

NH Local Welfare Administrators Association

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It is that time of year again to join or renew your membership to the New Hampshire Local Welfare Administrators Association. Membership rates are based on population of your municipality. By continuing or becoming a member, we unite in a professional organization that collectively strengthens our efforts to promote leadership in areas of professional development, legislation and policy that challenge our responsibilities under local welfare.

Education and training continues to be the cornerstone to our NHLWAA membership. The goal is to fulfill our legal obligation under RSA 165 and provide information and training allowing us to balance the responsibility to our tax payers and residents in need. NHLWAA Membership also allows notification and participation of the June Workshop and November Annual Conference with NH Municipal Association. The Training Committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, always aims to bring the most pertinent and valuable information to the trainings and conferences. More information and communication can be found at our website at http://www.nhlwaa.org which your membership supports.

Training meetings are offered in September, February, and April. At these trainings, you will learn from various state and regional agencies what programs are offered that you can access in order to maximize the assistance you are able to provide to your clients. Leveraging these outside resources will also allow you to minimize the impact local assistance has on your budget. These trainings also provide excellent networking opportunities. Come, meet and get to know your fellow welfare officers to find support and learn tips and techniques to better serve your community. Meetings are offered at the low cost of \$15 each session for members. Non-members are charged \$30 per session.

NHLWAA originally funded the development of a professional software package that addresses the uniqueness of local welfare in NH and creates a uniformity of local welfare administration. NHLWAA worked with Stonehill Municipal Solution in the development of this software called NH GAP (General Assistance Program) which was launched on 11/1/14. Contact information for this software can be obtained from Stonehill Municipal Solutions at GAPSupport@shms.us.

Attached is the Membership Renewal with dues based on your municipality's population. Payment will be due by 8/1/17. Thank you for being a part of the NHLWAA and for your ongoing support of the work that the NHLWAA does to assist municipalities in providing general assistance to those in need in our communities.

Sincerely,

Patricia Murphy NHLWAA President