

## NHARCH Board of Directors Minutes 11/8/22

**Present:** Alex Amann, Gary Cahoon, Meghan Cook, Jeanne Donohoe, Matt Gatzke, Chris Kelliher, Alex Koutroubas, Eldon Munson, Sara Nadeau, Amy Rauert, Jen Skelton and Wendy Switzer.

**Absent:** Kris Andreozzi, Deborah Burns, Linette Handschumaker, Shannon Lynch and Michelle Pelham.

**ZOOM Board Meeting Called to Order:** 1:40 PM

**Guest Speaker:** Matt announced the scheduled guest speaker, John Nyhan, President of the Hampton Chamber of Commerce, had to reschedule due to an emergency. Matt stated a separate meeting for this presentation may be scheduled based on the speaker's availability in lieu of waiting until the December Board meeting.

**Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2022 Board Meeting:** A motion was made, seconded. Approved.

**Approval of Financial Statement for October 31, 2022:** Alex and Matt reported that in the conversion to QuickBooks Online, there were some discrepancies when looking at the Aging Report in detail. Some prior transactions were erroneously restored had to be cleared, The result was a slightly lower balance than previously reported (between \$1200-1500). Matt reported a new member has joined (Wayne's Place). There are several unpaid invoices for the conference; those invoices have been re-sent. Alex reported income has been better than expected due to the conference and other training.

A motion was made to approve the financials for October as presented; seconded. Approved.

**Convention/Education Update:** Matt reported there will be one more CARES Training in December. There has been some interest in another Medication Management Training class but interest is slowing down for the end of the year; based on requests, a final session may be held in December. Matt reported he, Meghan Cook and Jen Skelton attended the NHHCA Conference where speaker Eric Collette presented. The training was very well received and Matt reported this speaker might be considered for a NHARCH Conference, with vendor sponsorship or in partnership with another organization such as the HCA. The speaker charges \$2,000 plus travel. Jen and Megan both reported they liked the format and perspective provided by the speaker as a prior Administrator. Matt asked that he be kept in mind for next year with sponsorship from vendors potentially such as Geriatric Medical, McKesson or Medline.

**Legislative Update:** Alex reported the Governor is expected to announce his recommendation for Commissioner of DHHS on the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. Commissioner Shibinette is hoping to overlap with her replacement. Alex reported that Council has generally been supportive of the Governor's nominees. The search committee has three candidates: one internal, one from in-state but not previously in a government position and a candidate from the mid-West.

Alex reported agency budgets are due in a month. He has learned that DHHS has asked for a 3% increase. The request would include 3% for the Choices for Independence (CFI) program. There is also a

request for additional capacity funds for nursing homes. There is also a push for the CFI budget to be non-lapsing. This means that at the end of the year, any unused funds would stay within the program.

Alex reported results are still pending for the election. Early signs indicate no major shifts in party majorities. Alex indicated there has been discussion regarding hospitals declining increases in their funding to support nursing homes with the goal of nursing homes being better able to absorb patients. Lastly, Alex reported there may be potential legislation to regulate staffing agencies.

**Old Business:**

Meetings with Kelly Keefe (804 & 805 Rules):

The first meeting to begin the review of proposed changes to the 804 & 805 rules will be held this week.

Gary reported he attended a meeting with the Commissioner and Kelly Cote. The Commissioner had proposed the state contract with a telehealth provider for mental health services to assist with access. The members were polled to determine if they were having access issues and if the telehealth option would assist. Overall, the Board members in attendance reported that access has not been an issue and that the telehealth format was not ideal, especially for residents with dementia. The primary issue of concern is the lack of GPU beds, not routine appointment access.

**New Business:**

2023 Dues: Matt requested discussion on the 2023 dues since invoices are mailed out in December. Matt presented an analysis of other state organizations. After discussion, the members agreed to increase the rate to \$18/bed and to increase the cap to \$1500. Eldon asked that an analysis be done for the December meeting to determine the potential increased revenue from the approved dues increase.

The next meeting will be on December 13, 2022 at 1:30 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Sara Nadeau