

NHLWAA
Executive Board Committee
Minutes
April 19, 2017

Present: Dana Brien, Pat Murphy, Suzanne Carr, Todd Marsh, Ellen Tully, Liz Sayre, Charleen Michaud, Jill Jamro, Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw, Robert Mack, Lena Nichols, Karen Emis-Williams, Denise Grieg, Sue Benoit,

Guests: Kerry Nelson - DHHS – DFA, Deb Sorli – DHHS DCS, Mark Jewell, DHHS

Pat called meeting to order at 9:30am

Guests: Kerry discussed SB7 and reported that it was a long hearing with a lot of public testimony. The committee, on a vote of 20-0, voted to retain the bill and it stays with committee and they can chose to take it up at the next session. There was an amendment to include Granite Workforce pilot program.

Question re: State Senator reported to City of Keene Attorney that” there is federal money sitting up there and no one is applying” – Liz asked to follow up. Kerry reported that there is TANF reserve and state money that needs to be spent to keep federal programs. DHHS identifies programs/services that they are looking to fund. An RFP and RFB are generated and there are bidders also for some of the programs. It is not money that local welfare applies for.

There was discussion that towns welfare dollars supplement the TANF grants because they are not enough to live on. This is the first time ever the governor is looking to changing TANF which could double the amount received by eligible households.

Food Stamp income rates will be emailed to Pat to circulate. An update on NHHPP – 52,000 persons enrolled no change in program.

Question re: food stamp calculations. It appears that landlords are not including the utility costs that people pay in subsidized housing for air conditioning. Local welfare could talk to property managers and ask that they reflect those costs when they complete a rental form for DHHS.

Be aware of HB553 regarding managed care – looking for stability in providers. Presently two primary providers: Wellsense and NH Healthy Families.

Deb Sorli reported that releases are being sent to DHHS as a result of our last meeting with them and asked to let her know if there are any issues.

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Motion by Bob, second by Lena to approve. Approved. Pat will post.

NHLWAA:

1. Treasurer’s Report: There is a balance of \$28,329.31 in the budget and \$532.47 has been spent on Cornerstone to date. Motion by Liz, second by Jill to approve. Approved.
2. NHHPP and defense of ACA Repeal – in limbo.
3. Utility meeting with Eversource 6/7/17

4. NHLA Poverty Law Attendees from NHLWAA – Motion by Pat for NHLWAA to pay for two members to attend the workshop, \$159 per person for a total of \$318; second by Dana. Approved.
5. Next meeting: 5/18/17 at 9:30am at LGC

Committees:

1. New DHHS form coming in GAP
2. Legislative – already discussed SB7
3. By-Law Review committee:
 - a. Denise reported that we may need to meet two more times to be ready to present to Board. It is more of a major overhaul, dealing with the nitty gritty. Once it is presented to the Board for discussion and tentative approval it will go to the attorney for review. Final approval requires a 30 day notice and 2/3 majority vote of Board Members to approve.
 - b. Recommendation to join the NH Center for Non-Profits. Motion by Bob, second by Karen. Approved.
 - c. Recommended a Board packet be prepared for Board members and also could be used for new Board members.

Conferences/Trainings:

1. April Session – am NH ProBono, PM Session Oral Health for adults
2. June 15, NHMA Welfare conference – AM Session: Steve Buckley Welfare 101, PM Session: Mock Fair Hearing. There is a meeting scheduled to review schedule and food choices with Ashley.
Need to discuss November sessions and get info to NHMA by end of May 2017.

Motion by Pat, second by Lena to adjourn at 10:38 am. Approved.

Elizabeth C. Sayre
NHLWAA Board Secretary