

Alpha Board Meeting March 14, 2006

Board Members Present: Kate Landis, Alice Rarig, Brad Whistler, Rebecca Wells, Heather Davis, Nicolle Mode, Brian Saylor, Betty Buchan, Corky Olson, John Riley, Jayne Andreen, Delisa Culpepper, Nancy Davis

Guests: Ellen Ganley, Marie Lavigne,

Suggested amendments to the agenda –
Amicus brief for Dental Health Program – green on priority list.
Received Karen Robinsons' Legislative Update.
Position on HB 380.
Financial status of chronic disease self management program training.

APHA 3 priorities
Health Summit Planning
Management contract review

Changes to minutes:

ALPHA retreat minutes – correct Betty Buchan (not Buchanan). Change Brain to Brian. Change Heather's name to Heather from Healthier.

Motion: Nicolle moved to accept the consent agenda. Betty seconded. No objections. Consent Agenda passed.

Board Discussion:

Review of priorities: Priorities for the Board during the next 12 months. (actually 10 months). Minutes on page 3 ranked according to color. We will assume that is the priority list.

Health Forums for Gubernatorial elections: One thing discussed without resolve was whether or not we want (or want to co-sponsor) a health debate part of the gubernatorial or other legislative races? Or should we attend different forums and ask questions? Question – do we have the resources to do this? Maybe we want to find a group to co-host – perhaps Primary Care Association – Marilyn is pretty political. Maybe the Association of Hospitals and Nursing Homes. This would be a different perspective from public health, but is not a bad idea.

Brian will make calls and report back at the next meeting if there is any interest in doing something with partners.

Amicus brief – The question before us – Should we, as a board, get on board as a joiner in the Amicus brief? We need to look at our tax status to see if we can do this? Does this cross the line for lobbying that would endanger our tax exempt status. We could say our professional organization endorses the concept and we passed a resolution to that affect. Rather than saying we will join those who are preparing amicus briefs.

We could get some consultation with APHA and there might be some wisdom in joining hands with them. Rather than two entities.

Motion: Nancy – I move we consult with APHA in the interest of filing an amicus brief on behalf of the dental health aide and therapist program. Second: John. Motion passed.

Action steps – we would be interested in doing something if needed, we're contacting APHA to see if they are willing to do it or do it on our behalf if something is needed.

Also suggested that we inform Ron Nagle of this. We should remind him also that we have adopted a resolution and that is something he can use. Brian will contact APHA. He will also notify Ron of our motion and that we will consider it, moving forward after our next meeting.

Information Insights contract: Draft contract from Information Insights – follow up of decision to discuss with them. Delisa, Brian, Alice and Brad met with Ellen. Cost is \$1500 for 12 months – all inclusive rate. Questions on the contract or what we should do next? Suggestions for modification of contract include:

- a. Information Insights will add phrasing in contract for not precluding additional projects/money.
- b. Maintain Alpha website.
- c. Start March 14, 2006.

Motion: Brad – Move to adopt contract as amended. Delisa seconded. Motion passed.

Motion: John --Move to place Ellen Ganley and Debbie Mowrey on the signature card. Corky seconded. Motion approved.

HB 380: Request from DEC to have a position on House Bill 380 (veterinary authority). Chris Tofteberg was interested in this. Have Chris brief executive committee on this.

Health Summit Planning. We have not submitted a signed contract with Sheraton. A couple of items we want concurrence of board with – meals and room space. December 4-6, 2006. As long as we take out the specifics (number of breakfasts, number of lunches) and keep total dollar items--\$14,000. First Health Summit Planning Meeting. 2nd Wednesday of the month. April 12. 11:30am.

APHA – Out top 3 priorities: Defer to Executive Committee. Areas of expertise to provide in case of flu pandemic.

Municipality of Anchorage 10 year plan on obesity and health. Hope to get it posted on the ALPHA website. Will influence healthy communities, school

Transition planning – Brian will work with Ellen and Marie on this.

Announcements, Emerging Issues and Opportunities

Public Health week April 3-9. Designing Healthy Communities – Raising Healthy Kids. Brian will take this on with selected board members. Jane will help.

Update from Alice on status of State Insurance Grant. Much activity – getting ready to do household and employer surveys and doing multiple forums. Covering the Uninsured Week – first week in May. Juneau-May 1. Anchorage-May 5.

Motion to adjourn.