

Western New York Public Health Alliance, Inc.

August 11th, 2005 meeting action log

Quorum was present: 9 board members were at the meeting

1. **Flu Vaccine 2005:**

Sal:
Complete: Y N

Discussion regarding the potential shortage of flu vaccine for this upcoming flu season. It is hard to plan no knowing all the variables. Sal Page offered to ask for the State's plan regarding the flu vaccine. Call for developing a committee to address this issue. Those who expressed an interest in participating include: Bob Furlani, NYSDOH; Barb Hastings will send a representative. For others who are interested, please get in touch with Lee Nadler @ (716) 858 – 6998.

2. **Payor Board Seat:**

VOTE

Discussion regarding the payor board member seat. Many issues were discussed including, but not limited to, the length of meetings, the cumbersome agenda and the frequency of meetings (monthly vs – quarterly). A motion was passed to come to the October 13th meeting ready to make a decision regarding the payor board member seat. Another motion was passed to table the issue of including payor board member representation on the board until after the first of the year.

3. **Alliance Annual Meeting:**

VOTE

Brief discussion regarding the Alliance annual meeting. A motion passed to hold the Alliance annual meeting in January 2006.

4. **America Public Health Association:**

VOTE

Allison:
Complete: Y N

Money is available in the budget to send a Board member to the American Public Health Association. Don is already registered and will be doing an oral presentation. A motion passed to canvas the Board of Directors regarding interest to attend the conference. Allison will email the Board to see who is interested.

5. **Website:**

VOTE

Don:
Complete: Y N

Don asked for consideration be given to Bob Watkins from UB regarding all the work he has done on the Alliance website. A motion passed to pay Bob for the work he has done on the Alliance website. Don will check in with Bob regarding getting an invoice for the work.

6. **Policy development:**

Allison:
Complete: Y N

Discussion regarding the need for a policy for approving payments as accountability must be in place once the Oishei grant comes through. Allison will work on this policy with Don's review.

7. **Regional Perinatal Centers:**

CONSENSUS

Bob:
Complete: Y N

Discussion regarding the RPC not having access to regional data. Consensus among the Board members that this is a State issue. Bob Furlani will look into possible ways for the State to grant the RPCs access to relevant regional perinatal data.

8. **WNYHELPNET.ORG:**

VOTE

Allison/Kathy:
Complete: Y N

Discussion regarding the present status of HealthforAll and the need to move one last asset, the helpnet. The Board discussed taking on this asset and a motion passed that the Alliance should take on wnyhelpnet.org and the remaining monies from HealthforAll. Kathy will have the paperwork faxed to the Erie County Department of Health and Alliance will coordinate.

9. **WNY Steering Committee:**

VOTE

Discussion regarding having Dr. Billittier represent the Alliance and Public Health on the WNY Steering Committee; the Board endorsed this. **A motion passed to have Dr. Billittier represent the Alliance and Public Health on the WNY Steering Committee.**