

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Littleton, NH**

Present: Charlie White, Mike Coughlin, Sharon Beaty, Ed Shanshala, Adele Woods, Maria Ryan, Gail Clark, Nancy Bishop, Tony Poekert, Shirley Powell, Elaine Bussey, Rob Darling, Roxie Severance

Phone: Charlie Cotton

Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- April 11, 2014 board meeting minutes
- March 2014 financials
- Executive Director Update

Mike Coughlin made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Tony Poekert seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FY 14 Auditor Recommendation

Nancy Frank provided summary of the three responses the Consortium received to the RFP for auditor for the next three years. The recommendation to the board from Nancy and Colleen is to engage A.M. Piesch as auditor for the next three years.

Sharon Beaty made a motion to engage A.M. Peisch for auditor services; Adele Woods seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grants Update

NH Charitable Foundation: Advancing Substance Abuse Prevention Initiative

Nancy Frank and other staff met with the Charitable Foundation and the Tillotson Fund who are coordinating their efforts to support the NCHC and our substance misuse prevention work with youth. There is a proposal due May 16th to the Charitable Foundation. NCHC plans to apply for about \$150,000 - \$200,000 to continue the current level of work.

Charlie White made a motion to move forward with the grant proposal; Maria Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Public Health Training Center (PHTC)

There is a new round of PHTC RFPs from the feds, however, NH is unlikely to received much funding. Boston University is applying for a regional center and NH will be part of it, but will probably only be written in for about \$50,000. If funded, the northern and southern AHEC offices will get around \$10,000 each.

ACO/CCO Update

Sharon Beaty reviewed some of the most recent data. There was discussion about the CCO and the role of the design team, which includes Ed Shanshala, Warren West, Ken Gordon, and Nancy Frank. Currently the framework for the CCO is being discussed with an attorney who attended the last design team meeting. At this point it does not seem like the mission of the CCO

(although it has not been clearly defined), and the mission of NCHC are exactly the same, so it would not make sense for NCHC to “become the CCO.” However, there are still many unanswered questions about the CCO structure, governance, and viability. Nancy will continue to participate in the planning meetings.

Strategic Plan Update/Review

Nancy provided an update on each of the six strategic goals the board had identified in the last strategic planning session. The board decided to discuss one goal each month. The goal discussed this month was “Build Organizational Capacity.” There was a brief SWOT analysis:

What are the strengths?

- Data management; population health
- Relationships, ie, funders
- Diversity of membership
- NCHC Team

What are the Weaknesses?

- Financial dependence on grants
- Rapidly changing environment

What are the Opportunities?

- A “real” Community Care Organization
- Social determinants of health
- Health improvement initiative
- Involve and educate the public

What are the Threats?

- Federal funding; regulations
- The future of state contracting
- Other community initiatives

Recommendations:

- Continue to be at the CCO table
- Continue to tell our story; marketing; build on our foundation
- Stay strong in who we are
- Continue staff development; market expertise
- Explore relationships with other social service and faith-based organizations; small businesses
- Continue to seek funding opportunities
- Explore other community models
- Focus on a “topic of the month” that all organizations can participate in

Nancy Frank will send out a survey monkey to the board and ask them to prioritize the recommendations. It was decided that NCHC should focus on the top three priorities. Next month the board will review another goal: “Respond to the needs of the rapidly aging population.”

Other Business

Nancy Bishop has agreed to become the Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee since Charlie White has resigned from his position at UCVH and is moving.

Adele Woods made a motion to elect Nancy Bishop as Treasurer; Maria Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The board thanked Charlie White for his years of service to the board and to the finance committee.

Next Meeting: June 13, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Littleton, NH

Sharon Beaty made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:35.

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	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab				
Scott Howe	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	Ab				
Russell Keene	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab				
Tony Poekert	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√				
Maria Ryan	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	√				
Roxie Severance	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√				
Ed Shanshala	√	√	√	√	√	√	√				
Margo Sullivan	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	Ab				
Warren West	√	n/a	Ab	n/a	Ab	n/a	Ab				
Charlie White	√	√	Ab	√	√	Ab	√				
Adele Woods	√	√	√	√	√	√	√				