

Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery
(GOFERR) Legislative Advisory Board

Monday, April 27, 2020
1:00 PM

Call in info:

- Dial the call in number: 1-800-356-8278
- Enter the 6-digit conference code: 389388

Agenda

- Open – Reading of GOFERR 91-A compliant guidance
- Roll Call
- Healthcare Presentations :
 - 1:10PM – 1:40 PM: Jay Couture, Executive Director, Seacoast Mental Health Center & President of the Community Behavioral Health Association
 - Roland Lamy, Executive Director
 - 1:40PM – 2:00PM: Granite State Independent Living, Deborah Ritcey, President and CEO
 - 2:0PM – 2:20 PM: Home Care, Hospice & Pallative Care Alliance of New Hampshire, Gina Balkus, President & CEO
 - 2:20PM – 2:40 PM: Harbor House – NH Homeless Veterans
 - Henry Och, Chief of Operations, The Partnership for Successful Living
 - Peter Kelleher, President and CEO
 - Brian Tagliaferro, Director of Developent
 - Vanessa Talasazan, Chief of Staff
 - 2:40 PM – 3:00: Federal Guidance Discussion, Nancy Smith, General Counsel, GOFERR
- Next Scheduled Conference Call

Roll Call:

- Jerry Little, Director in the GOFERR Office in Concord with Rhonda Hensley, Joe Doiron, Kate Spiner and Wendy Gilman
- President Donna Soucy, home in Manchester, alone
- Speaker Steve Shurtleff home, alone
- Leader Chuck Morse, office in Hopkinton, alone.
- Leader Dick Hinch, office in Merrimack, alone.
- Senator Lou D'Allesandro, in kitchen, alone
- Representative Mary Jane Wallner, home in Concord, alone
- Senator John Reagan, office alone
- Representative Erin Hennessey, home in Concord with 2 minor children.

Presentations

Seacoast Mental Health Center:

Executive Director of Seacoast Mental Health Center Jay Couture and Roland Lamy gave an update of COVID-19 impacts on the Mental Health profession including lost revenue, costs for PPE, telemedicine startup costs and the inability to see patients in an emotional state.

Granite State Independent Living

Deborah Ritcey, President and CEO of Granite State Independent Living, spoke about the effects COVID-19 was having on her agency including: difficulty to secure PPE; phone calls to clients instead of providing in-home visits; concerns about the toll the pandemic is having on the mental health and wellbeing of clients.

Home Care, Hospice & Palliative Care Alliance of New Hampshire

President and CEO Gina Balkus stated her organization is seeing a decline in referrals from hospitals and physicians and clients declining care due to the COVID-19 virus. Staffing shortages are increasing; social workers are doing telehealth in place of in person visits; and they are seeing an increased case load in Hospice.

Harbor House – NH Homeless Veterans

Henry Och, Chief of Operations, The Partnership for Successful Living, gave an overview of the services his organization provides for veterans including but not limited to housing and veteran's support and employment services. Availability of PPEs is still an issue. They have gotten some funding from CARES Act which has helped them to find emergency housing for homeless veterans.

Federal Guidance Discussion

GOFERR General Counsel Nancy Smith reviewed the 3 pages of guidance the U.S. Treasury put out relative to the CARES ACT. The U.S. Treasury is using a "reasonable person" standard to determine allow ability of costs. The single audit provision will apply to any entity who gets a total of \$750,000 or greater in total of all Federal funds. CARES Act money cannot be used to "match" and other federal monies such as FEMA. The funds cannot be used to replace lost revenue of municipalities and counties but if they took out a loan to cover the loss, CARES could pay the interest.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, April 27, 2020 1:00 PM.

Follow Up Items

Senator Morse would like a list of all other funding streams available.

Adjourned at 2:55 PM.