

Islesboro Health Center Advisory Board

Special Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2012

Opening:

This special meeting of the HCAB was called to order at 4:35pm on 02/08/2012 in Town Office by Charlotte Mitchell, Chair.

Present:

Charlotte Mitchell, George Evans, Maura Michael, Alison Wood, Linda Gillies, Donna Seymour, David Runnion-Bareford, Jan Harmen, Owen Howell, Myra Rolerson, Rhonda Shand, Alex Hodges

Meeting:

Alison Wood presented PowerPoint presentation(attached) prepared by herself and Gordon Murphy detailing sliding fee scale program.

Allie explained that this program was originally mentioned around 6/2010, it is not a new concept and something that has been discussed for some time.

This is basically an affordable means for those with no health insurance to have access to medical care. With more attention to preventative care the hope is for additional costly care to be avoided.

The numerous benefits to the consumer were outlined and an added benefit to Health Center would be that having this program would help qualify us as a National Healthcare Provider Shortage Area. Which qualifies site for Federal Student Loan Forgiveness to make site more attractive for recruitment & retention of providers at no cost to Health Center.

Discussion centered on the point that no patient will be denied health services due to individual's inability to pay for services, all were in agreement. Discussion also concerning a possibility of making application form more users friendly, Allie will look into this. Also, discussion that community fund may be able to help with loss in revenue.

Motion made to implement sliding fee scale program immediately for a period of one year with an option to continue. All approved.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm by Charlotte Mitchell.

Minutes submitted by:

Maura Michael