**Board Call Minutes**

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| Date | May 23, 2016 |

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| Present: | Graham Adams, Sharla Allen, Julie Casper, Natalie Claiborne, Keith Clark, Kathy Collison, Scott Daniels, Michelle Hoffman, Corie Kaiser, Kylie Nissen, John Packham, Sara Roberts, Mary Sheridan, Melissa VanDyne |
| Absent: | Lynette Dickson, Alisa Druzba, Kris Juliar, Karen Madden, Cathleen McElligott, Mark Schoenbaum, Ernie Scott, Don Wood |
| Excused: | John Barnas, Crystal Barter, Joyce Hospodar, Melinda Merrell |
| Staff: | Teryl Eisinger |
| Guest: | Jim Dedyne, Maner Costerisan |
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All meeting minutes will include a summary of topics and discussion as provided in the format below.

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| **AGENDA ITEM** | **SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION** | **FOLLOW UP ASSIGNMENT** |
| **Consent agenda/additions to agenda** | No additions  *Motion to accept consent agenda – Kylie Nissen, 2nd Sharla Allen; Motion carries* | No discussion |
| **Financials** | Jim Dedyne reviewed the audit report with Board; clean audit, not modified, no compliance issues, the best audit they have to give; probably won’t have audit for FY15-16; low risk auditee  *Motion to accept audit – Sara Roberts, 2nd Keith Clark; Motion carries* | No questions |
| **Update on** | *Increase appropriation and reauthorization for SORH* - *Update on bill that was introduced on April 29th, Rural Hospital Enhancement and Long Term Care Act – bumps up SORH program to $15m for 5 years, hospital to receive $100k for construction & improvements; Teryl sent out email asking for co-sponsors on the bill*  *Educational strategy for SORH proficiencies* - *Survey was sent out, 10 new members to the committee; trying to identify states that have RTT that are willing to share information, let C Salyers know; forming subcommittees – proficiencies & rebranding EE opportunities/scholarships* | No questions or comments |
| **Director report** | Included the ESD monthly report; Reviewed Directors Report - Development committee met during NRHA – in depth discussion on revenue generating activities; Rural EMS meeting, were asking for Grant Writing, developed a small virtual workshop; 25th anniversary of SORH, logos & videos will be available; communication committee working on NRHD, will be doing RFP for PR; NOA in July FORHP will ask us to reduce the budget the board approved by an estimated $75k to cover 3RNet contract, FORHP & some EC/Board members will be going to FORHP in July and will be discussing workforce issues.  DISCUSSION: How can NOSORH support SORH to partner on contracts to provide technical assistance to small rural providers on alternative payment methodologies? *SC – Brian Bower has been a big help with this. HI is involved*   * Should NOSORH form a team to track and plan for building SORH capacity on this? *Graham, Scott Daniels volunteered* * Put together a couple of ideas for how SORH can position and partner for this effort? | Teryl will touch base with Keith or Tom re: NOA and 3RNet funds – to get more information |
| **Regional Rep Talking Points** | * Request from Natalie for SORHs doing work on RTT * Hardy bill response * What can NOSORH or what are you planning on doing to provide TA on small rural providers on alternative payment methods |  |
|  | Keith Clark wants to make notation of the staff’s good work on the audit. |  |

Next Board meeting is scheduled for June 27th @ 3PM