

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

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

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- September 12, 2014 board meeting minutes
- Executive Director Update

Adele Woods made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Charlie Cotton seconded the motion. Motion passed.

August 2014 Financials

Colleen Gingue presented and reviewed the financials.

Tony Poekert made a motion to approve the August 2014 financials; Gail Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed.

FY 2015 Organization-Wide Budget

Nancy Frank and Colleen Gingue presented and reviewed the proposed FY 2015 budget. The budget was built on 2014 actual costs. Proposed personnel costs include a 3% cost of living increase. The board thanked Nancy and Colleen for presentation of a “nice, clean budget.”

Adele Woods made a motion to approve the FY 2015 organization-wide budget; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grants/Funding Update

Rural Health Network Development Grant

NCHC was awarded this grant in September from HRSA, Office of Rural Health Policy. The grant provides support for workforce development initiatives. Strategies include: 1. Expand and enhance Live, Learn, Play in Northern New Hampshire; 2. Develop a model for a regionally-based Primary Care Extension Program; 3. Improve consumer utilization of the health care system through the use of Community Health Workers. The grant is for \$300,000 each year for 3 years.

Health Careers Opportunity Program – Skills Training & Health Workforce

NCHC was also awarded this grant in September. This grant is a partnership with White Mountains Community College to provide paraprofessional careers opportunities. The initiative will provide 100% support for 79 economically and/or educationally disadvantaged students each year to complete a paraprofessional program. The grant is for \$200,000 each year for 3 years.

SBIRT

This state funding opportunity was offered to implement Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services in community health centers. After discussion the options, the health centers decided this was not an opportunity they thought NCHC should pursue.

Elaine Bussey made a motion to NOT submit an SBIRT grant; Charlie Cotton seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sharon Beaty and Adele Woods abstained.

Bi-State Navigator Grant

At this point, Bi-State is waiting to hear confirmation from CMS about their Navigator funding. They have asked if NCHC plans to enter into another agreement for this work. NCHC will continue Marketplace work without the agreement with Bi-State through New Hampshire Health Plan and HRSA.

Gail Clark made a motion to NOT enter into a new contract with Bi-State; Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded the motion. Motion passed. Sharon Beaty and Adele Woods abstained.

Strategic Planning - Goal: “Increase NCHC Messaging about Value-Added Strategies”

Tony Poekert facilitated a SWOT analysis of the goal. Results of the discussion will be incorporated into the updated strategic plan document.

NCHC Annual Meeting

Tony Poekert, chair of the Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of officers:

Proposed slate of officers:

President: Elaine Bussey
Vice President: Ed Shanshala
Treasurer: Maria Ryan
Secretary: Kristina Fjeld-Sparks
Asst. Sect: Charlie Cotton

Board members with terms expiring who have agreed to stay on the board for another 3-year term:

Roxie Severance
Rob Darling
Kristina Fjeld-Sparks

ACO/CCO Update

Sharon Beaty provided a brief update. No new action has taken place since the last meeting.

Other business

October 16th NCHC is co-sponsoring a screening of GMO-OMG at the Colonial Theater in Bethlehem

Next Meetings: **Annual Meeting November 14, 2014 – Mountain View Grand**
 December 12th
 8:30 – 10:00 NCHC Board Meeting
 10:00 – 12:00 PHAC Meeting, with screening of the movie
 Anonymous People

Adele Woods made a motion to adjourn; Kristina Fjeld-Sparks seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Board Attendance-2013 - 2014

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