

NAFC BOARD MINUTES

Date: 12/18/2019

10:00am – Eastern Time

Location: Web-Conference

Meeting called by:	Board Chair	Type of meeting:	Regular
Facilitator:	Board Chair	Note taker:	NAFC Secretary

Attendees: NAFC Staff, Bobby Kapur, Stephanie Garris, Shannon Watson, Angie McLaughlin, Beth Armstrong, Randy Jordan, Maureen Tomoschuk, Larry Robins, Johanna Henz, Isi Green, Sheri Wood, Linda Wilkinson

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE (2.6.2)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the October 2019 Board Meeting (ATTACHMENT A1)

Beth Armstrong made the motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Stephanie Garris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. CEO UPDATE DISCUSSION (ATTACHMENT B1)

Nicole reviewed the highlights of her report and then asked if anyone had any questions. There had been board discussion previously regarding whether to hold 4 or 6 total meetings and staff would like clarification on the number of meetings and recommends that the meetings start later in the day for West coast members. Stephanie requested what the staff thought. Nicole stated that staff believes that 2 in-person meetings and 2 longer virtual meetings with the options to meeting virtually on an as needed basis would be a good fit for the Board. The group is in agreement to move to 4 total meetings per year but move the virtual meetings later in the day and for a longer period of time and to meet again if it is needed. Staff will set the 2020 meetings dates and times around the in-person March and October meetings.

The House of Representatives passed on December 17, 2020 and each of the NAFC Appropriations Requests were funded at the level of our requests. The Senate has also confirmed they will support our all of our funding requests when their appropriations package comes to the floor, however, the Senate is not are not agreeing to the House passed budget. FQHC's are only funded through May 2020 if the current budget passes.

Drug Pricing bill has been killed. Insulin pricing was included in that bill. The bill became very complex with several issues. Nicole explained the current Stark Law updates. NAFC will be submitting comments. NAFC comments have met with very high level policy advisors regarding the NAFC positions on it. AMA is incredibly concerned that the Stark Law will negatively impact the uninsured and those that serve them. NAFC has been

recommended to send comments to OIG as well as CMS since the OIG has a broader scope than just CMS/Medicare/Medicaid. There are several subsections that the NAFC will focus on that hold the greatest concern to our members.

The group discussed the current relationships between clinics and hospitals and what clinics are currently receiving services from hospitals that may have Stark Law issues. The group also discussed what some groups/clinics are already doing to mitigate current risks and plan for the future.

Nicole reviewed the survey results from members regarding the Stark Law and what limits the NAFC has due to clinics not wanting to be named and fearful of being identified. Randy Jordan will discuss this issue this afternoon with the state association leaders at their meeting to try and get some members to help tell the clinic stories regarding the Stark Law. Stephanie urged education to clinics to ensure the violations that may be out there could be addressed before they become a bigger issue.

Practice Fusion will be free again for another year that Ariana has secured. CVS grants are selected and grantees have been awarded. 65 awardees of 200 submitted.

4. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS (3.5) (ATTACHMENTS C1)

Shannon Watson reviewed the financial summary report. Shannon identified the typos, but all numbers are correct. Shannon pointed out that the Direct Relief funds just came in on 12/17/19. Giving Tuesday was a huge success. Checks are coming in strong for year-end appeal. Kerry did a great job on the mailing and donations are coming in through year-end. Shannon reminded the board to support the NAFC and fulfill your commitment to the NAFC.

Larry Robins moved to approve financials. Angie McLaughlin seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

5. MONITORING CEO PERFORMANCE (Policy 4.4) (ATTACHMENT D1)

Board Awareness and Support - Policy 3.8

Shannon Watson moved to approve, and Larry Robins seconded. Motion carried unanimously. CEO report will continue to come out 6 times per year. Larry asked Nicole to check the monitoring report schedule in reference to the new meeting schedule and send to board for update if necessary.

6. NOMINATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR OFFICERS (ATTACHMENT E1)

Larry reviewed the Nominations Committee report. Shannon Watson made the motion to approve the nominations committee recommendations. Bobby Kapur seconded the motions. Larry, the committee, and the entire board are grateful for Bobby's leadership and personal commitment to the NAFC board and staff as he completes his term as Board Chair.

7. PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL (ATTACHMENT F1)

Nicole presented the list of committee applications and asked for approval for this group.

Beth Armstrong made the motion to approve the committee as submitted and Shannon Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

8. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION

Nicole and everyone thanked Linda Wilkinson for her time and commitment to the NAFC as this will be her last meeting with us. Nicole informed the Board that she will be unable to travel on Fridays for the NAFC for the next few weeks because she will be undergoing medical treatments.

9. BOARD MEETING EVALUATION (Policy 2.1.8)

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m. Eastern Time.