NHLWAA

Executive Board Committee

Minutes

September 17, 2015

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

1. Terry Smith
2. Overview of Manchester move – able to accommodate staff in temporary situation without too much inconvenience to consumers. An RFP went out and a vendor was chosen, negotiations are underway. The long range plan is to redesign DHHS sites.
3. Medicaid Expansion – will be reviewed in January. The legislature is looking at Step 2 of Medicaid Expansion.
4. DHHS is going through transition – Commissioner Toumpas will be leaving mid-January 2016.
5. Food Stamps – DHHS needs to develop a central complaint system, assign it and track complaints and resolutions. Is expected to be implemented in a week!!! The hope is to extend the complaint process to all DHHS divisions but presently only FS. This is the result of an Ombudsman’s complaint about treatment by DHHS.
6. Budget – continuing resolution based on 2015 not 2016. DHHS had to go back and make adjustments to accommodate the $ changes.
7. DHHS still has many vacancies
8. Program cuts – Not available yet – Terry will report back on what is impacted. No planned office closings at this time, some are in negotiation or re-procurement.
9. Minutes for May 21, 2015: Motion by Jackie, second by Suzanne to approve with edit ii #4 possibility “of” writing. Approved
10. NHLWAA
11. Executive Committee:
12. Changes in Cornerstone Staff. Billing reflects Website costs. Pat and Erika worked hard to put it together.
13. Treasurer’s report - balance of $30,858.37. Discussion and approval of spending $910 for presentation by Lisa Stockwell on 4/21/16, focusing on Motivational Interviewing. Decision to have presenter do handouts then bill NHLWAA. Session will be either 9-3 or 10 – 3. Regular fee for the day. Continental breakfast beyond coffee and tea, then break for 45 minute lunch. Motion by Bob and second by Jackie – All approved.
14. Eversource – Pat gave update on meeting attended by herself, Liz and Steve Buckley with PUC and Eversource. Next meeting in October, Pat, Jill and Todd will be able to go. There was some discussion about how necessary it is to have monthly meetings. Charleen suggested focus be shifted to Liberty Utilities, especially heading into winter.
15. 211 – no success in trying to connect with Heather regarding updates on their website.
16. Handout from NHMA re: room space.
17. Next meeting 9:30am on 10/15.
18. Committees
19. GAP – only 34 towns interested so far. Next GAP training 10/6 at NHMA. Suggest they set up vendor at November conference.
20. Legislative: HB 219 seems more reasonable EBT card use is in place. Bill passed restricting usage sites.
21. Jackie reported the state budget passed with compromise.
22. Other Business:

Jackie reported that Concord will not have a cold weather shelter this year.

10:52 am Motion to adjourn by Charleen, second by Bob. Adjourned 10:52 am.

Elizabeth C. Sayre

NHLWAA Secretary