

NHLWAA

Executive Committee Special Meeting via Zoom

6/3/2022

Meeting is called to order at 11:03 a.m.

Board members in attendance: Pat Murphy, Ellen Tully, Trish Caruso, Dave Balian, Natalie Darcy, Sarah Gerlack, Charleen Michaud, Lynne Goodwin, Bob Mack, Karen Emis-Williams, Denise Greig

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss ERAP funding, in particular, the funding surrounding motels and, to possibly formulate a post ERAP plan.

There was expectation of board members that Lynn Lippitt, Director of Housing Services for NHHFA, the organization that is distributing ERAP funds would join us. Lynn wasn't at the meeting today but members expressed an interest in speaking with her in the near future.

NHLWAA is interested in the tracking and reporting possibilities of the ERAP. Statewide, several CAP agencies have book large blocks of motel rooms in other towns/counties.

- Are the clients who are placed in these locations going to identify as residents of that town?
- Does ERAP record the clients' most recent address?
- Is the information on these clients being entered into HMIS?
- Is it possible for us to find out who is coming to the end of their 90 day allotted motel stay?
- People who are in motels are being given advance notice when their 90 days is about to expire. What do folks need to do in order to get a hardship extended stay?
- What, if anything, are CAP/NHHFA doing with those who hold motel vouchers but are unable to find a motel to accept the voucher?
- As often happens in the summer months, many municipalities are unable to find motel rooms for their residents that may, at other times, have been temporarily housed there. This situation has been exacerbated by many motels being used, essentially, as shelters. Given these circumstances, local welfare officials have lost this resource and are unable to assist. Should we contact Legal Aid preemptively to inform them of this issue?
- The funding will run out sooner than we'd like. What are plans going forward when that happens? What is the anticipated date for when the funding will be completely used?

Motion made to adjourn by Karen, seconded by Charleen. Meeting adjourned.