

**North Country Health Consortium
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Littleton, NH**

Present: Elaine Bussey, Tony Poekert, Sharon Beaty, Mike Coughlin, Rob Darling, Margo Sullivan, Ed Shanshala, Warren West, Nancy Bishop, Kristina Fjeld-Sparks, Roxie Severance, Maryanne Aldrich,

Phone: Adele Woods

Staff: Nancy Frank, Colleen Gingue

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included:

- July 11, 2014 board meeting minutes
- July 2014 Financials
- Executive Director Update

Margo Sullivan made motion to approve the consent agenda; Ed Shanshala seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kristina Fjeld-Sparks abstained.

CCO/Hospital Update

Warren West, CEO, Littleton Regional Healthcare (LRH), presented information about the two initiatives the North Country hospitals are currently pursuing. The first is an affiliation between LRH, Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital, and Weeks Medical Center. The hospitals are working together to form a “parent organization” that would enable them to maintain some of their autonomy while also enabling them to develop a coordinated health care network that would improve quality, increase efficiencies and lower cost of health care delivery in the region. The second initiative the hospitals are working on is establishment of a Community Care Organization (CCO) with Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Indian Steam Health Center, and Coos County Family Health Services. The hospitals and FQHCs are exploring options for the design of the CCO which would ultimately allow engagement in risk-based contracting. Both initiatives must undergo review and approval from the NH Attorney General and Charitable Trust Division.

Motion regarding Pecuniary Notice

Motion to approve the North Country Health Consortium’s Subrecipient Agreement with Indian Stream Health Center for provision of services to support Navigator activities. The Agreement provides for the provision of services in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 for Fiscal Year 2014.

Shirley Powell, CEO, Indian Stream Health Center, was not present at the meeting. Nancy Bishop made a motion to approve the Agreement with Indian Stream Health Center; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Transactions Involving Board Members/Officers

Motion to approve contract between North Country Health Consortium and North Country Home Health and Hospice for Nurse Planner services up to \$5,000 for services rendered between May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015.

Elaine Bussey, CEO, North Country Home Health and Hospice left the room. Margo Sullivan made a motion to approve the contract between NCHC and North Country Home Health and Hospice; Sharon Beaty seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Grant/Funding Update

Nancy Frank presented information on the new grant opportunity, Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program. The grant is for \$200,000 each year for three years. NCHC would like to apply for an expansion of Molar Express services. The grant is due November 14, 2014.

Currently NCHC has an Outreach Grant that ends April 30, 2015.

Warren West made a motion for NCHC to move forward with the grant; Mike Coughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Molar Express Update

Nancy Frank explained that Molar Express is in need of a new van. The current van although it has been great for the past two years, will no longer pass inspection without a lot of work.

Nancy is in touch with several car dealers to try to get a deal for a new (used) van.

Sharon Beaty made a motion to authorize Nancy Frank to secure the purchase of a van up to \$10,000; Elaine Bussey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

New Member Application

Littleton Food Co-Op has submitted an application to become a member of NCHC.

Sharon Beaty made a motion to accept the Littleton Food Co-Op as a new member of the Consortium; Margo Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is November 14, 2014 at the Mountain View Grand in Whitefield. Dr. Jose, Montero, Director of the NH Division of Public Health, is the guest speaker.

Nominating Committee

Tony Poekert agreed to chair the Nominating Committee. Sharon Beaty and Margo Sullivan agreed to be on the committee. Nancy F. will schedule a meeting before the October board meeting.

Membership Committee

Tony Poekert agreed to chair the Membership Committee. Elaine Bussey and Ed Shanshala also agreed to be on the committee.

By-Laws Committee

The board decided not to form a committee. The board will receive the By-Laws and review to determine if any changes are needed.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2014
Annual Meeting November 14, 2014
December 12, 2014

Ed Shanshala made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 10:35 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	√	√	
Rob Darling	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	
Kristina Fjeld-Sparks	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	Ab	√	
Scott Howe	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	Ab	
Russell Keene	√	Ab	Ab								
Tony Poekert	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	
Shirley Powell			√	√	√	√	√		√	Ab	
Maria Ryan	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	Ab	√	√	√	N/A	
Roxie Severance	√	√	Ab	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
Ed Shanshala	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	
Margo Sullivan	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	
Warren West	√	n/a	Ab	n/a	Ab	n/a	Ab	Ab	Ab	√	
Charlie White	√	√	Ab	√	√	Ab	√	N/A	N/A.	N/A	
Adele Woods	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	Ab	√	√	