

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Littleton, NH**

Present: Adele Woods, Ed Shanshala, Gail Clark, Elaine Bussey, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Scott Howe, Jane MacKay, Roxie Severance, Sharon Beaty, Charlie White, Tony Poekert, Margo Sullivan

Phone: Nancy Bishop

Staff: Nancy Frank

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- September 13, 2013 board meeting minutes
- August 2013 Financials
- Executive Director Update

Sharon Beaty made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Gail Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FY 2014 NCHC Budget

Charlie White presented the FY 2014 which includes a 3% cost of living increase for all employees. The Finance Committee had reviewed the budget in their last meeting and put forth a recommendation to the full board to approve the budget.

Charlie White made a motion to approve the FY 2014 NCHC budget; Margo Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grants/Funding Update

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Grant

NCHC was awarded this grant from the HRSA Office of Rural Health Policy. Its focus is on adult obesity and training practices in motivational interviewing. Ken Gordon will manage the program and we will be hiring a Project Coordinator. This grant is \$150,000 each year for three years.

HRSA/Office of Rural Health Policy Network Development Grant

NCHC will submit a proposal which is due November 22nd. The board approved moving forward with this grant at the September board meeting. The goals and activities will focus on enhancement and expansion of our Workforce Development Training Program (Live, Learn, Play in Northern NH) since funding ended August 2013.

Marketplace Update

NCHC has been awarded three separate funding streams to carry out Marketplace Outreach and Enrollment activities:

Office of Rural Health Policy Supplement	\$25,000
Bi-State Navigator Cooperative Agreement Subrecipient	\$130,000
NH Health Plan Marketplace Assistance Program	\$131,000

NCHC now has 2 trained Consumer Assistants and 1 certified Navigator. An additional Navigator will be hired. The Bi-State grant will have sub-awards to Mid-State Health Center, Coos County Family Health Services, and Indian Stream Health Center. The NHHP Program will have a subaward to Mid-State Health Center.

North Country ACO Update

The ACO hosted a 2-day site visit by a team of evaluators under contract with CMS who are studying the formation and development of ACOs. Over the course of the visit, the team met with ACO staff and board members, made site visits to Mid-State Health Center and Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, and had one-on-one interviews with other community partners. Preliminary quality data was shared with the board.

Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC)

Nancy presented an overview of the North Country Public Health Advisory Council. As a component of the state's contract for Public Health and Prevention services, we are required to create a Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC). All members of the board, members of the prevention leadership team, and members of the regional coordinating committee will be invited to join the PHAC. Potential outcomes of the PHAC include: more coordinated priority-setting and effective programs based on data and evidence of effectiveness; leveraging strengths and resources across partners; reduced competition for scarce funds; and stronger infrastructure and capacity to apply for funding. The first meeting of the PHAC will be December 13, 2013, 10:30 – 12:30 at the Consortium in Littleton.

Nominating Committee Report

Tony Poekert, chair of the Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of board members and officers. There are a few additional board slots that the committee is still trying to fill. Charlie Cotton will be replacing Jane MacKay as the representative from Northern Human Services.

NCHC Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is November 8th at the Mountain View Grand. Guest speakers include: Commissioner Nick Toumpas, Commissioner Roger Sevigny, and Alisa Druzba. Please register and encourage others to attend.

**Next Meetings: Annual Meeting: November 8, 2013, 8:30 – 1:00, Mountain View Grand
December 13, 2013, 8:30 – 10:30**

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

Board Attendance-2012 - 2013

Directors	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Aug	Sep	Oct
Sharon Beaty	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	√
Nancy Bishop	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	√
Elaine Bussey	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√
Gail Clark	√	n/a	√	√	√	√	√	√	n/a	√	√
Rob Darling	√	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
Alisa Druzba (resigned from the board March 2013)	Ab	√	√	√	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kristina Fjeld- Sparks									√	Ab	√
Scott Howe	n/a	Ab	√	√	Ab	√	Ab	√	√	√	√
Russell Keene	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	
Jane MacKay	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	Ab	√	Ab	√
Rosemary Orgren (retired June 2013; replaced by Kristina Fjeld- Sparks)	√	√	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tony Poekert	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√
Maria Ryan	n/a	√	√	Ab	n/a	√	Ab	n/a	√	√	Ab
Roxie Severance	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Ed Shanshala	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	√
Margo Sullivan	Ab	√	√	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	Ab	√	√
Lucille Tremblay	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab
Warren West	n/a	√	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	√	n/a	n/a
Charlie White	√	Ab	√	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	√	√	√	√
Adele Woods	Ab	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	√