

MINNESOTA RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
JULY 17, 2006
9:30 AM – 11:00AM
Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center

Present
Mark Schoenbaum
Tim Stratton
Ray Christensen
Tiffany Yen
Judy Neppel
Duane Nelson
Liz Quam
Jenni Beech
Maddy Forsberg
Jack Geller

- I. Introductions and agenda
Went over mission statement. Discussed need to review Bylaws (July of each year will be the beginning of the new year), evaluate strategic plan and need to follow-up on Bremer contract reporting.
- II. Prior minutes were approved.
- III. June financials were reviewed and approved. Bremer bank account is branch of office in Crookston so we do not need a new bank account.
- IV. Old business
 - a. Discussed permanent office in Crookston
 - b. Judy Neppel approved as executive director effective the middle of July. Discussed employee versus independent contractor. Subsequently set up as independent contractor at \$31,300 on an annual basis with total time commitment at approximately one-half time plus expenses.
 - c. Discussed Bremer Grant purpose to develop board and expand membership. For subsequent year \$15,000 match. Not sure if this is cash or in-kind support. Reporting to be checked into.
 - d. UMC to provide in-kind contribution for web site development.
 - e. Dave, Liz and Maddy on the legislative committee. Discussed legislative priorities. No decision made. Also discussed how rural pharmacies are in crisis.
 - f. Nancy, Tim and Maddy on the education committee. Meth is taking a lot of resources in rural Minnesota.
 - g. Vickie, Tiffany, Robin and Mary on the membership committee.
 - h. Need to nominate three board members for a 1 year term. Need a board member from long-term care. Also need to clarify terms for each of the board members.
 - i. Thanks to Maddy, Ray, Julie and the rest of the board for past efforts.
- V. Robin Weiss elected Secretary and Barbara Muesing as president-elect.
Jenni Beech, Tiffany Yen and Greg Thorson elected to the board.
Future meeting dates were discussed
Newsletter article to be put together for Jack's group. Joint sponsorship? Can we contribute articles?
Meeting adjourned.

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