

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2012
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

Present: Tony Poekert, Roxie Severance, Margo Sullivan, Jane MacKay, Elaine Bussey, Nancy Bishop, Sharon Beaty, Ed Shanshala, Alisa Druzba, Adele Woods, Bob Fink, Rob Darling
Absent: Charlie White, Rosemary Orgren, Russell Keene, Jim Michalik, Lucille Tremblay, Warren West/Gail Clark
Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- April 13, 2012 board meeting minutes
- March 2012 Financials
- Executive Director's Update

Tony Poekert made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Elaine Bussey seconded the motion, motion passed.

NCHC Finance Director

Colleen Gingue was introduced as the new Finance Director. Nancy reviewed the Finance Director hiring process. We received twelve applications for the position. Four candidates were interviewed by an internal search committee. Two individuals were invited back for a second interview with a larger group of staff members and a representative from the board of directors (Charlie White). The process was thorough and resulted in a great match for our organization.

Grant Opportunities

Robert Wood Johnson Roadmaps to Health Prize. This is a \$25,000 “prize” that recognizes and honors the efforts and accomplishments of communities working at the forefront of population health improvement. The application requires highlights from four program accomplishments. NCHC would like to focus on Molar Express, Youth Prevention Councils, Chronic Disease Self-Management, and the development of the Strategic Prevention Framework. The proposal is due June 7, 2012

Sharon Beaty made a motion to apply for the prize, Ed Shanshala seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Jane's Trust. The Trust supports projects that benefit underserved populations and disadvantaged communities in the areas of arts and culture, education, environment, and health and welfare. Single year grants range from \$50,000 - \$150,000. NCHC would like to apply for funds to support public health activities that are identified as priorities at the Health Improvement Summit. The concept paper is due July 15, 2012.

Sharon Beaty made a motion to submit a concept paper, Margo Sullivan seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Molar Express

Dr. Jeff Williams would like to work with Molar Express one day a week. Dr. Williams recently moved to the Lincoln area from Pennsylvania, and was referred to us by Jim Williamson, president of the NH Dental Society. He would provide restorative care for children identified through our school-based hygiene program, and nursing home residents where we have contracts. NCHC staff will research the question about the dentist being on a contract versus an employee of the Consortium.

Ed Shanshala made a motion to engage in an agreement with Jeffery Williams, DMD at a per diem rate of \$700.00 per day; Tony Poekert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ed Shanshala told the board that Ammonoosuc Community Health Services has a van that they no longer use, and he would like to consider transferring the title to NCHC so it could be used for Molar Express. He suggested that Consortium members could advertise on the van. The board discussed the possibility of using the van to transport children to clinic sites as well as to carry our mobile equipment. The van would be easier to handle, and less expensive than maintaining the truck. Nancy and Ed will continue to discuss the possibilities. Roxie Severance also suggested that we begin to explore what would be involved if we decided to sell the Molar Express truck.

North Country ACO Update

Sharon Beaty provided an update on the ACO. The health centers are preparing letters that CMS requires be sent to all Medicare beneficiaries explaining the ACO. All beneficiaries have the opportunity to opt-out of the shared savings program if they do not want their information shared among health care providers. The ACO will be receiving Medicare claims data for all services provided to their patients which will allow for better care coordination. Board members asked that more information about the ACO be put on the NCHC web site.

Strategic Plan Discussion

The discussion focused on how to keep the strategic plan a working document that can inform the on-going work of the organization. The draft mission statement was the result of the discussion during the strategic planning session. The language needs to be more positive and better reflect our work. Nancy will work on the mission statement and provide a draft to the board. We also need to incorporate our goals into each board meeting, and to follow the trends around the impact of our work at both the community and statewide level.

Other Business

Several board members will be attending the New England Rural Health Round Table board retreat June 7th and 8th which will conflict with our next board meeting. The board decided to change the June meeting date. Nancy will send out a meeting wizard for a convenient meeting. The Rural Workforce Oversight and Planning Committee meeting will also be re-scheduled.

Alisa Druzba made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Margo Sullivan seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

