

**CHURCH HEALTH, Board of**  
Via Startmeeting/Teleconference – March 4, 2013

**Present on the call:** Cory Engel, Loren Eder, Fred Rodda, Bryan Baker, and Steve Strutz

Bryan Baker opened the session with a word of prayer. Cory Engel then shared a brief devotional on Matthew 4:19 and the invitation Jesus gave to the Disciples to be Leaders in the world.

The Board reviewed the reason for its existence:

- I. We exist to support and encourage healthy, life-giving, multiplying and prevailing churches in the Western Conference.
  
- II. We do this through facilitating Church Health Assessments, helping churches engage in peacemaking principles, providing resources to churches looking to improve their health and vitality, and by keeping the importance of church health in front of our Conference Churches.
  
- III. Fresh Starts – A portion of our budget has been established for the purpose of
  - a. Supporting “Turn-Around” processes with a struggling church by:
    - i. Helping with a restart or re-development
    - ii. Helping with external consulting/coaching fees
    - iii. Specialized training/conferences
    - iv. Re-branding
  - b. Supporting the “peace-making” process with a church in conflict
    - i. Providing peacemaking resources and training
    - ii. Subsidizing mediation or on-site consultation
    - iii. Development of a peace-making team within the church family
  - c. Supporting the “Health Assessment process within a church.”
    - i. Engaging in the NCD survey with the Insights Report
    - ii. NCD Coaching and/or implementation expenses.

After a review of the minutes from 2012, the board discussed the initial session of the Auxano’s Co:Lab which was held Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. There was unanimous praise for the event, and everyone is excited for the process to work itself out within our Churches. Through the process, the importance of vision clarity has become clear, and that churches that lack a clear and defined vision for its existence often drift into arenas of dysfunction, ineffectiveness, and un-health.

Because of this, it was agreed upon that a comprehensive review of the process be conducted as we head into the 2012 Annual Conference, with consideration of how “Vision Clarity” might be part of the Boards long term strategy of assisting Church’s in becoming healthier and more effective.

Supt. Steve Strutz gave a quick overview of a few health situations that are presently facing the Conference. Considerable discussion was given to the development of an “Interim Pastor” program that could be available to churches that are in transition. These pastors would be specifically trained to help churches through transition, and set the stage for the next pastor to have a more successful transition. There are a couple pastors in our conference who are interested in being trained in this, and it was agreed upon to fund these pastors in getting this training, and to

discuss the possibility of making this a formal part of the BOCH ministry to our conference churches.

The preliminary Budget for 2014 was briefly discussed and set as the following.

**Budget for 2014**

a. Resources	\$1,000
b. Training and Development	\$5,750
c. NCD	\$2,500
d. Fresh Starts	\$23,000
e. Misc	\$ 750
f. Harvest Director Support	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$35,000

Cory Engel closed the meeting with prayer.