

NHMS Council Meeting Minutes

4/9/25 5:00-6:30pm

NHMS Offices

Meeting called to order 5:05 pm

Attendance:

Virtual: Audrey Kern, Frank Hubbell, Victoria Jones, Shabnam Momtahn, George Letterio, Frances Lim-Liberty, KC Kelly, Richard Johnson, Ross Bickford

In Person: Travis Harker, Melissa Martinez-Adorno, Stephen Bishop, John Klunk, Jim Bartels, Gary Sobelson, Maria Boylan, Patrick Ho, Nancy Husarik, Danielle Albushies, Angela Yerdon McLeod, Seddon Savage, John Hinck, Cathy Stratton, Kirsten Singleton

Absent: Maria Ramos, Eric Loo, Alan Hartford, Mark Windt, Terra Wilkins, Amy Lee, Ernie Tao, Marc Bertrand, Jonathan Ballard, Lucu Hodder, Xi Nuo Gao, Lin Brown, Todd Morrell, Ellen Joyce, Lisa Patterson, Anthony Mollano, Xiaoli Dong, Rebecca Zuurbier, Bob LaFlam, Tammy Surakiatchanukul

Motion to approve the minutes from 3/2025; seconded, approved unanimously.

1. **Presentation from New Futures.** Brochures shared; Discussed who they are, what they do. Free, robust training programs for the public and providers. Kate Frey, VP of Advocacy New futures presented. Strong relationship between the NHMS and New Futures is beneficial to public health in NH.

2. **CEO Update**

- a. Tradewing product presentation. Tradewing is a platform to have one place to get relevant information and engage in peer-to-peer conversations. You can make specialty groups and have private conversations. Done with full control of the members. Each member decides how often they want to get updates: daily, weekly. No ads, information stays secure and private. There is an app for iPhone or Android or via access on our website. Cathy is familiar with the product and has used it before. She supports its success in building engagement between members of an association.
- b. Webinar selection discussed to increase membership engagement.
 - i. Environment – climate change; potential faculty reviewed.
 - ii. Healthcare workforce – workforce issues; potential faculty reviewed.
 - iii. Innovation
 - iv. Cannabis – update on legislation; potential faculty reviewed.
 - v. Legal education – contracting, PA, BOM, Medical malpractice trends
 - vi. Sponsors – Baystate Financial, Ledyard Bank – fiscal fitness, estate planning
- c. Spring Event with food and wine pairing fundraising even at Fratello's tentatively 6/20/25 will be postponed until late summer/early fall. Proceeds of fundraiser to

support membership and attendance at annual event for residents and medical students.

3. Committee Reports

a. AMA Delegation update

Travis Harker

- i. Innovative approach to attain a tobacco free generation proposed by Alan Hartford was reviewed. Update on the New England Delegation of Medical Societies. Travis will share what our neighbors are working on.

b. Education Committee

Travis Harker

- i. Members reviewed
- ii. Committee accredits 9 organizations: North Country Health Consortium, Southern NH AHEC, Concord Hospital, Exeter Hospital, St. Joe's Hospital, NH Musculoskeletal Institute, Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Southern NH Med Center, Elliot Hospital. CMC withdrew application after HCA acquisition.
- iii. Re-accreditations occurred for North Country Health Consortium and Southern NH AHEC.
- iv. Progress Reports occur when organization is out of compliance with ACCME standards – organization given 6-8 months to address and fix issues. Progress Reports were needed for Exeter Hospital and St. Joe's Hospital.
- v. 2 accreditations coming in the Spring: Wentworth Douglas and Concord Hospital.
- vi. Plug for members to join the Education Committee. 1-1/2 hour meeting every other month.

c. Membership Committee Update

Cathy and Kirsten for Danielle Albushies

d. Physician Health Committee Update

Angela Yerdon-Mcleod

4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Cathy Stratton

- a. Need Infectious Disease Rep to Contractor Advisory Council Committee- (Elevare) Aalok Khloe, MD resigned 3/25
- b. Seddon's Governor's Commission on Substance Abuse

5. Legislative Update/Discussion

Patrick Ho, Cathy Stratton

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Albushies, MD