

# Minnesota Rural Health Association

## Board of Director's Meeting

Meeting Minutes  
CentraCare Health Systems  
St. Cloud, MN  
January 28, 2005  
9:00 am – 11:30 am

### PRESENT

Dr. Ray Christensen	University of Minnesota
Maddy Forsberg	SW MN Area Agency on Aging
Mark Schoenbaum	Office of Rural Health and Primary Care
Dave Borgert	CentraCare Systems
Duane Nelson	Eide Bailly, LLP
Robin Weis	SW MN Senior Linkage
Arnie Graff	Family Practice
Sonya McNamara	HEIP
Julie Larson	Consultant

### TELECONFERENCE

Vickie Trauba	Rural Health Resource Center
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### ABSENT

Eric Weller	ISJ-Mayo Hospital
Lynette Engeswick	Minnesota State University of Mankato
Barbara Muesing	University of Minnesota

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Meeting brought to order at 9:15 by Ray Christensen.

MRHA membership elections were held this past fall, the 2005 officers are: Liz Quam, President Elect; Duane Nelson, Treasurer.

Ray Christensen is President and Maddy Forsberg is the Immediate Past President.

The executive committee for 2005 is: Liz Quam, Maddy Forsberg, Duane Nelson, Ray Christensen, Mark Schoenbaum, Arnie Graff, Vicki Trauba, and Julie Larson, Director.

### Treasurers Report

Dave Borgert moved to approve report, Mark Schoenbaum seconded. All approved. The audit committee will be: Mark Schoenbaum, Maddy Forsberg, Vicki Trauba and Duane Nelson is the chair of this committee.

### Coordinator's Report

Conference wrap up. The board discussed the financial bottom line (in treasurer's report) of the 2004 conference. The 2005 Rural Health Conference will be held in Duluth. The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care is contracting with the Center for Rural Health to manage the conference.

### **New Business**

New director discussion: The board talked about expectations of a new director including how much MRHA could afford and for how long.

Maddy made a motion to retain Julie Larson as Director of MRHA for \$30 per hour up to 20 hours a week for six months, with up to 30% of salary for expenses. Duane seconded. Discussion: Dave will put together a contract and get approval of the contract from the executive committee. All approved.

HEIP may contract with MRHA/Julie for staff time up to \$2000 for six months.

There was general discussion around priorities of the board and items that need attention. Financial development, membership development and website upgrade were the main topics of discussion.

### **Committees**

- a. Nominating Committee: Maddy Forsberg, Chair, Tom Larson and Gary Wingrove
- b. Legislative Committee: Dave Borgert, Chair, Ray Christensen, Maddy Forsberg, Mark Schoenbaum, Liz Quam
- c. Membership
- d. Structural Development
- e. Financial Development

The new director will work on the committees.

Next Meeting: April 15, 2005

The July board meeting will be held at the Rural Health Conference, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-11.

Respectfully Submitted

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