

Executive Committee Meeting 5.10.19

In Attendance: Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh, David Berry, Howie Chandler, Chris Coates, Suzanne Collins, Robert Englund, Keith Gray, Jason Henry, Alison Kivikoski, Deb Laflamme, Matt Lagos, Sara Lewko, Laura Mills, Toni Pappas, Ken Robichaud, Bob Rowe, Debra Shackett, Cathy Stacey, Tom Tombarello, Sheryl Trombly of the NHAC Steering Committee; Danielle Duchesne, Kate Horgan, and Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group; Robert Bonsignore as a guest speaker.

- I. Call to order
 - a. Tombarello calls the meeting to order finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Led by Coates.
- III. Approval of past meeting minutes
 - a. Tombarello presents the minutes from the April 5, 2019 meeting of the Executive Committee and asks for a motion to approve the minutes. Henry makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Lagos **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** with one abstention by Stacey.
- IV. Awards committee appointment approvals
 - a. Tombarello **APPOINTS** a slate of membership to the Awards Committee: Debra Shackett of Belknap County, Howie Chandler of Carroll County, Chuck Weed as Chair from Cheshire County, Julie Brunault of Coos County, Julie Libby of Grafton County, Toni Pappas of Hillsborough County, Sara Lewko of Merrimack County, Kevin St. James of Rockingham County, Ray Bower of Strafford County, Hillary Snide of Sullivan County, John Esty as Sullivan County alternate.
 - b. Tombarello describes the Awards Committee as:
 - i. Purpose: The duties of the Awards shall be to:
 1. Review nominations for all award categories for the 2019 awards recognition ceremony to take place during the 2019 Annual Conference.
 2. Select winners, based on their submitted records of merit and recommendations, for each award category.
 - ii. Number of Members: Ten (10), one from each county
 - iii. Qualifications: Elected or appointed county officials in good standing with the Association.
 - iv. Term of Membership: through the last day of the 2019 Annual Conference, Oct. 16, 2019.
 - c. Tombarello asks for a motion to approve the slate of members. Stacey makes a **MOTION** to approve the slate of membership. Weed **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** unanimously.
- V. Opioid lawsuit update
 - a. Maglaras presents an update on the opioid lawsuit efforts by the counties.

- b. Maglaras and company met with the NH Attorney General about one month ago to possibly join forces with the State.
- c. Efforts to stay in state court have been successful so far. If there is a mass settlement made in another court, NH and NH counties will not obtain fair settlement amounts.
- d. Attorneys General of New England are meeting to come up with a new settlement formula that favors per capita rather than total population. Discussion within the group for a settlement based on a per pill basis formula.
- e. Pharmaceutical companies may file for bankruptcy to protect themselves.
- f. Maglaras explains that Coos and Carroll counties need to join the other eight counties' efforts – sharing information is critical and necessary to properly prepare for trial.
- g. Bonsignore explains that we are still ahead of the pack. Bonsignore asks the counties for granular detail: requesting data from 2008 to 2019 per department explaining costs of the opioid epidemic. Bonsignore also asks that counties begin to think of greatest wishes to solve opioid epidemic.

VI. Finance report

- a. On expenses, 13.48% expended so far this year.
- b. On revenue, 7 counties already paid their 2019 dues. Belknap, Carroll and Rockingham have not paid. It was explained that some counties operate on a fiscal year – no county is delinquent on paying dues.
- c. A question was raised as to what the \$80,000 in the miscellaneous line item is. Collins explains that it was moved from the salary line item and reserved in the event staff is hired.

VII. Steering Committee update

- a. Dupont Group left the room for this portion of the meeting.
- b. Henry updated the Committee on the progress of the Steering Committee. He reported that the Committee is meeting regularly and working, per the earlier survey of the NHAC Executive Committee and Officers, to revise the bylaws and evaluate the essential functions and processes of the Association.
- c. Henry reported that the Steering Committee members, during their April 26, 2019 meeting, decided to recommend to the Officers to extend the Rumford/Dupont Group contract until the end of the year. The Officers voted unanimously to extend the Rumford/Dupont contract for six months at the price of fifty-five thousand (\$55,000.00) dollars to be signed by the President.

