



NVPCA Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes January 7, 2025

Board Members Present	Walter Davis, Teri Gilbert Eisenga, Sharon Chamberlain, John Packham, Christopher (CJ) Hansen, Randy Smith, David Robeck (8:46), Diego Martinez, Oscar Delgado, Tina Alicea (9:18) and Nancy Bowen (Ex Officio)
Board Members Absent	Steve Flores
Also Present	NVPCA Staff: Nancy Barklage, Karen Ford Manza, Steve Messinger, Kim Lambrecht, and Lisa Scurry (Note Taker)

1. Call to Order

Secretary-Treasurer Teri Gilbert Eisenga called the meeting of the NVPCA Board of Directors to order at 8:32 am. Vice President Walter Davis took control of the meeting at 8:35. The meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom. A quorum of members was established.

a) Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was reviewed with no questions or suggested changes. It was moved by CJ Hansen, and seconded by Randy Smith, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consent Agenda

a) Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting on November 5, 2024

b) Chief Executive Officer's Report and Organizational Dashboards

The consent agenda, consisting of the minutes of the November 5, 2024, Board of Directors Retreat, the CEO report, and the organizational dashboard, was presented for approval. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Martinez asked that the November 5, 2024, minutes be corrected to indicate he was present.

It was moved by Diego Martinez, and seconded by CJ Hansen, to approve the consent agenda, with the revision to the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Board Governance Moment

a) Board Governance Moment

Nancy Bowen stated that as part of the Strategic Plan, and in response to the Board self-assessment conducted a few months ago, each meeting will include a Board governance moment where assorted topics will be presented. She reviewed a list of typical roles and responsibilities of Board members. Those responsibilities include collaboration with NVPCA leadership to create and implement a strategic plan; and participate in fiscal and operational oversight, and policy development.

b) Member Meeting Attendance Record

As an ongoing informational item, attendance of members at regularly scheduled meetings for the past year was provided.

4. Administrative and Financial Reports

a) Budget to Actual YTD Financial Reports with Financial Dashboard

Nancy Barklage reviewed the Year-to-Date financial report through December 2024, including actual revenues and expenses. All expenses are on target and within the budgeted range. She noted the adjusted income which shows income already received and of which budgeted expenses are beginning to be recognized.

It was moved by CJ Hansen, and seconded by Teri Gilbert Eisenga, to accept the Budget-to-Actual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025, through December 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

b) CareSource Grant Funding and Application

Karen Ford Manza reminded the Board about the Call for Applications for 2025 CareSource Rural Nevada Investment. Applications were accepted through January 10, 2025, for the up to \$175,000 being administered through NVPCA.

Mr. Davis asked if more than one application could be submitted. Ms. Manza responded that there was no limit on the number of applications a health center could submit.

5. Strategic Discussion

a) Strategic Growth Ad Hoc Committee Requests

A review of the discussion at the Strategic Growth Ad Hoc Committee from the December 2024 meeting was presented. During that meeting, the Committee asked that each member health center provide information about their future plans for growth. After discussion, it was decided that each FQHC would submit their independent growth strategies for the next 18 months. The collected results would be shared with all at the next meeting.

There was discussion about the frequency of meetings. Rather than meeting quarterly, the group decided to meet with more frequency and the next meeting would be combined with the Board Retreat on February 26.

Mr. Davis asked if any of the members had questions or concerns with providing the information. Mr. Smith supported the idea and suggested adding a list of what services may be available at a site (new or existing). It was agreed that a list of services would be added to the survey.

Ms. Bowen added that the survey will be used for information gathering and then NVPCA will update the report done in 2021 by Capital Link regarding need across the state. The goal will be to make a full report at the September Board Retreat.

b) Medicaid – Federal Level Concerns

Ms. Bowen described some of the concerns expressed nationally over potential changes to Medicaid under the new federal administration. A nationwide PCA-led initiative has developed a workplan to take steps to help protect Medicaid. Those steps include a public awareness campaign, providing data and impact statements on a national and state level, and grassroots mobilization.

As part of the discussion, Steve Messinger explained that Congress decides the rules for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and funding changes can happen as part of reconciliation, with only a simple majority needed. He added that it would likely be the wealthier states impacted if the 40% funding floor is eliminated or changed.

6. Policy Committee Update

a) Federal Updates

Steve Messinger, Policy Director, presented an update on health center funding, protecting the right of health centers to contract pharmacies (340B), expanding PCP training opportunities in FQHCs, and 2025 legislative priorities. He and Ms. Bowen will be in Washington D.C. on February 5 for the Day on the Hill.

The funding cliff is March 31. He recommended holding off on funding advocacy efforts until after the new administration takes office and closer to mid-March.

He explained that there probably will not be complicated policy fixes to concerns like 340B in the first year. NVPCA will continue to advocate in the Nevada Legislature.

b) 2025 Legislative Priorities

Mr. Messinger asked if the Board would like to have a presentation and discussion on 340B at the February Board Retreat, led by a federal expert. After discussion, the Board decided against it, and it was added that the PCA and health centers have lobbyists already providing that information. Mr. Davis suggested that there was no added value to having the consultant come to the Board meeting.

There was further discussion about inviting a Nevada consultant to the meeting to discuss what drugs may be impacted, what is the cost of complying with the various rules, etc.

7. Data Spotlight

a) Hypertension

Steve Messinger and Kimberly Lambrecht shared 2024 year-to-date UDS data on hypertension. NVPCA shared the data to assist health centers in making informed decisions on where to focus funding resources, on patterns related to patient success in controlling hypertension, etc.

8. Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business, Vice President Davis adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

NOTES

Next Meeting	The Board will conduct an in-person Board Retreat on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. The time and location are to be determined.
Approved By	

ROLL CALL

President: Steve Flores, Hope Christian Health Center	Absent - Excused
Vice President: Walter Davis, Nevada Health Centers	Present
Secretary/Treasurer: Teri Gilbert Eisenga, Washoe Tribal Health Center	Present
Tina Alicea, Safe Harbor Medical	Present
Sharon Chamberlain, Northern Nevada HOPES	Present
Oscar Delgado, Community Health Alliance	Present
C.J. Hansen, Canyonlands Healthcare	Present
Diego Martinez, First Person Care Clinic	Present
John Packham, Office of Statewide Initiatives	Present
David Robeck, Bridge Counseling Associates	Present