

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

Present: Roxie Severance, Jonathan Brown, Charlie Cotton, Mike Coughlin, Sharon Beaty, Maria Ryan, Nancy Bishop, Ken Gordon, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Elaine Bussey, Margo Sullivan
Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- April 10, 2015 board meeting minutes
- Executive Director's Update

Roxie Severance made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded the motion. Motion passed.

March 2015 Financials

Sharon Beaty made a motion to approve the March 2015 financials; Mike Coughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Substance Misuse Prevention Program-Service To Science Presentation

Drew Brown, NCHC new North Country Prevention Network Coordinator, presented information about the Youth Leadership Through Adventure program and NCHC's application to be awarded a Service To Science designation. A national panel of prevention experts reviewed materials and listened to a presentation from NCHC staff and awarded the designation in late April. The Service To Science award is the first step in the process of becoming an evidence-based program. The next step is an intensive evaluation process.

Pecuniary Notice

Motions regarding pecuniary benefit transactions:

Jonathan Brown left the room. Charlie Cotton made the following motion; Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded the motion. Motion passed. Jonathan returned.

Motion to approve the North Country Health Consortium's Memorandum of Agreement with Indian Stream Health Center for provision of services to support Small Rural Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program activities. The Agreement provides for the provision of services in the amount of \$7,000 for Fiscal Year 2015.

[Ed Shanshala not present at meeting] Sharon Beaty made the following motion; Mike Coughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the North Country Health Consortium's Memorandum of Agreement with Ammonoosuc Community Health Services for provision of services to support Small Rural Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program activities. The Agreement provides for the provision of services in the amount of \$7,000 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Ken Gordon left the room. Margo Sullivan made the following motion; Mike Coughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Ken returned.

Motion to approve the North Country Health Consortium's Memorandum of Agreement with Coos County Family Health Services for provision of services to support Small Rural Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program activities. The Agreement provides for the provision of services in the amount of \$7,000 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Sharon Beaty left the room. Kristina Fjeld-Sparks made the following two motions; Nancy Bishop seconded the motions. Both motions passed.

Motion to approve the North Country Health Consortium's Memorandum of Agreement with Mid-State Health Center for provision of services to support Small Rural Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program activities. The Agreement provides for the provision of services in the amount of \$7,000 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Motion to approve the North Country Health Consortium's Sub-Recipient Agreement to Mid-State Health Center for services related to the New Hampshire Health Plan. The Agreement is for \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2015

North Country ACO/CCO Update

North Country ACO contract with CMS ends 12/31/15. We are still awaiting the final rules from CMS for the renewal proposal. Some of the FQHCs and hospitals are also considering other ACO options that CMS has available. One in particular is the ACO Investment Model (AIM) – a new model of prepaid shared savings that builds on the experiences of the Advanced Payment Model and encourages new ACOs to form in rural and underserved areas, and current ACOS to transition to arrangements with greater financial risk. All of the proposals have short turn-around times with Notices of Intent due by the end of May.

Follow-up from last board meeting discussion

The feedback from the discussion was generally positive. Board members found it valuable as a catalyst to further discussion and opportunities for all of the member organizations to work together and utilize resources efficiently. The CCO is really a vehicle to change reimbursement structure; our discussion was more of a focus on how to have a collective impact.

Molar Express Update

NCHC was awarded 2 new grants for Molar Express. The first is a new HRSA, Office of Rural Health Policy, Rural Health Outreach grant that will support on-going work in the schools, including some new schools, and new services to be provided in 5 senior centers. The HNH Foundation also awarded NCHC 3 years of funding to provide services to uninsured children up to the age of 13.

NCHC Strategic Planning Discussion

Nancy Frank asked the board how they would like to proceed with our 5-year strategic planning over the next year. The board decided they would like to keep the process “alive” and would like to review individual strategies each month as has been done in the past. It was suggested that as we move forward with collective planning that the strategic plan may change. Nancy will schedule a meeting with people from the Monadnock region and invite all NCHC members.

Other Business

New grant Matrix

Nancy Frank presented a new grant opportunity – Health Careers Opportunity Program. Sharon Beaty made a motion to move forward with the grant if it seems feasible for NCHC to apply in the short time frame; Maria Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

July Board Meeting

Ken Gordon made a motion to cancel the July board meeting; Maria Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Board Meeting June 12, 2015

Roxie Severance made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Board Attendance-2014 - 2015

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