

NHLWAA
Executive Board Committee
Minutes
February 15, 2018

Present: Pat Murphy, Dana Brien, Todd Marsh, Liz Sayre, Charleen Michaud, Jill Jamro, Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw, Bob Mack, Lena Nichols

Guest: Melissa Hatfield – Bureau Administrator for Homeless and Housing Services

Guest: Melissa Hatfield from NH BHHS spoke about the coordinated entry with 211. There are three Continuums of Care: Manchester, the Greater Nashua and the Balance of State. The Continuum of Care is generally a mechanism for applying for HUD funding. The expectation was to have the system in place by 1/23/18. Granite State United Way handles 211 which has been the homeless hotline since 2008 and is now the coordinated entry point. HMIS is the software system that now needs to be used which is more involved than 211 has been used to. They are working on challenges and concerns with consistent data collection. HUD's goals is moving toward permanent supportive housing and emergency shelter is not part of that. From October 2017 – July 2017 shelters were beyond 100% capacity. Discussion focused on lack of resources and resulting challenges to effectively implement a program. Melissa will send Pat a check list that is used by 211 and Pat will circulate it. Also asked that she bring Joe Frappia to next meeting.

1. Minutes: Motion by Dana, second by Lena to approve. APPROVED.

2. Treasurer's report: Balance of \$28,024.37. Motion by Bob, second by Liz to approved. APPROVED.

3. NHLWAA

a. Executive Committee:

i. update from Pat on ACA repeal

ii. Report from Karen - Competitive supply users will be able to receive the EAP discount once the utility companies figure out their costs. The EAP board gave the utility companies a month to come up with the actual cost for their billing.

EAP enrollment is about \$30,000 this year and for the past 5 years the average was \$32,000 per year. Fuel Assistance applications have also decreased for unknown reasons.

Electric vehicle charging program – NH Electric Cooperative is looking at charging those with electric cars separately from their residential meters. Once the bill is separated only the residential meter would be eligible for the EAP discount.

b. Committees:

i. Legislative affairs

1. NHHB 1485 (security deposits) in process, no updates.

2. SB 430 - related to General Assistance liens – in conversations with NHMA and banking industry – could result in compromise

3. NHHB 1811 – Jill will be attending the meeting re: NHHPP on 2/16.
Amendment by Neil Kirk to reduce to 100% poverty guideline which would result in 12,000 people no longer eligible for Medicaid.
- ii. Ethics – still working on document with edits – suggestion for someone from NHMA to review.

4. Conferences and Training:

a. Meetings:

- i. Need program for afternoon in April

Other discussion:

1. Fuel assistance has received a 40% increase for deliverable fuels.

Motion by Dana, second by Jill to adjourn at 10:38 am – APPROVED

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