide time to negotiate a new lease.

Charlie White made a motion to give the executive director authority to negotiate a new lease up to five years. Adele Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed.

North Country ACO Update (Community Care Organization discussion)

The North Country ACO has received the first year interim financial results. The ACO did not quite make the threshold of anticipated savings. There were 114 ACOs in the Shared Savings Program. Sixty did not achieve any savings, 29 reached shared savings, and 25, including the North Country ACO, had savings but did not reach the goal.

Four hospitals in the region, Littleton Regional Healthcare, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, Androscoggin Valley Hospital, and Weeks Medical Center, have formed a collaborative and are working together to establish an LLC. The hospitals, in conjunction with the federally qualified health centers, are also exploring models to create a Community Care Organization (CCO). NCHC and North Country ACO have been invited to participate in designing the conceptual framework for the CCO. The “design team” includes Ed Shanshala, Warren West, Kevin Stone, Nancy Frank, and Ken Gordon. The team plans to meet bi-weekly, and to share minutes with the larger CCO group. At this time the larger CCO group includes the CEOs of the hospitals and the FQHCs which are participants in the North Country ACO. CCO updates will be provided to the NCHC board each month. The board supports Nancy and Ken’s participation on the design team.

Program Updates

Quality Improvement Program to Reduce Obesity in Rural Northern NH

Becky McEnany, Project Coordinator, provided an overview of the new project. This is the grant NCHC was awarded from HRSA, Office of Rural Health Policy, Small Rural Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Project, for \$150,000 each year for three years. The project has three main focus areas: 1) offering quality improvement coaching using the Clinical Microsystems model to the four FQHCs in the region; 2) training in Motivational Interviewing for health center staff and community partners; and 3) development of an obesity “tool kit” for clinicians, patients, and the community.

Shoot For The Moon

Shoot For The Moon is the Consortium’s community challenge to walk to the moon (238,000 miles) by our next Health Improvement Summit, June 27, 2014. Many organizations, hospitals, health centers, schools are participating, but we have a long way to go! Organizations can easily sign-up through the NCHC website.

Oral Health Contract with Bi-State Primary Care Association

NCHC has entered into a contract with Bi-State in partnership with their federal grant, “Strengthening the Oral Health Workforce in Rural NH.” This is a statewide collaborative initiative with NH DHHS, Mid-State Health Center, Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, University of New England, and Health First. NCHC is receiving \$14,500 for some mobile clinical supplies and staff training time.

Next Board Meeting: April 11, 2014

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

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Upcoming Events: 3rd Annual North Country Health Improvement Summit

June 27, 2014

Mountain View Grand, Whitefield, NH

15th Annual Rural Health Symposium

September 10, 2014

Karame Choling, Barnet, VT

Sharon Beaty made a motion to adjourn; Ed Shanshala seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 10:35 a.m.

Board Attendance-2013 - 2014

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