

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Director's Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Present: Nancy Bishop, Elaine Bussey, Adele Woods, Ken Gordon, Tony Poekert, Sharon Beaty, Rob Darling, Ed Shanshala, Gail Clark, Charlie Cotton
Phone: Roxie Severance, Margo Sullivan, Mike Coughlin, Maria Ryan, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks
Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- February 13, 2015 board meeting minutes
- Executive Director's Update

Tony Poekert made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Adele Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed.

January 2015 Financials

Adele Woods made a motion to approve the January 2015 financials; Gail Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Community Care Organization Follow-Up Discussion

Follow-up discussion regarding the CCO presentation by Kevin Stone and Mark McCue at the meeting in February. Nancy Frank distributed questions and answers regarding the CCO. At this point work is progressing on the CCO but no decisions have been made yet by the FQHC and hospital boards. The board asked that a facilitated discussion happen at the next board meeting to talk about next steps for organizations that are not currently part of the CCO. Nancy will engage the services of a facilitator and put together examples of other community initiatives that will be considered during the discussion. The board decided to extend the next meeting by an hour – meeting will be 8:30 – 11:30.

NCHC Staff Update

New Staff has been hired: Christine Mealey, MRN, CDE, is the Network Development Grant Coordinator; Tracy Page is the new Office Administrator; Bob Thompson has resigned to take a position at Berlin High School. Nancy Frank is working with staff to ensure a smooth transition for all.

New Hampshire Pecuniary Benefit Law

The NH law requires that there must be 2/3 of disinterested board members of a non-profit not engaged in pecuniary transactions. NCHC contracts with many board member organizations to carry out its work and the work plans of the federal, state, and foundation grants we receive. Nancy met with Terry Knowles at the Attorney General's office to talk about the challenge an organization like the Consortium has with this strict law (stricter than the federal law). Terry suggested working on a legislative amendment that would exempt organizations like NCHC from the law. Nancy is working on Jeff Woodburn on an amended.

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Nancy Frank is chair of the North Country PHA and reminded the board that they, as well as other community members, are all members of the PHAC. The PHAC/NCHC has received

funding from the state to complete a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) which is due in September. Based on a number of community assessment and other surveys that have been completed in the North Country, and directives from the state, the priority areas for the CHIP are substance misuse, emergency preparedness, oral health, obesity, access to mental health services. The PHAC will meet periodically over the next several months to provide input and feedback on the CHIP.

New Board Member

This was Adele Woods last board meeting before her retirement. Adele was a founding member of NCHC and will be greatly missed although we wished her well and thanked her for her many years of dedication to the North Country.

Gail Clark made a motion to replace Adele Wood’s board seat with Ken Gordon, new CEO of Coos County Family Health Services; Charlie Cotton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

By-Laws Committee

Nancy Frank asked that a committee get together to review and possibly amend the By-Laws. She would like the board to consider adding the immediate past president to the Executive Committee. The board agreed to form a committee to review. Jonathan Brown, Sharon Beaty, and Ed Shanshala agreed to be on the committee.

Adele Woods made a motion to adjourn; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

**Next Meeting: Friday, April 10, 2015
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Littleton, NH**

Board Attendance-2014 - 2015

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

