

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

Thursday, April 30, 2020  
2:00 PM

## **Call in info**

- Dial the call in number: [1-800-356-8278](tel:1-800-356-8278)
- Enter the 6 digit conference code: 194655

## **Roll Call**

- Deputy Director Joseph Doiron – GOFERR office, Lisa English, Wendy Gilman and Rhonda Hensley
- 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 in Windham, alone
- Donnalee Lozeau – office in Manchester, alone
- Scott Mason – farm office in North Strafford, alone
- Michelle McEwen – office at Speare Memorial, Plymouth alone
- Nancy Merrill – office in Claremont, alone
- Kathleen Reardon – home in New Boston, husband in another room
- Ben Wilcox – office at Cranmore Ridge, alone
- Jeff Meyers – home alone

## **Agenda**

1. Roll Call and meeting information
2. GOFERR Presentation
  - a. Any updates from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief & Recovery
3. Presentations
  - a. Maureen Beauregard, President & CEO, Easter Seals
  - b. Russ Grazier, CEO, Portsmouth Music & Arts Center
  - c. Borja Alvarez de Toledo, President & CEO, Waypoint
  - d. Michael Lachance CEO, Greater Nashua YMCA
  - e. Richard Ober, President & CEO NH Charitable Foundation presenting with Katherine Easterly Martey, Executive Director, Community Development Finance Authority
4. Other Business
  - a. Further discussion regarding additional presentations  
  
Identified: Tourism, Healthcare including Long Term Care, Agriculture  
Considering Regional conversations
5. Next meeting – Tuesday May 5, 1:00 pm  
  
Housing Sector Discussion

## **GOFERR Presentations**

Deputy Director Doiron presented that per a call with the U.S. Treasury, more guidance will be issued by Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and will be distributed to the Board and posted on the website [www.goferr.nh.gov](http://www.goferr.nh.gov). Lisa English said the Federal Funding chart on the website will be updated before the next meeting.

## **Presentations**

Maureen Beauregard, President & CEO, Easter Seals reviewed the effects COVID-19 has had on her organization. The COVID-19 outbreak has hit NHES hard, significantly straining the day-to-day operations and limiting the ability of our clients and families to access the critical services they need. Estimated loss of revenue is 20%, and they have been forced to cancel fundraising events. The unforeseen need to purchase additional sanitizing and protective supplies, such as critical PPE, cleaning and disinfecting supplies, and costs associated with shifting to virtual and telehealth services, the total in excess of \$300,000.

Russ Grazier, CEO, Portsmouth Music & Arts Center (PMAC). The COVID-19 crisis has had a significant impact on their ability to provide arts education programs for the community. They were able to quickly pivot to online, remote learning in mid-March, but there was still an immediate 20% drop in enrollment. The Arts Center employs several dozen professional musicians and artists. Their work at our school has become a lifeline, as they have lost all other sources of income due to the cancellation of all live music performances for the foreseeable future. PMAC is anticipating a loss of \$350,000 over the next 12 months, approximately one third of our annual budget.

Borja Alvarez de Toledo, President & CEO, Waypoint (Formerly Child and Family Services). More than 70% of their services are delivered face to face, in the homes of the clients. Some of these services have converted to TeleHealth, but 20-25% of the services are not able to be realized remotely (i.e. Homecare services for seniors). Waypoint, was not equipped to be able to have all its employees work from home. They have had to purchase laptops, connectivity for staff that did not have Wi-Fi, cell phones, and incurred in additional consultation fees from IT professionals. An influx of clients that have not accessed services during the crises is expected. Child protection reports are significantly down. Cases of Domestic Violence and abuse and neglect are going undetected.

Michael Lachance CEO, Greater Nashua YMCA. All three facilities have closed and 332 part time employees and 68 full time employees have been laid off. The three largest fundraising events scheduled in May and June this year have all been canceled. , equaling a loss of \$210,000 in revenue. The annual fund raising campaign is projected to fall \$100,000 short of projections. The Child Care centers had 420 children enrolled in the early education center and 173 in the school age child care program prior to closing. The YMCA opened an essential worker child care program serving 12 children (primarily hospital and first responder staff and currently has 52 children, well below the 500 they did have. Some staff are afraid to work. The Y will have to invest in upgrades to touchless devices (faucets, towel dispensers) in order to operate safely.

Richard Ober, President & CEO NH Charitable Foundation presenting with Katherine Easterly Martey, Executive Director, Community Development Finance Authority.

The New Hampshire Charitable Foundation has launched the Community Crisis Action Fund to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, nearly \$3.5 million in charitable contributions has been raised. In response to COVID-19, the Charitable Foundation has made more than 500 grants totaling \$5.2 million. CDFA and BFA established the NH Nonprofit Response Fund, funded in part by contributions from the business community, is providing nonprofit organizations with critical resources of up to \$100,000. The NH Nonprofit Response Fund has received over 35 Applications. Applications for forgivable loan funds request six times the Funds available, and the total requested is over \$1.7 million dollars.

The NNHCF and the CDFA strongly recommend that the state apportion a significant allocation from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to establish a dedicated Nonprofit Relief and Recovery Fund. The Fund should be designed and administered to meet the unique needs of myriad nonprofit organizations as they mitigate and reduce the health, economic, and social impacts of the epidemic in every community in New Hampshire. A minimum allocation of \$125 million, with \$75 million in ‘relief’ funds to be distributed within four months of establishing the fund, and \$50 million for ‘recovery’ funds to be allocated in the fall. The Nonprofit Relief and Recovery Fund could be administered and distributed through a partnership of the Community Development Finance Authority, the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and the NH Center for Nonprofits, in close collaboration with other funders.

### **Other Business**

The Board discussed other sectors of the economy they would like to hear from. They included agriculture/farming/fishing/forestry; manufacturing, hospital, health care and gyms, to mention a few. Support for a regional conversation with the area north of “the Notches” was also expressed.

### **Scheduled Meetings**

Tuesday, May 5, 2020, 1:00 PM

Dean Christon is organizing a housing presentation.

Adjourn 4:30PM