

3.5.21 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

- I. **Call to order**
 - a. Piper calls the meeting to order finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
 - b. Horgan calls the roll: Omer Ahern Jr., David Berry, Chris Coates, Suzanne Collins, Ross Cunningham (via Lewko proxy), Andrew Dorsett, Robert Englund, Derek Ferland, Jennifer Fish, George Hebert (via Ferland proxy), Jason Henry, Chris Heroux, Kathryn Kindopp (via Englund proxy), Carolyn Kirby, Alison Kivikoski, Matt Lagos (via Lewko proxy), Sara Lewko, Julie Libby, Terry McCarthy, Chad Monier, Ben Nelson (via Ferland proxy), Chuck Nickerson, Toni Pappas, Wendy Piper, Matthew Plache, Ted Purdy, David Ross, Bob Rowe, Deb Shackett, Peter Spanos, Cathy Stacey, Tom Tombarello, Stuart Trachy (via Lewko proxy), Sheryl Trombly (via Englund proxy), Chuck Weed, Kara Wyman (via Lewko proxy) of the NHAC Executive Committee. Danielle Duchesne, Kate Horgan, Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - a. Piper leads the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **Thank Partners**
 - a. Duchesne explains that Partners have been invited to attend EC meetings to speak as the April reception was cancelled.
- IV. **HealthTrust 2020 – 2021 Gold Partner Presentation – David Salois**
 - a. Salois presents information that is to be made available after the meeting.
 - b. For the record, the following have joined the meeting: Deb Shackett, Peter Spanos, Bob Rowe, Terry McCarthy, Alison Kivikoski, Carolyn Kirby.
- V. **Approval of past meeting minutes (2.19.2021)**
 - a. Piper presents the minutes from the February 19, 2021 meeting of the Committee. Collins asks that the date of the minutes be changed to February 19, 2021. Tombarello makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Henry **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent. Seeing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.
- VI. **Financial update – Sue Collins**
 - a. Collins presents the financials with revenues so far at \$2,618 and expenses at \$15,116. With about \$125,000 fund balance, all is well. Dues invoices were sent out on 2.27. The only 2020 receivable is \$1,0000 from BayMark.
- VII. **2021 Annual Conference Contract**
 - a. Horgan explains that Carroll County has decided not to run the Conference and leave that to White Birch. Scope of services is open to both a virtual and in-person Conference. The invoice would be the same as it has been the last two years.

- b. Stacey makes a **MOTION** to approve the contract. Dorsett **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invoked unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

VIII. Executive Committee Appointments

- a. Carroll county has one vacancy.

IX. Strategic Planning Committee update – Derek Ferland

- a. The Committee will meet on March 22 to discuss future efforts.
- b. On 2.23, the Grafton Commissioners voted to nominate Andrew Dorsett to the NHAC Strategic Planning Committee to replace Julie Libby as she is stepping down. Henry makes a **MOTION** to approve of the nomination of Andrew Dorsett to the NHAC Strategic Planning Committee. Coates **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

X. County-State Finance Committee update – David Ross

- a. Ross explains continued work with the “math” subgroup to get better understanding of State figures and how to apply increased FMAP. Next meeting of the group will be on March 12, next full committee meeting March 22. There is ongoing discussion of county cap language for budget writers.

XI. Awards Committee

- a. Pappas has been nominated to fill Hillsborough’s seat on the Committee. Rowe makes a **MOTION** to approve the nomination. Spanos **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

XII. NHAC Academy Coordinator – Jason Henry

- a. Henry explains that the interview process will begin soon, though the first academy is likely to be run by the trainers group.

XIII. Salary survey update – Alison Kivikoski

- a. Kivikoski explains that solicited feedback has been received regarding recommendations sent after the February meeting. Stacey makes a **MOTION** to approve the HR affiliate recommendations. Henry **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

XIV. County Cap

- a. Monahan reviews county cap developments and recommends that the budget be amended so the annual increase be set to no more than 3%. Motions on this matter will be taken after the next section.

XV. State Government updates

- a. Monahan explains efforts on FMAP and ProShare.

- b. Spanos makes a **MOTION** to: amend the HB 1 & HB 2 to reflect the proposal outlined in slide #23; amend HB 2 to set the annual increase in the county cap to not exceed 3%; amend HB 2 to establish the order in which the non-federal share of long-term care supports and services are applied; and ask the legislature, the executive branch and DHHS leadership to direct DHHS to share the benefit of the enhanced FMAP with the counties. Tombarello **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Piper invokes unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

XVI. Affiliate updates

- a. Corrections: Barry explains that the next meeting of the Affiliate is March 19, featuring a presentation from Council of State Governments' Justice Center.
- b. Commissioners Council: Pappas explains the next meeting of the Commissioners Council will be March 15 to elect officers and hear presentations from Affiliates.
- c. County Attorneys: no update.
- d. Deeds: no update.
- e. Sheriffs: no update.
- f. Human Resources: Kivikoski explains that a salary survey is forthcoming.
- g. Nursing homes: Kindopp explains CMS rule that staff must be tested twice per week if the PCR test positivity rate is over 10%. CMS is apparently using the incorrect denominator causing unnecessary testing and limitations on visitations. Huge cost involved. Looking for correct calculations to lower costs and allow for visitation.
- h. Administrators: Coates explains that the administrators are always tackling COVID-19, anticipating GOFERR audits, and looking at American Rescue Act potential funds. HB 315 would repeal much of what the Governor passes on community power, so the group is working on new language to ensure future of community power benefits for the counties.

XVII. Other business

- a. Horgan explains that the Association will rely on Tombarello and Piper's report from the NACo legislative briefing.
- b. Pappas explains organizational meeting of the opioid commission. During a recent meeting, the Commissioner heard a presentation on the right to know law, origin of legislation that created the Commission. Pappas explains that the Commission will meet often in the future. Pappas informs the Association that the nursing home seat has not been appointed - Kathryn Kindopp nomination awaiting confirmation from the Governor. Spanos explained that there will be approx. \$150 million, but the payout window will extend about 18 years. Horgan to share info from the Commission meetings with Kindopp as it becomes available.
- c. Coates requests Senator Hassan's staff talk about Main Street Addiction Act at an administrators' call.

XVIII. Next meeting

- a. The next meeting will be April 2 at 10:00 AM.

XIX. Adjournment

- a. Henry makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Tombarello **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Invokes unanimous consent. The **MOTION PASSES**.

Minutes prepared by Danielle Duchesne on March 5, 2021.

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