

NHLWAA
Executive Board Committee
Minutes
May 19, 2016

Present: Suzanne Carr, Ellen Tully, Jackie Whatmough, Liz Sayre, Charleen Michaud, Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw, Todd Marsh

Jackie called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Guest speaker Kerry Nelson from DHHS, Administrator of Program Operations – contact information: Kerry.nelson@dhhs.nh.gov, 271-9280 (not for clients)

1. Discussion of 3 month waiver for chronically homeless
2. Gateway to Work – have to apply for benefits at District Office, services will be administered by NHES and include assessments, job coaching, resume writing, transportation. RFP out for vendor proposals – beyond TANF cash recipients – not cash eligible but for singles up to age 25. TANF cash recipients still use local CAP and NHES. Under 100% of poverty get free child care – no wait list, all funded with TANF money. This program is completely voluntary
3. Work requirement for food stamps is voluntary. Once Gateway to Work is up and running then work on employment and training program.
4. Changed voluntary quit for food stamps, now only penalized 30 days back.

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- i. Minutes: Motion by Ellen, second by Liz to approve. APPROVED.
- ii. Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$29,890.69 in March. Following seminar balance of \$29,449.83, expenses of \$1,246.11 for April workshop. Motion by Ellen, second by Charleen to accept both as reported. APPROVED.
- iii. Membership letter – edits made – will be sent out with invoice from Cornerstone. As of today's meeting, Cornerstone was not available to answer questions.
- iv. Charleen is attending the NH Fiscal Policy Institute on 5/20.
- v. DHHS- Todd attended the first meeting which focused on a holistic approach to case management. Present status: committee not meeting.
- vi. Pat and Jill will attend the next Eversource meeting. There are issues with Eversource referring persons who call for payment arrangements to go to local welfare for a “financial work-up” even if they have not applied for General Assistance. Pat will address this issue about who is making the referrals and why and expectation of holding to 4 month payment arrangements. Even though in the Eversource meetings it was agreed that if the client contacts Eversource there can be a 10 day hold. Once the client applies to the town, there could be an additional 5 days requested by the town since they need to schedule people in for eligibility appointments.
- vii. Next meeting 9/15 at 9:30am – email topics to training committee.

Committees

- i. Technology – no news
- ii. Nominating
 - a. Officers: Secretary: Elizabeth Sayre & Ellen Tulley. Vice Chair: Charleen Michaud. Nominations for Board: Lena Nichols from Dover, Dana Brien from Hillsboro.
 - b. Committees: Jill Jamro to chair Training Committee – members: Bob, Charleen, Liz, Todd; Legislative Committee: Denise and Angela to continue; Nominating: Liz and Denise; Need members for Technology Committee.
 - c. By-laws revision. Motion by Ellen and Second by Sue to amend by-laws to reflect meeting month changes: February, April, and September. APPROVED
- iii. Legislative affairs
 1. No news yet on State and Federal Budget or HB1696 Medicaid Expansion reauthorization
 2. Local Welfare Fraud Bill – no information
- iv. Conferences and Training
 - A. Charleen summarized Motivational Speaker from feedback provided. Comments ranged from: some are open to trying to use suggestions, others have no intention of changing how they communicate, first half of the workshop was good, half of the workshop rest seemed too far removed from what “we” do, seemed relevant, ok to find other programs, it was worth it.
 - B. All set with case studies for June 6/16/16, no breakout groups, panel and Atty. ok - \$450 for breakfast paid by NHLWAA – panel pays ½ of registration fee.
 - C. Working with Ashley on November conference – workshop suggestions Gateway to Work, Disabilities Rights, NAMI, Recovery, opioids, Farnum Center, Serenity Treatment Center – panel?
 - D. Job Corps for September

Other Discussion:

1. Laconia Court Decision – finding by court against Laconia, 1873 ruling by Supreme Court

Motion by Liz, second by Suzanne to adjourn at 11:31am. – APPROVED

Elizabeth C. Sayre
NHLWAA Board Secretary