

WEST VIRGINIA RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting – Braxton County Hospital Learning Resource Center
March 23, 2010 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Members Participating: Sandra Pope, Lew Holloway, Sharon Giles, Dave Sotak, Patricia Crawford, David Brown, Norma Bowyer, and Sally Richardson. Joining by phone: Jeff Graham and Mary Huntley

Not Participating (Absent): Amber Crist, April Vestal, Tom Kuhn, and Hilda Heady

Agenda Items	Discussion	Board Actions
Call to Order	President, Sally Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM	
Roll Call	Confirmed presence of a quorum	
Minutes	Minutes of the February 25 meeting were reviewed and approved.	Motion to accept the minutes: D. Sotak/S.Pope
Treasurer's Report	<p>Treasurer, D. Brown advised the Board that he did not have a Treasurers Report to Present this month due to the absence of a financial statement from the WV Primary Care Association (fiscal agent).</p> <p>Discussion: Question of availability of supplemental grant funds from NRHA, as the WVRHA did receive these funds in 2009. S. Richardson agreed to contact NRHA regarding availability.</p> <p>Discussion regarding final development of 2010 WVRHA Budget: Consultant line item was set at \$12,000 for the year with the understanding that the year began on Jan 1, 2010. A committee will be formed to develop a recommendation related to creating an Executive Director or Consultant position on a part time basis.</p> <p>The Board agreed to allow Travel funds for one member to attend the NRHA 2010 Skill building Workshop in Portland, Oregon July 20 – 21. The Board will also seek partial travel reimbursement through NRHA (generally \$750 available)</p> <p>Comment/discussion: The Board should develop an activity timeline so that funding opportunities and deadlines will be met in the future.</p> <p>Final Budget was approved by Board: To be attached to minutes and distributed to Board upon receipt from Treasurer.</p>	<p>Motion to create committee to study Exec Director options: D. Brown/D. Sotak</p> <p>Travel funds for Skill Building Workshop: Motion passed: L. Holloway/S. Pope</p>

Consultant Report	In the absence of the Consultant, a copy of the Consultant report was distributed to Board Members and discussion was nominal.	
Old Business:	<p>Discussion and approval to move Board meetings to 2nd Tuesday of each month, alternating face-to-face and conference call meetings</p> <p>Discussion continued regarding setting aside a section of the web site for members only. The consensus is that a “Board Only” section would be more useful.</p> <p>Discussion: Should Annual Membership Meeting include distribution of financial reports to members. No consensus reached.</p> <p>Discussion: Consideration by Board of offering a series of community meetings to educate the public on health care reform. Discussion included proposed community workshops addressing the impact of health care reform. Suggested speakers were Perry Bryant, Alan Morgan, and other NRHA representatives.</p>	Motion re meeting schedule: D. Brown/S. Pope
Board Membership Vacancies	<p>Jeff Graham recommended that the vacant Board seat be filled by former Board Member Laura Welch. Jeff had spoken with Laura and she agreed to serve.</p> <p>The Committee also recommended approval of the following Slate of Officers: President-Elect, D. Sotak; Treasurer, D. Brown; and Secretary, S. Giles.</p>	Motion to accept L. Welch as member of WVRHA Board of Directors: Motion: S. Pope/D. Brown
Committee Reports	No reports as Chairs were formally appointed during this meeting.	
New Business	<p>S. Richardson presented a proposal by A. Vestal that the WVRHA take over the responsibility for awarding the Earl Ray Tomlin Award for excellence in legislative leadership. This award has been given previously by the WV Rural Health Education Partnerships.</p> <p>Discussion: Issues were discussed related to the award: 1) Will this activity give the appearance of political partisanship & is this desirable at this time for the WVRHA? There was no agreement among Board members that the Association’s leadership in this effort would be considered political. 2) The WVRHA has had no experience in such activity and should we make this move at this time because the request was made? 3) The award was previously made at a special dinner. It was not felt that</p>	The discussion of the ERT award was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

	<p>the WVRHA should undertake the responsibility for a dinner due to cost issues.</p> <p>A motion was made by D. Brown that the WVRHA provide funds to the Consultant, Jacquelynn Copenhaver, to pay her airfare to attend the NRHA annual conference in Savannah, GA in May 2010, provided she is still under contract at that time. (At the time of the meeting, the previous contract had expired and L. Holloway agreed to contact her regarding renewal.)</p> <p>Board approved payment of Consultant's travel with the understanding that she will attend the State Association Council meeting while at the conference.</p>	<p>Motion to pay airfare for Consultant in May 2010. D. Brown/L. Holloway</p>
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM	Motion to adjourn S. Richardson/S.Giles

Future 2010 Meeting Dates:

- April 13 – Conference Call
- May 11 – Braxton LRC
- June 8 – Conference Call
- July 13 – Braxton LRC
- August 10 – Conference Call
- September 14 – Braxton LRC
- October 12 – Conference Call
- November 9 – Braxton LRC
- December 14 – Conference Call