

Mascoma Community Healthcare

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors

Dale Barney presiding

June 19, 2014
by teleconference

In attendance:

Voting Directors –

Carolyn Barney, Scott Berry, Barbara Birdsey, John Dow, Sean Murphy, Mary Paquette, Peter Thurber, Linda Von Reyn – NOT SUFFICIENT FOR A QUORUM (9)

Ex-officio Directors –

Dale Barney, Mike Samson, Alice Schori

Report of Building Committee (Dow)

Recommendation to retain Horizons Engineering for civil engineering at a cost of \$7,000 (contingent on funds availability) could not be approved because of lack of quorum. Work to be covered by this fee includes wetland delineation, topographical survey and finding of existing boundary markers, septic system and subsurface design. Approval would be contingent on finding funding.

Report on architects' progress (Dow)

DiGeorgio Associates and Stratton Associates have been interviewed, and the former is offering a lower price. LaValley and AG (of Dover) will be interviewed on the 26th.

Report on EDA and USDA progress (Berry and Samson)

EDA funding looks doubtful as their current priority is private sector companies that produce jobs.

Berry will meet with the North Country Council next week for advice about all the sources of funding we are pursuing.

(Funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is also being pursued.)

At a preliminary meeting, USDA received the project favorably but will need proof that MCH is credit-worthy, with at least 800 guaranteed participants through employers. So far, Town of Canaan, Cardigan Mountain School, Mascoma School District, and three other employers have agreed to join, but more are needed, with written commitments. USDA grant would cover all start-up costs and even interest on loans. Samson is also looking at lease-purchase options for equipment.

Report on Staffing (Samson and Murphy)

Committee has come up with drafts of needed medical personnel, but newer FQHC #s (for 2012) will be considered soon. Assumptions for dental staffing are being reduced to cover 30% of patients. Murphy's dentist says to plan on one dentist per 1000-1200 patients, but Samson's gives a higher number. Dental support staff needs haven't been determined.

Other Business

Incorporation papers have been received.

501-C-3 application papers are ready to send in.

Fundraising has started and makes the need for two more officers apparent. Mary Paquette has agreed to serve as Treasurer and Pete Thurber has agreed to serve as Vice Chair. Samson will investigate the possibility of email vote or another conference call to vote on election of the two officers and to approve the engineering cost.

Because three voting members of the board have never attended a board or committee meeting, they will be contacted by Samson to determine whether they really intend to serve. If not, the board may vote to remove them, which would lower the number needed for a quorum.

For future teleconferences, the email notice should note that use of the non-toll-free number saves money for MCH.

Next Meeting –
Monday, July 14, 7pm, at Canaan Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Schori, Secretary