

NHLWAA

Executive Committee Meeting

1/17/19

Minutes

NH Municipal Association Center

Board members in attendance: Charleen Michaud, Ellen Tully, Lena Nichols, Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw, Susan Drew, BJ Parker, Suzanne Carr, Todd Marsh, Karen Emis-Williams, Denise Greig, Bob Mack, Trish Caruso.

Minutes submitted by Ellen Tully.

1. Call to order, 9:35 a.m.
2. Minutes of 10/18/18 reviewed. Motion to approve made by Karen, seconded by Denise. Minutes approved. Minutes of 11/15/18 reviewed. Motion to approve made by Denise, seconded by Lena. Minutes approved. Treasurer's reports reviewed. Motion to approve made by Lena, seconded by Ellen. Report approved.
3. A. Executive Board
 - i. Welcome new members
 - ii. EAP.
 - a. Anyone who's getting the EAP from Eversource is now getting a discount on the supplier portion of their bill, regardless of who the supplier is.
 - b. NHLA is looking into a forgiveness program, something to work off arrearages
 - c. New brochures will be coming out soon in three languages; English, French and Bosnian
 - d. There are extended hours for Fuel Assistance applications in some areas until the end of February
 - e. Benefits have increased
 - iii. Next Executive Committee meeting will be 2/21/19

B. Committees

- i. Legislative affairs
 - a. Karen spoke at the House Finance Committee meeting. Her topics included the high area rent, large numbers of tenants owe back rent, food insecurity.
 - b. HB 301 reviewed by Charleen. Relative to funeral, burial or cremation expenses, current law states that the payee can try to recoup cash if the client has less than \$1,000 in the bank. HB 301 would automatically assign \$1,000 recoupment regardless of liquid assets at the time of death. No opposition.

ii. By-laws Committee

a. Review of what has happened so far for the benefit of the new members. Meetings can take place by conference call, not held by e-mail. The Conflict of Interest portion of the by-laws has been removed and will be its own document/policy.

iii. Ethics Resolution. Committee has nothing to report, will take under advisement

iv. Finance Committee. Ellen added to the committee

4. Conference/Training Committee.

A. Meetings.

- i. Save the date, 4/24/19, for NAMI training, more details to come. Charleen will call NHMA to book for April training.
- ii. 2/21/19 training scheduled

AM: NH Granite State Advantage, Karen Chartier, DHHS

PM: NH Coalition of Domestic Violence, Elena Coleman

5. Other:

Discussion about the consequences of the Federal shutdown. Anyone who's on furlough can sign their kids up for free or reduced meals at school. Food stamps for February will be issued on 1/20/19. The next food stamp allotment will be on 3/5/19.

Motion to adjourn made by Denise, seconded by Bob.