NHLWAA

Executive Board Committee

Minutes

October 15, 2015

Present: Pat Murphy, Sue Benoit, Suzanne Carr, Todd Marsh, Ellen Tully, Jackie Whatmough, Liz Sayre, Charleen Michaud, Jill Jamro, Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw, Robert Mack

Pat called the meeting to order. Minutes will be reviewed at next meeting.

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1. Treasurer’s report – Sue reported balance of $32,173.27. Bill to Cornerstone paid $4,418 for time period of 1/1/15 – 9/30/15. More work has been done on the website. Pat reported that staff turnover has been high so they were behind on billing. There was a question regarding Constant Contact – allows for 2 handouts and Cornerstone Maintains it.
2. Eversource meeting this afternoon. Pat, Jill and Steve Buckley will be attending. Eversource has invited CAP agencies as well. At the last meeting it was agreed that if an agency calls they can get a 5 day extension before Eversource disconnects. Today’s meeting will review previous discussion and decisions made. Board encouraged attendees to hold the NHLWAA position re: working with clients and timing of disconnects.
3. Next meeting 1/21/16 at 9:30am, large group meets 2/16/16
4. 4/21/16 9 – 3, motivational speaker confirmed.

Committees

1. GAP – only 34 persons have taken training to date. Many seem very committed to GAP and setting up a GAP 201 training in the spring.
2. Legislative affairs
3. State and Federal Budget – Senate bill 100 relative to fuel deliveries in process.
4. LSR – Jackie reported that Senator Wyler wants to make certain groups ineligible for public assistance and keeps bringing up the issue of drug testing. TANF reauthorization could reinstate two parent family (???) Todd is serving on the committee for overview of DHHS policies.
5. Present data: TANF 2,832 cases, Food Stamps 49,806 cases (10% of state population, 1,789 are homeless and on food stamps
6. Another committee may be formed to look into those who can’t get work due to criminal records.
7. Conferences and Training
8. 10/21/15, Webinar by Steve Buckley – Welfare 101
9. Office of Public Guardian – Pat and Liz are going to do a presentation in November.
10. Friday 11/20/15 NHMA Conference must register by 10/23. No elections at Annual meeting this year.
11. Next Sessions:

February 18, Medicaid vs NH Premium Assistance, self-declare medically needy can stay on Medicaid.

April 21, motivational speaker

Other ideas: employment programs, substance abuse

Other discussion:

1. Cold Weather Shelter – Concord closed. Family Promise is considering a non-emergency shelter for 2 parent households.
2. SIM project – work group to look at cost savings measures in Medicaid program.
3. NH PAP – Pat sent out info and will send it out again.

Motion by Jackie to adjourn at 11:12am, second by Charlene – APPROVED

Elizabeth C. Sayre

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