

MINUTES
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, April 17th
Following the Governor's and Executive Council Meeting
At Primex Insurance
Concord, NH

Present: Commissioners: Charles Weed, John Wozmak, and Robert Englund
Staff: County Administrator Coates, Maplewood Administrator Kindopp

Following the Governor's and Executive Council meeting of the NHAC, the meeting was called to order at 9:21 a.m.

Administrator Coates and Maplewood Administrator Kindopp discussed the upcoming closure of the Carpenter Home. Currently there are eight unassigned residents, five of whom are on Medicaid and three are private-pay, though probably with limited resources; they will have to relocate to new facilities within approximately 30 days.

Maplewood does have the capacity to accept these individuals, some of whom may be appropriate for the Assisted Living Unit. A small number of their staff, including a couple of LPNs may be available for employment at Maplewood. The Carpenter Home residents generally have their own furniture and storage of this furniture could be an issue until it is determined who might be eligible for Maplewood's Assisted Living Unit for which their own furniture would be appropriate.

Next there was discussion of the Monadnock Healthcare Workforce, a program which had existed years ago. This program would be a summer camp for middle-school youth with the goal of introducing them to careers in the Health-Care professions.

The cost would be approximately \$2,500.00 for the summer program. Mascoma Bank may be the source for a grant of up to \$10,000.00. Sheryl Trombly was reached by phone and she suggested the Baronosky Fund which is generally used for LNA teaching programs, but perhaps could be used for the Healthcare Workforce program.

A former Commissioner's sister who volunteered at Maplewood had left \$19,000.00 from her estate and Administrator Coates will call the Commissioner to see if that fund might support this educational program.

Administrator Coates then discussed the upcoming retirement of the Director of Behavioral Health who had been involved with both the Behavioral Health and Drug Court programs. A case-manager will be hired to work with the existing staff and specific responsibilities and pay levels will be reviewed. The County expects to be able to start billing for more of these services.

The grant for the System-of-Care program ends in September of 2020. It is hoped that billing opportunities can be increased so that this program can continue.

An inquiry has been made for a one-to-two-acre site in Westmorland for large utility level-battery storage installation. A long-term lease of a portion of land near the old jail site could be an ideal option for them, and such a contract could probably include the use the battery for emergency power for Maplewood in the event of a prolonged loss of electricity.

Judy Rogers, representing the Walldogs Mural Program has arranged for Delegation Hall to be used for an auction of the paintings to be duplicated on the exterior walls of downtown buildings. That will include a reception in which alcoholic beverages will be served, and the provider will have arranged for a license and will be appropriately insured. Similarly, the lower level of the County building will be open for public bathroom access, but the remainder of the building will be locked.

The Handyman Program will begin by late May, with enthusiastic support by the discharge planners of Cheshire Medical Center, along with involvement of MFS and SW Community Services.

Upcoming meetings: On April 24th, there will be a presentation of the Restorative Justice program lead by Leaf Seligman. On May 8th, the meeting will be at the Department of Corrections and the first NH RSA mandated semi-annual inspection of the facility will take place. During the early part of the meeting Commissioners will sign the diplomas of the graduates; a tour of the facility with interviews of inmates and staff will follow, then we will participate in the graduation program.

At Maplewood, there is concern about possible violation of copyright laws with videos being shown in public places. There may be need for a legal opinion from a copyright lawyer, but Coates will check with a representative of the KSC film department.

Census: This was reviewed and accepted as informational.

Manifest: This will be reviewed at next week's meeting

Minutes of April 10th: The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as presented.

Calendar: The calendar was accepted as informational.

Old business: none

New Business: none

At 11:21 a.m., with no further business to discuss, Commissioner Englund moved to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Commissioner Wozmak, upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

R. Englund, Clerk