

### 10.1.21 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

#### I. Call to order

- a. Pappas calls the meeting to order at 10:19 AM finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
- b. Horgan calls the roll: Omer Ahern, Jr., (via Dorsett proxy), David Berry (via Purdy proxy), Chris Coates (via Dorsett proxy), Suzanne Collins (via Pappas proxy), Joe Costanzo (via Lewko proxy), Ross Cunningham (via Trachy proxy), Andrew Dorsett, Sean Eldridge, Derek Ferland (via Purdy proxy), Jason Henry, Chris Heroux, Kathryn Kindopp (via Pappas proxy), Carolyn Kirby (via Pappas proxy), Alison Kivikoski, Craig Labore (via Dorsett proxy), Matt Lagos, Sara Lewko, Julie Libby (via Dorsett proxy), George Maglaras (via Pappas proxy), Terry McCarthy (via Heroux proxy), Chuck Nickerson, Toni Pappas, Wendy Piper (via Dorsett proxy), Matthew Plache (via Heroux proxy), Ted Purdy, David Ross (via Pappas proxy), Bob Rowe, Cathy Stacey, Tom Tombarello (via henry proxy), Stuart Trachy of the NHAC Executive Committee; Kate Horgan and Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group.

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Rowe leads the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. Approval of past meeting minutes (9.10.2021)

- a. Pappas presents the minutes from the September 10, 2021, meeting of the Committee. Henry makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Trachy **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Pappas invokes unanimous consent. Seeing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

#### IV. Financial update – Sue Collins

- a. Collins provides the financial update noting that the report will be sent out later today. Collins explains that the Finance Committee is working on the budget for next year.

#### V. Executive Committee appointments

- a. None.

#### VI. Proposed Partnership for Broadband Investment Planning Capacity Building

- a. Horgan explains the Proposed Partnership for Broadband Investment Planning Capacity Building, brought to the NHAC by the NH Municipal Association. The contract promises assistance to NHAC member counties to plan broadband project, provide technical assistance, work with investors and providers, ensure affordable pricing, and help counties to become “broadband ready.” Any project for a member county would be \$10,000 and NHAC would receive a kick back of \$1,500. This is not an exclusive contract.
- b. An informational webinar will be held at a date TBD.

**VII. Nomination to the New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Council**

- a. NH RSA 126-R established a Council on Suicide Prevention (referred to more commonly as the Suicide Prevention Council (SPC).
- b. This statute also includes membership of the council which outlines partners in prevention. The NH Association of Counties is delegated to appoint a County Corrections Superintendent as a statutory member.
- c. Pappas nominates Doug Iosue to serve on the SPC on behalf of the NH Association of Counties. Trachy makes a **MOTION** to approve the nomination of Doug Iosue to serve on the SPC. Henry **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Pappas invokes unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

**VIII. Nomination to the commission to study the incidence of post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders and whether such disorder should be covered under workers' compensation**

- a. CH 178:1, reestablished the commission to study the incidence of post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders and whether such disorder should be covered under workers' compensation. In accordance with the legislation, your appointment is as follows: (8) A representative of the New Hampshire Association of Counties, appointed by the association.
- b. Pappas nominates Henry to serve on the Commission to Study the Incidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in First Responders and Whether Such Disorder Should Be Covered Under Workers' Compensation on behalf of the NH Association of Counties. Dorsett makes a **MOTION** to approve the nomination of Henry to serve on the Commission. Trachy **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Pappas invokes unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

**IX. Strategic Planning Committee update – Andrew Dorsett**

- a. Dorsett explains that the Committee is still doing research and working on the general strategic plan.

**X. County-State Finance Committee update – David Ross**

- a. Ross explains that the next meeting of the Committee is on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**XI. New Chairs for NHAC's Merrimack County Room**

- a. Henry explains that an estimate to replace 30 chairs in the Academy training room comes to 2,849.70. To make the purchase, the Association will need to utilize funds from an existing line item, and it has been proposed the Association use the unused funds from the Academy Coordinator line item. Henry also explains an update to the IT in the space. Henry asks for authorization for the Certification Board to spend the line.
- b. Dorsett makes a **MOTION** to authorize Academy Coordinator funds for the purchase of new chairs. Trachy **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Pappas invokes unanimous consent and, hearing no objection, the **MOTION PASSES**.

