

3.8.2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendance: David Babson, Paul Bergeron, David Berry, Ben Champagne, Howie Chandler, Stephen Church, Sue Collins, Derek Ferland, Keith Gray, Jason Henry, Kevin St. James, Carolyn Kirby, Deb LaFlamme, Sara Lewko, Julie Libby, George Maglaras, Laura Mills, Marcia Morris, Toni Pappas, Wendy Piper, Shelley Richardson, Debra Shackett, Tom Tombarello, Chuck Weed, Steve Woods, Kara Wyman of the NHAC Executive Committee; Danielle Duchesne, Kate Horgan, and Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approve past meeting minutes
 - a. Kirby makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting of the Executive Committee with an amendment to add Robert Rowe and Kirby to the list of attendees. Shackett **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. **MOTION PASSES** unanimously.
 - b. A **MOTION** is made to approve the minutes from the February 1, 2019 meeting of the Executive Committee. The **MOTION** is **SECONDED**. **MOTION PASSES** unanimously.
- IV. Finance Report by Suzanne Collins
 - a. Collins states that the Officers have approved the budget as presented with an amendment to cut “other consultant expenses,” and bring total dues to below \$100,000.
 - b. Collins asks for a quorum at the Commissioners Council meeting, to take place later today, to vote on and approve of the budget.
- V. Nomination for NH PDIP Seat
 - a. Chris Coates of Cheshire County has stepped down from NHAC seat on the NH PDIP Advisory Committee.
 - b. Tombarello makes a **MOTION** to nominate Chuck Nickerson of Rockingham County to serve as the NHAC seat on the NH PDIP Advisory Committee. Weed **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** unanimously.
- VI. NACo Update by Chuck Weed
 - a. Weed summarizes the trip to Washington, DC for the National Association of Counties’ (NACo) Legislative Conference, March 2 – 6. Horgan, Pappas, Ross Cunningham, Brownwyn Asplund-Walsh and Tombarello also attended the conference.
 - b. Tombarello adds to the report, describing the value of the educational sessions, the resources at NACo, and the meetings with each of the members of the NH Congressional Delegation.

- VII. Duchesne presents the new Wix-based website for the Association
 - a. County Government Week/Month (April) is the target time to launch the website, with a soft launch ahead of time for review from the Executive Committee.

- VIII. Explanation on the NH Budget by Commissioner Jeffrey A. Meyers, Department of Health and Human Services
 - a. Meyers focused on explaining the increased nursing home payments due to budgeting for atypical (whereas in the past this was not included on the budget). Meyers also explained the ProShare budget and the operational processes, where counties will ultimately receive double the 2017 ProShare dollars compared to 2017.
 - i. Meyers will get a worksheet to Horgan for the counties for both type one and type two nursing homes.

- IX. Steering Committee Update – Steve Woods
 - a. The Steering Committee will be reviewing the results of the survey and will have more to report next month.

- X. Governor & Council Breakfast Update – Dupont Group
 - a. Horgan announces that the Governor and Council Breakfast will be at Primex on April 17, asks members of the Executive Committee to RSVP for the breakfast.

- XI. Opioid Lawsuit Update & Work Product Report with George Maglaras
 - a. Counties will prepare for trial, will discuss the costs incurred on the past 7 years from the epidemic.
 - b. Maglaras explains that he would not like to give up on fighting for a settlement that considers past expenses, contrary to what Pharma is looking to settle for.

- XII. County Convention Update – Dupont Group
 - a. Horgan presents the determined dates and location of the conference to be October 14 – 16 at Mill Falls. Horgan calls for speaker and topic ideas for educational sessions.
 - b. Weed, President of the 2019 Awards Committee, asks for a delegate from each county to serve on the Awards Committee.

- XIII. Legislation Update & Priority Bills – Dupont Group
 - a. Monahan explains SB 74 as a benefit for the counties.
 - b. Horgan explains HB 601 and SB 340 regarding the elimination of deeds; SB 158 regarding tax payer dollars for lobbying, it is expected to die; SB 91 regarding bail reform; SB 291 is being monitored for the nursing home affiliate; HB 305 regarding probate; HB 396 and HB 286 Right-to-Know bills; financial disclosure; minimum wage bills including HB 186 and possible exemptions for agriculture.

- c. As executive sessions arise, Horgan will reach out to affiliates.
 - d. Ferland asks for an update on the priority bills list. Horgan will provide this list at benchmark times in the legislature like crossover.
- XIV. Other Business
 - a. No other business.
- XV. Next Meeting
 - a. The next meeting will be April 5.
- XVI. Adjournment
 - a. Collins makes a **MOTION** to adjourn. Henry **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. The **MOTION PASSES** unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Danielle Duchesne

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