

NHMS Council Meeting Minutes

5/14/2025

Location: 2 Capital Plaza; Concord NH - 5 pm- 6:30 pm

Meeting called to order 5:05 pm

Attendance in Person: Travis Harker, Gary Sobelson, Nancy Husarik, Cathy Stratton, Kirsten Singleton, Seddon Savage, Danielle Albushies, Patrick Ho, John Klunk, John Hink, Maria Boylan, Jonathan Ballard

Attendance Remotely: Frances Lim-Liberty, Frank Hubbell, Audrey Kern, George Letterio, Xi Nuo Gao, K.C. Kelly, Frances Lim-Liberty, Victoria Jones, Stephen Bishop, Marc Bertrand, Amy Lee, Bob LaFlam, Rebecca Zuurbier

Motion to approve the minutes from 4/2025; seconded, approved unanimously.

1. **Presentation from the NH Insurance Department:** Brochures shared. Group Regulates insurance on a state based level; all types. Group present works with life and health insurance.
 - a. “No Surprises Bill” passed in NH to prevent balance-billing. Independent Dispute Resolution process happens on the state level rather than the federal level. A no surprise bill takes the place of going to court.
 - b. Local vs federal IDR benefits: no admin fee, process is faster, each party pays half of the IDR’s entity fee

2. CEO NHMS Updates

Cathy Stratton

- a. Membership Drive – Board has a challenge to recruit 200 new members
- b. Webinars for 2025 are up and running.
- c. Weekly Legislative Pulse. Advocating strongly against the criminalization of medicine has been successful. Language changing within the bills this session.
- d. HB 2, Thanks to Dr. Fetter for testifying. Governor Ayotte promises to veto the Medicaid cut
- e. Save the date for a wine tasting event at Fratello’s in Manchester, August 23rd 5-8 pm
- f. Another event idea – looking for hiking event
- g. Fisher Cats event 6/20 – Group rate on the patio by the bullpen.
- h. Working on completing the integration of the new communication platform through the website. The Council will be the soft launch of the product.
- i. Legislative Update from John Ballard that the bill has passed to allow telehealth prescribing of important medications.

3. Leadership Development Program

Kirsten Singleton

- a. Open for applications: 2 year program that is not time consuming. Goal is for in person participation and 15+ students.

4. Committee Updates

a. AMA updates

Travis Harker/Alan Hartford

- i. Nicotine free generation discussed. Sellers may not sell after a person born before a certain date. This is being championed by MA. It has found to be constitutional by MA Supreme Court. There is an resolution from the NHMS to the New England Delegation that has been endorsed. Also endorsed by the American Thoracic Society.

b. Nominating Committee

Maria Boylan

c. Membership Committee

Danielle Albushies

d. Physician Wellness Committee

Angela Yerdon

Motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Danielle Albushies, MD