

## HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING – DECEMBER 15, 2011, 3:30 PM, Town Office

Present: David Runnion-Bareford, George Evans, Linda Gillies, Jan Harmen, Charlotte Mitchell, Myra Rolerson, Donna Seymour, Rhonda Shand, Brenda Thomas, Alison Wood, PA-C

Absent: Jeffrey A. Grossman, Maura Michaels

Charlotte Mitchell, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm.

A MOTION to approve the minutes for HCAB's meeting of September 22, 2011 was seconded and approved.

### Physician Assistant's Report (Allie Wood)

- 1) Kathleen Kerr, MSN, MA, CNS and Michael Kerr, MD, who have recently moved full-time to the island, have begun to provide counseling services to patients at the Health Center.
- 2) At a special session of the Board of Selectmen on December 7th, Town Attorney Sally Daggett gave a presentation of the Right to Know law, emphasizing that emails are public documents that can be seen by anyone. Committee members should be mindful of this when writing emails concerning HCAB matters.
- 3) The Health Center has several projects brewing and would like to enlist the help of HCAB members. Allie suggested that perhaps the HCAB should appoint a projects sub-committee. Linda said she thought that all committee members would be willing to participate in initiatives on a self-selecting basis, according to their interests and time availability, and that a sub-committee of our relatively small committee would not be necessary.
- 4) At the 12-7-11 Board of Selectmen meeting, Public Safety Officer Fred Porter felt that remarks made by Charlotte Mitchell and Jeffrey Grossman interfered with his confidential relationship with members of the public and asked for apologies from both Charlotte and Jeff. Allie read the following statement:

At the 12-7-11 Board of Selectmen meeting, it was indirectly implied that Fred Porter disclosed potentially confidential information regarding the nature of addiction and abuse on Islesboro. Having attended the meeting this information was gathered from, my recollection is that the Town Manager mentioned that he is aware of the amount of addiction issues based on prior conversations with Fred. He did not imply that Islesboro "is composed totally of addicts" or that he knows "all this because of my close relationship with Fred."

Health Fair. Charlotte presented a recent letter from Island Institute Fellow Alex Hodges outlining a committee structure to be established in preparation for the spring Health Fair (letter attached). A sign-up sheet was circulated. Charlotte expressed renewed thanks to Alex for her good work in organizing the three fall Health Talks.

A MOTION to adjourn was seconded and approved at 3:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Gillies

12/16/11