VIII. County conference update

- a. Duchesne explains that email invitations have gone out with registration and hotel information and that hotel, registration, and a schedule draft are published on the website.
- b. Duchesne reminds the Committee that the welcome reception has been confirmed at Hermit Woods Winery and that tickets are limited for the event.
- c. Duchesne explains that twelve registrations and 4 sponsors have officially come through.

- d. Horgan asks how the counties would like to receive invoices for registrations – as registrants come in or in a bulk mailing closer to the conference? The Committee consensus was for invoices to be generated as registrations come in.
 - e. It was requested that the Dupont Group provide a list of sponsors to Committee members.
 - f. Tombarello asks that counties reach out to sponsors.
 - g. Duchesne explains that an email has gone out to affiliate presidents with programming and speaker information. The email will be sent again after the meeting.
 - h. Horgan explains that she is working to secure speakers from the National Association of Counties.
- IX. Governor & Council breakfast review
- a. Had 34 RSVPs – many more in attendance the day of the event.
 - b. Great PowerPoint presentation led by Tombarello, great questions asked of Tombarello and of Governor Sununu.
 - c. The Committee expresses interest in hosting this event again next year.
- X. Legislation update & priority bills
- a. Monahan provide update on the budget. Public hearings have been held. The Senate must report the budget to the floor by June 8.
 - b. Monahan explains that the Senate had a lot of bills that included appropriations, many of which have been incorporated into the budget. Some appropriations bills, i.e. SB 11, SB 5, remain separate from the budget.
 - c. Monahan explains the areas under close watch within the budget: county cap, ProShare, and Medicaid rates.
 - i. Medicaid rate increase
 - 1. SB 308 passed the Senate unanimously. However, currently tabled so that appropriations could be included in budget.
 - 2. More updates come June.
 - ii. County Cap
 - 1. Successfully pushed back on cap increase, reduced to traditional 2.5% increase.
 - 2. Senator D’Allesandro requested a meeting with Monahan and Horgan regarding the cap. Following the meeting, he not made a firm decision.
 - 3. Monahan warned Senator D’Allesandro that if the state messes around with Cap, it will not have county cooperation regarding IDNs.
 - 4. Maglaras details his conversation with Senator D’Allesandro. Maglaras emphasized the budget neutrality factor and that the State shouldn’t reduce its contributions.
 - 5. Pappas also spoke with Senator D’Allesandro. She emphasized that if the cap goes too high, county taxes will have to go up. She also expressed that the Senator was noncommittal after the meeting as to his decision.
 - iii. ProShare

1. Monahan explains that the current number is inflated.
2. Commissioner Myers met with CMS earlier this week. ProShare 1 and 2 changes will not take place this year. Transactions must take place in June, extra efforts to ensure their completion. Likely take 1 – 2 years' compromise on implementation.

NOTE: Weed takes over the meeting as Tombarello leaves the meeting.

- d. Horgan explains SB 36 bill and letter. Would like to send today opposing the bill. Weed asks for a motion to accept the letter. Asplund-Walsh makes a **MOTION** to approve the letter. Collins **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** unanimously.
 - e. Horgan explains that the LCHIP bill is the only other priority bill, with a hearing on Tuesday.
- XI. Corrections Academy update
- a. Henry explains that the 110th Corrections Academy has been running smoothly with graduation of the cadets on May 17, 2019.
- XII. Other business
- a. Tombarello reports that the Officers have decided not to go with a paper copy of the directory, and it will be made available on the website.
 - b. Regarding IDNs - among the 10 counties, \$10 million will be paid to the state. The counties should come up with a process in the next 60-90 days on how to allocate that. Monahan suggests a committee to work on this.
 - c. Horgan explains that Dupont Group is working on an updated trifold and have contacted county administrators to collect updated data.
 - d. Maglaras brings up bill about solar farms. Monahan discusses energy bills re: net metering. Monahan has offered to put out memo on these bills to the Committee. Asks that the counties make up a position on the matter.
- XIII. Next meeting
- a. Friday, June 7
- XIV. Adjournment
- a. Robichaud makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Pappas **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** unanimously.

Prepared by Danielle Duchesne on 5.16.19

Approved on: 6.7.19