



**New Mexico Hepatitis C Alliance
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2009**



Board Present: Stephani Patten, Holly Taylor, Benjamin Corsey, Rachel Pachecho, Karen Gonzales, Lucy Yates

Board Excused: Yolanda Herrera, Terry Holmes

Board Not Excused: Kory Montoya, Teresa Williams

Guest Present: Martin Walker, Andrew Gans

Business Items: 1/14/2009

Topic	Discussion	Action / Person Responsible
1) Meeting called to order.	Ben – Called meeting to order @ 4:10 pm	N/A
2) Welcome / Introductions / Establish Quorum	Happy New Year & Welcomes started by Ben. All present made introductions. Quorum was announced with 5 board members.	N/A
3) Approval of Minutes.	Approval with corrections	
4 Dr. Amy Scott	AHRQ Grant is for three years it is to better improve internet portals to better treat our HCV patients through Project Echo. Working closely with NMHCA to better assist patients going thru treatment and support groups.	
4) Presentation-Collaboration with NMCPAG	Andrew Gans and Martin Walker - Presented on collaboration with NMCPAG. Merger is NOT what we are calling this. We worked so hard on our 501(c) 3 that we do not want to get rid of it. The best thing for us to do is to create a Task force under NMCPAG and have a Sub Committee under NMHCA. This would be the group that does most of the work and action part of Hepatitis as a standing working group to better manage things like World Hepatitis Day.	NMHCA – Discussion and Vote Next meeting?
Up dates/ Reports	<p>Executive Committee-Stephani Patten & Ben Corsey We are working on our new membership folder which includes an approved with corrections a letter for membership drive, outline of the folder entrails, & media advisory template.</p> <p>Treasurer Report-Holly Taylor Due to continued computer challenges, the treasurer’s report was not provided. Stephani helping to get the data input and reports produced</p> <p>Secretary Report- Vacant (Ben) We need sign in sheets from; 9/25/08, 10/08/08, 11/5/08 The position has been opened again. Ms. Baxter had to step down in order to fully commit to her new job. She also wanted to thank everyone for there support. We opened up the floor for nominations and Stephani volunteered to keep the Secretary position going. Vote was unanimous by acclamation. Ben welcomed her back from her ex-officio membership back to the executive committee.</p> <p>Advocacy Chair/ Other Items- Stephani Patten</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Grant proposal –Bosco Awarded the NMHCA with a grant for \$2,000.00 B. DPA Sign on letters we signed on to two of the DPA’s letters for New Mexico policies. C. NMHCA also agreed to sign onto the Colorado Syringe Exchange Program D. 1st 100 days sign on letter was taken care of by Stephani because the deadline was before the executive and board meeting. 	<p>Possible back up software, or laptop for NMHCA.</p> <p>Ben will finish notes 1/15/09</p> <p>Rachel contact First Nations for Grant writing assistance for Stephani.</p>

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7) Discuss frequency/ Date/ Time of Board Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephani stated that if this collaboration happens that we as a board or executive should have quarterly meetings. Holly quickly stated that we have not made a decision about the collaboration, so we cannot make a decision about the frequency of the board meetings. • We also decided that we would forgo quarterly membership meetings for now until we know where we are going to stand with NMCPAG or not. 	Tabled until next meeting.
8) Announcements/ Health Fairs/ Trainings	Lucy reported on the good news Gathering of Nations is going to be AMAZING we just got a free table and have the opportunity to invite some of our friends. We want to give the opportunity to some agencies.	Ben to contact NAN, NMAS, SWCC, SFMC, and CPAG
9) Wrap up and Next Meeting	Ben – announced next schedule meeting: Date: 2/11/09 Time: 3:30- 4:30 Executive Committee, 4:30-6:00 Board Location: Echo Building	
Adjourned	Ben – Adjourned meeting at 6:00 p.m.	

Approved