

**NHLWAA**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**3/21/19**  
**Minutes**  
**NH Municipal Association Center**

Board members in attendance: Charleen Michaud, Ellen Tully, Marilyn Ceriello Bresaw, Susan Drew, Karen Emis-Williams, Denise Greig, Pat Murphy, BJ Parker, Bob Mack, Todd Marsh.

Minutes submitted by Ellen Tully

1. Call to order, 9:35 a.m.
2. Minutes of 1/17/19 reviewed. Motion made to approve by Lena, seconded by Karen. All approved. Minutes of 2/21/19 reviewed. Motion made to approve by Denise, seconded by Ellen. All approved.
3. Treasurer's report reviewed. Motion made to approve by Denise, seconded by BJ. All approved.
4. NHLWAA:
  - A. Executive Board:
    - i. Pat attended the utility meeting at Eversource. There were no complaints to bring, talked about Fall utility meeting, Eversource doesn't want to be the focus. Next utility Meeting at Eversource, Pat attending, is 6/22/19, 1-3 pm.
    - ii. EAP board meeting attended by Karen. Most denials for the EAP are for failure to provide. A forgiveness program is being considered. The cost of the program needs to be checked out. Eligibility will increase to 60% of the median income, comparable to Fuel Assistance guidelines. Unutil has a forgiveness program up to \$200. There are program requirements i.e. payment arrangements.
    - iii. Discussion surrounding possible questionnaire regarding Coordinated Entry homeless services. Survey will be sent out to NHLWAA members. Bob will put it in Survey Monkey. Motion to approve this was made by Pat, seconded by BJ. All approved.
    - iv. The next Executive meeting is 4/18/19, 9:30 am, NHMA Center. The new By-Laws will be addressed. If there are 2/3 majority of the board present, the By-Laws can be voted on.
    - v. At the 5/16/19 Executive meeting, Chris Tappan, Associate Commissioner for Human Services and Behavioral Health, and Chris Santanelli (replacing the retired Mark Jewell), Director of the Division for Economic and Housing Stability will meet with the committee to introduce themselves and talk about their programming.

## B. Committees:

- i. Legislative Affairs- Governor's budget reduced the amount of the original bill, SB 2. Consideration has been given to extend TANF benefits for six months, change Medicaid reimbursement rates.
  - ii. HB 301-regarding burial and cremation services is likely to pass
  - iii. SB 15- funding \$10 million in FY 20-21 to fund the Affordable Housing Fund to expand homeless/homeless prevention services has passed the house. SB 15 Affordable housing fund passed the Senate on 3/14/19. There will be a hearing before the full Finance Committee on 4/23/19.
  - iv. SB 116-relative to grandparents caring for minor children, is not likely to be funded
  - v. SB 84-appropriation approved to expand homeless services
  - vi. By-Law review committee have revised By-Laws, they are ready to be reviewed and voted on by the Executive Committee. Two thirds of the Committee need to be present in order for the voting to take place. If the By-laws are passed, this committee will sunset.
  - vii. Ethics Committee, nothing current to report
  - viii. Financial Committee-Marilyn has full banking authority, is working with Cornerstone to get requested information
  - ix. Training-Discussion centered around the NAMI presentation April 24, whether or not it was free, will the Association need to cover any costs. Motion made to approve spending up to \$2,000 made by Bob, seconded by BJ. Approved.
- There was a request from SafeTank, DOE, to speak at one of our trainings. They will be advised to attend the utility meetings in the Fall

## C. Conferences/Training:

- i. NAMI Mental Health 101 is scheduled for April 24, 9 am-2:30 pm
- ii. November Conference-Evaluations not received yet, potential for changing the Annual Meeting discussed. No conclusions reached
- iii. June Conference-Preliminary information will be obtained by Charlene. She will inform the Executive Committee

6. The State of NH is being sued regarding work requirements of the Granite State Advantage Program  
Motion made to adjourn by Ellen, seconded by BJ. Approved.