

TOWN OF ISLESBORO

HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2011, 3:30 PM, TOWN OFFICE

MINUTES

Present: Charlotte Mitchell, chair; Linda Gillies; Jeffrey Grossman; Owen Howell, PA-C; Pastor David Runnion-Bareford; Rhonda Shand; Donna Seymour; Alison Wood, PA-C

Absent: Janet Harmen; Maura Michael; Brenda Thomas

Charlotte Mitchell, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm. She said that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the issue of professional work performed by the PA's off-island during time off from their duties at the Islesboro Health Center. Town Manager Jeff Grossman has held up the renewal of the contracts for Allie Wood and Owen Howell, due to be signed and instituted by June 30, 2011, for he feels that a restriction should be placed on the number of hours that the PA's work during their time off. The reason for the restriction is to protect the PA's from fatigue that could impact negatively on their work at the Health Center, thus causing a potential liability for the Town. He has discussed this issue with the Selectmen, who referred it to the Health Center Advisory Board (HCAB) for a recommendation.

HCAB vice-chair David Runnion Bareford circulated a report that he had prepared. The report included information about the PA's present schedule, the history of the PA's off-island work, the practices at the only other independent Rural Health Clinic in Maine, Jonesport, and a draft recommendation from the HCAB to the Selectmen (attached).

Jeff Grossman circulated an email letter from William H. Dale of Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry, the Town's counsel. The email was a follow-up to a "telephone conference" held on August 29, 2011 (attached).

After considerable discussion, the HCAB members unanimously endorsed the statement drafted by David Runnion-Bareford and asked him to read it at the Selectmen's meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gillies
Committee member
8/30/11