**XII. NHAC Academy Coordinator**

- a. Henry explains that the Certification Board is still searching for candidates and hope to have someone for next year.

**XIII. State Government updates**

- a. Monahan provides an executive branch update and an update on the IGT agreements, as well as the Executive Council protests that lead to the cancellation of the Governor and Council meeting. Monahan explains that details on the Executive Council's next meeting are still emerging.
- b. Monahan provides an update on State budget operating issues and explains that the Dupont Group continues to work on finding a vehicle for the FMAP correction.
- c. Monahan provides an update on ARPA activities:
  - i. Pilot program for PACE from NH DHHS
  - ii. DHHS issued an RFP to hire a recruiting firm to attract employees to the state with a focus on healthcare.
  - iii. Workforce campaign plan lead by Bistate with plans to be completed in October and currently includes compensating the nursing facilities and investing in LNAs for a total of about \$4-6 million.
  - iv. Broadband communication districts and administrative rulemaking will be undertaken, and the counties will want to make sure that they are invested in that process to ensure the rules fit the counties' needs.
  - v. State government received guidance on how they can spend their infrastructure funding, more details to come
- d. Horgan provided a legislative update, including a report on Retained Bills. The legislative committee will continue to review the filed bill titles.

**XIV. Annual Conference Update**

- a. Horgan explains that the early bird registration rate expires today.
- b. Horgan reviews the Conference schedule online as the schedule has been filling up.

**XV. 2021 Awards Program**

- a. Horgan explains the 2021 awards submissions deadline is 4:00 PM today. All awards information can be found at [www.nhcounties.org/awards](http://www.nhcounties.org/awards). No late submissions will be accepted. Counties will honor award recipients at individual county events throughout the year.

**XVI. Affiliate updates**

- a. Corrections: Henry explained the next meeting of the Affiliate will be next month. The 115<sup>th</sup> academy is going on. It is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Robert Prescott Award, this will be a bigger graduation. The 116<sup>th</sup> will start right after the 115<sup>th</sup>. Henry explains that most of the recruits are coming from right out of high school and other facilities because of pay. Henry explains that people do not

want to stay because it is a tough job. Henry explains that 80% of inmates that have been at the jail for more than 4 months are pretrials. Henry also explains that arrests are through the roof right now, fueled by the opioid crisis, mental health issues, and that assaults have tripled within the facilities

- b. Commissioners Council: Pappas explains the next meeting scheduled for Nov. 2 during a lunch at the Conference.
- c. County Attorneys: No update.
- d. Deeds: Stacey explains meeting with Fidler on new technology. Next meeting of the Affiliate is Oct 6<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Sheriffs: No update.
- f. Human Resources: Kivikoski explains that the Affiliate meets next month. Kivikoski also explains that the Affiliate has speakers participating in the Conference.
- g. Nursing homes: Lagos explains that staffing is the biggest issue, and that occupancy is down. Lagos explains that the Federal Government just released additional info for lost revenue. COVID-19 infections and obstacles continue.
- h. Administrators: Nickerson explains that the administrators continue to meet every other week. The HRSA filing was extended with a grace period. The portal is not easy to navigate, working with NACo to get some additional clarification. Will continue to share information with each other.

**XVII. Future meeting dates**

- a. Horgan explains that Primex has limited availability for the regular first Friday meetings. The following dates are available:
  - i. Friday, Nov. 19, 2021
  - ii. Friday, Dec. 3, 2021
  - iii. Friday, Jan. 21, 2022
  - iv. Friday, Feb. 18, 2022
  - v. Friday, March 18, 2022
  - vi. Friday, April 15, 2022
  - vii. Friday, May 6, 2022
  - viii. Friday, June 10, 2022

**XVIII. Other business**

- a. Nickerson explains that some of counties received communications from Napoli about settlements and asks whoever receives those updates share them with the team.

**XIX. Next meeting**

- a. The next meeting will be at the Conference, Nov. 3.

**XX. Adjournment**

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

*Minutes prepared by Kate Horgan on October 1, 2021.*

*Minutes approved on November 2, 2021.*