



**New York State Association for Rural Health  
Executive Committee**

**September 16, 2019  
Via Conference Call**

P = Present: E = Excused

<b>Barry Brogan</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Richard Merchant</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Derrick Chrisler</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Claire Parde</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Charlotte Crawford</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>David Riddell</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Richard Kazel</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Jack Salo</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Helen Evans</b>	<b>P</b>		
<b>Jennifer Leszyk</b>	<b>P</b>	Karin Blackburn	P
Karen Madden	P	Katie Rafferty	P
Carley Marbot	P	Sara Wall Bollinger	P

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	Meeting convened at 3:02 pm	No agenda modifications.	R. Merchant
<b>Senate Appropriation</b>	<p>Karen Madden presented information. The Office of Rural Health (ORH) will contract with NYSARH. NYSARH will contract with 32 RHNs and 44 rural hospitals. ORH is preparing the budget and work plan. They have determined the amount of each grant based on a formula [percentage of main grant]. Recipients will have broad discretion to spend funds on ‘activities that support the goals of the program’. Expenses incurred 4/1 – 9/30 may be claimed and paid with a 25% Advance. Funds need to be expended by 3/31/20.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of Board notification of funding opportunity</li> <li>• Timeline of events leading up to call</li> <li>• No Board approval to accept funding; review for capacity, fit to mission, vision, values</li> <li>• NYSARH needs to review our policies. It is not clear that we have guidance for managing sub-contracts like this</li> <li>• Many NYSARH board members work for entities that will be in receipt of these contracts; may impact their ‘independent’ status as board members</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ORH will send a communication this week notifying RHN and RHA recipients of the Senate Appropriation and NYSARH’s role</li> <li>2. Helen will share a policy re: contract approvals from Ardent Solutions</li> <li>3. Finance Committee will consider a NYSARH budget modification to accommodate these new funds and present a plan to the Board for discussion next week</li> <li>4. Executive Committee will amend or appendix the Administrative Agreement with NAHEC</li> </ol> <p>Motion (Brogan/Leszyk) that a Resolution to accept these funds and enter into a contract with NYSDOH be brought before the Board of Directors for a vote at the September 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Vote: yes 6; no 0; abstain 1</p>	R. Merchant K. Madden

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We may be able to avoid awkwardness by adopting the ORH allocations before knowing what they will be</li> <li>• ORH is willing to be the ‘heavy hand’ if there are any questions regarding appropriate expenditures</li> <li>• RHN and RHA perception and importance of transparency/communication</li> <li>• Operationally, the ORH will work with staff (Karin)</li> </ul>		
<b>Adjourn</b>	3:40		
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	Submitted by Sara Wall Bollinger 09/18/2019	Attachments Presented: Timeline Summary of meeting Preliminary plans for funds Draft communication	

