

Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery  
(GOFERR) Stakeholder Advisory Board  
Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:00 PM

**Call in info:**

- Dial the call in number: 1-800-356-8278
- Enter the 6-digit conference code: 194655

**Roll Call:**

- Deputy Director Joseph Doiron – GOFERR office, Lisa English, Rhonda Hensley, Kate Giaquinto, and Wendy Gilman
- William Ardinger – home office, alone
- Dean Christon – office of the Authority in Bedford, alone
- Jim Jalbert – office in Portsmouth, alone
- Al Letizio, Jr. –home office I Windham, alone
- Amy LaBelle – home office, alone
- Donnalee Lozeau – office in Manchester, alone
- Scott Mason – farm office in North Strafford, wife in another room
- Michelle McEwen – office at Speare Memorial, alone
- Nancy Merrill – office in Claremont, alone
- Hollie Noveletsky - office in Greenland, alone
- Kathleen Reardon – home in New Boston, alone
- Ben Wilcox – office in North Conway, alone

**Agenda**

1. Roll Call and meeting information
  2. GOFERR Presentation
    - a. Purpose of the GOFERR
    - b. Presentation on what COVID-19 funds are available
  3. Discussion regarding the format for verbal presentation
  4. Idea for Presenters next week
  5. Other Business
  6. Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 1:00 PM
    - a. Presentation from GOFERR on the Federal guidance
    - b. Presenters as decided in #3
- 2. GOFERR Presentations:**
- a. Deputy Director Doiron gave brief overview of the purpose of GOFERR. The GOFERR immediately began working towards its mission to find expedient, fair and transparent ways to distribute the \$1.25 billion dollars from the federal government

while guarding against fraud, waste and abuse. In line with all federally mandated guidelines and regulations. The office is committed to find both prudent and innovative mechanisms to fulfill its mission in an expedited way for the health of the citizens, businesses, municipalities and the economy as a whole.

- b. Lisa English discussed other funds available from other sectors and included in the CARES Act. Understanding what funds are available from other sectors will inform out decisions in that we are using funds in the most efficient way possible. The handout provided entitled *Federal Funding Opportunities* was reviewed and certain items called out.

The Public Health Social Emergency Fund is \$100 billion dollars available nationally for grants to health care providers for COVID-19 unreimbursed expenses or lost revenue. New Hampshire received \$164,580,386. Another \$20 billion is going out to providers based on net patient revenue and \$10 billion to providers in heavily impacted areas. Telehealth, rural health, behavioral health and substance abuse disorders funding, as well as suicide prevention funding were noted. LIHEAP, SNAP, Head Start, Homes Assistance Grant were also mentioned. The handout document is a working document which will be updated as new information becomes available.

Al Letizio, Jr. asked about a block grant for child support. It can be used, among other things, to both keep a child care center open and reopen one closed.

William Ardinger and Michelle McEwen had comments regarding the maintenance of the funding source list; working with the Legislative Budget Assistant's office; and the distribution of emergency funds.

### 3. **Format for verbal presentations:**

Chair Lozeau stated there were 68 contacts to date. Realistically, the Board couldn't hear all 68. She suggested grouping people together on the same day so the Board will have time to be thoughtful about one or two industries on the same day. The web site should be up and functional by Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, so the public can get access and submit materials and information in the question format previously approved through the website.

**Motion:** Al Letizio, Jr. moved to accept the recommendations of the Chair to limit presentations to 15 minutes each, written comments received ahead of time, with 3 – 4 minutes to discuss the questionnaire format, and questions or comments from the board at the end. Motion was seconded by Jim Jalbert for discussion.

There was some discussion on agencies/industries testifying before both the legislative and stakeholder boards and hearing from others that haven't already presented. Several members spoke in support of the motion and the approach to presenters. The number of members on the contact list and amount of time to hear them. There being no further comments, the Chair called for a roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Artinger – Yes	Mason - Yes
Christon – Yes	McEwen – Yes
Jalbert – Yes	Merrill - Yes
LaBelle – Yes	Hollie - Yes
Letizio, Jr – Yes	Reardon - Yes
Lozeau – Yes	Wilcox – Yes.

Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

4. Other Business
  - a. Bill Artinger remarked on the guidance from Treasury relative to the CARES Act and the likelihood of additional guidance being provided. Chair Lozeau noted a presentation by GOFERR on the guidance for the Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and requested it be first on the agenda.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.