



Health Care for All Colorado Foundation Board of Director Meeting September 23, 2013

Present: Tom Gottlieb, Vince Markovchick, Elinor Christiansen, Chris Mandel, Donna Smith

Present by teleconference: Ann Molison

Absent: Sue Cornelius, Linda Shaw

Guests: Shelley Cohen, Bob Carlston

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Tom Gottlieb.

1. Minutes approved from August meeting with correction of spelling for Joann Ginal, State Representative, HD52, and change of phrasing to state "partnering with Irene".
2. Discussion that Sue Cornelius' last meeting as HCACF secretary and board member (and all around incredible volunteer) will be the October board meeting. Ann Molison suggests some special refreshments, etc. All agree.
3. Financial report from Neil Hagenbrok approved as submitted. Donna mentions that in October, HCACF will need to make another transfer to HCAC for the salary amounts paid out that were for ED hours worked for HCACF. All agree. There was discussion but no formal motion about Neil resignation and transferring check writing and signing authority for HCACF to Tom until another volunteer treasurer can be found. Donna will also talk to Sandy Kemper about having her support through this period.
4. Donna made brief ED report, including discussion of the resolution of the gala speaker travel costs from 2012. Donna spoke with PNHP national, and they (Matt and Ida) agreed that PNHP will cover half (\$800) of the outstanding costs due. Donna did have conversation with Tsung Mae Cheng. She was not willing to donate her travel costs, and Donna will again try to verify that she will accept partial payments. There was discussion about Neil's strong recommendation and advice that because the books had been closed from 2012, we could not pay these costs (even with receipts). Vince suggested that in order to honor that advice that perhaps the speaker might be able to prepare an invoice for current year consulting to reflect the \$800 remaining. Vince, Tom and all agreed HCACF cannot be seen as a "deadbeat" organization. Donna will continue to pursue appropriate action and bring to the board for approval ASAP.
5. HCACF website. Tom, Ann and all (except Donna) agreed that there looks to have been little to no progress on the HCACF website since the phone conference with Tom, Nathan and Donna during which it was agreed that the site would be improved and updated during September. Donna brought up her own inability to do as much as she would have liked during the week following the floods, and it was suggested that perhaps a one-week extension of Donna's deadline for action would be acceptable. If after this time, the site remains lacking in areas the

board deems essential for functionality, then steps will be taken to find an outside webmaster and perhaps opt for a different platform than NationBuilder. Donna mentioned that Jeff at Healthcare-NOW has done some web support for other chapters of HCN around the country and that for a small fee donated to HCN, Jeff might be able to assist us. No decision on this until deadline passes and board moves to take a new direction.

6. Donna is still is developing a communication guide to help board members understand how best to use Google docs and other communication tools. Donna will have for review prior to next board meeting. Flood slowed her work on this. Tom and others supported this might be a way to gather up and share all the wonderful articles and information Ann Molison shares with us. We will explore that too as we move forward on decisions related to web and communications/editorial committee, etc. Ann also mentions HC Talk that Dave Bean used to manage as an option, but no decision was made.

7. Donna to resend list of donors and call script to board members as some did not recall seeing it. Tom, Ann and Donna have begun calls with mixed results but some donations are coming in.

8. Discussion of the CMS/ CO-SIM committee that Elinor attended last Saturday. Elinor feels it would be good to engage; Tom expresses concern that it appears to focus on multi-payer options as stated in the original announcement; Vince mentions that after reading the document it sounds like it leans more towards payment reform than overall financial reform. After lengthy discussion, board agrees to find out more (including possible discussion with Katherine Blair) and see if it might be useful for HCACF to be part of this discussion/group being promoted by the Governor.

9. Discussion of the HCACF historical information shared by Tom and Elinor, including discussion of the period during which the split occurred between HCAC/HCACF and CHCC. Useful opinions expressed about the categories of people -- radicals, idealists, realists, opportunists -- and how understanding the overlaps and conflicts might help with the healing process and help us move past the grieving phase organizationally. Donna also expresses that our task is to take much of what may seem radical and idealistic and show how mainstream and pragmatic single-payer reform really is. Vince agrees. This is a valuable discussion about using our strategic plan along with the histories to guide us in our work going forward.

10. Brief discussion with Bob Carlston about ballot initiative process during which board suggested he remain and take up the issue with HCAC.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm

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