

New Mexico Hepatitis C Alliance, Inc. (NMHCA) Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2008 2:30 – 4:30 – UNM Integrity Building
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Lucinda Yates at 2:35.

Attendees

Lucinda Yates
Rosemary Holly Taylor
Terrence Holmes
Rachel Pacheco
Stephani Patten
Connie Smith-Fassler
Yolanda Herrera

Attending by phone:

Benjamin Corsey III
Karen Gonzales.

Special Visitor:

Kenneth Pardue

Excused:

Gavriela de Boer
Julie Morrow
Kory Montoya

Everyone reviewed the **Agenda** and approved for this March.

The **Minutes** were approved with corrections.

Stephani nominated Lucinda Yates for Interim President. She accepted and we reached Quorum. The Vice President position is still open.

Treasurer report was provided for the board and a copy was faxed to the Secretary, Benjamin Corsey III.

Advocacy Committee Stephani recently attended the National Hepatitis C Efficacy Training, which was explained as a grant writing training. The training accelerated the group's ability to look for funders, find grants that support awareness, and gave great tools on how to deal with media something she is so willing to share. She also discussed with the group more specific New Mexico issues; such as, how we would advertise for HCV awareness to the general public. (Billboards or TV ads) Holly stated that we had lost track of the media and "If

people see it (HCV information) frequently the stigma of HCV will decrease. **Stephani wants to know the cost of Billboards for 30 days to 90 days.** (Farmington, Grants, Taos, Roswell, Santa Fe, Las Cruces, Albuquerque, Silver City, Espanola, Clovis, and Hobbs are just some examples.)

Board Meeting There has been a discussion within the group about changing the dates of the meetings to something more convenient for the board members. It was thrown out to emails to discuss for the next meeting June 5th or 6th and different times earlier later after work? Lucy stepped up to check on that.

The **New Mexico Quilt Project** The dragon is half way done. Gavriella was not in attendance to update.

Mini Retreat. Tentative date June 21 from 10 – 5. Ask Eileen Sanchez if she can arrange training for that day. Possible topics include: Strategic Plan; Burn Out; Personality types; Training committee chair; ice breakers; have fun and bring group together; and, how to grow. Fun and Food also asked Martin if the Santa Fe Mountain Center could do a team building exercise for us. The only problem is they are located in Santa Fe and that is, far from Albuquerque. The cost of the training was quoted by Martin as eight hundred dollars. I had written down that the cost was \$ 2,200, but do not remember what that was the cost of. Check cost of half day, vs. full day, how available, what it would look like any prep the group needs.

The Job descriptions/ Bylaws after the quarterly meeting in March we will start. Complete understandable job descriptions. Vote on bylaws to update April we will discuss possible dates. Email out info. Stephani to the community member to come up with concession for time to meet.

Quarterly membership meeting: People trying to RSVP have had issues calling the phone number listed. Yolanda has corrected the issue internally and is letting us know externally. The list of Board members attending the meeting must be turned in by March 19, 2008. Ben announced the count was 35 positive responses currently.

Old Business: Karen Gonzales has a new DOH coworker with the same name and same email address, please, be sure to get the correct information to the right person.

Hepatitis Awareness Day: Karen reported on the progress of planning events for the World Hepatitis Day. Conference calls have been set up to phone into a conference call center, call Karen for more information. She noted in May we need to focus on the CDC's poster contest. April we need to correct the CDC's flyers and look to see if we can sponsor a Hepatitis hotline. Resources are to be provided during the hotline. There was discussion about the educational day at the round house with educational presentations, provided by Dr. Arora, Dr. Veil, and someone from alliance. What can we do about this event and others and what will be done? April 14, 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Rachel interjected, "Is it worth it?"

Guest: Kenneth Pardue presented on some wonderful agencies in Albuquerque. These services are available to people who are homeless, (Ladies) just out of prison, and anyone who needs food. This system is set up that you spend thirty dollars and receive thirty days worth of food. It is run through a church but you do not have to worship at the church, to receive benefits. The church is located at the corner of Louisiana and Montgomery. They

work with the Angel food network. The services for people getting out of prison are specific to ladies only.

Action items:

Terry is making 50 copies of agenda for Quarterly membership meeting.

Decide when the next quarterly meeting is going to be the 6th, 7th, or the 13th in the afternoon or the morning. 9:00am – 12:00pm. Or 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

Yolanda call Beth let her know to try to schedule. The Church is available on Saturdays but there events are priority.

Karen looks at the logistics of this event and others to get the hepatitis prevention out there. Email back and forth.

Stephani wanted to show the board Agenda from Florida' s Hep C Alliance, and New York.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2008, from 2:30pm to 4:30pm, at the Integrity building.