

MINUTES
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday January 16, 2019 09:30AM
County Hall Building
Stillman Rogers Conference Room
12 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431

Present: Commissioners, Charles (Chuck) Weed, John (Jack) Wozmak and Robert (Bob) Englund,

Staff: County Administrator Coates, Finance Director Trombly, HR Director May, Safety Officer Kroupa, System of Care Staff: Project Director Calcutt, Program Evaluator Jim Fauth, Project Manager Roxanne Jack, and Assistant County Administrator Bouchard

Guest(s): Attorney Matt Upton, Southwestern Community Services, and Keith Thibault, Chief Development Officer

At 9:31AM The Chairman opened the meeting. Director May then introduced the new County Safety Officer Julie Kroupa.

1) 09:30-10:00 Non-Meeting (Non-Public) with County Labor Attorney Matt Upton

At 9:34AM Pursuant to RSA 91-A:2, I: Commissioner Englund moved to enter a Non-Meeting for consultation with legal counsel, Attorney Matthew Upton. Commissioner Wozmak seconded the motion and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

At 10:21AM – The Commissioners voted unanimously to return to public session.

2) 10:00-10:30 Southwestern Community Services, Second Chance housing discussions

At 10:24AM Master Agenda Item #642: Southwestern Community Services (SCS), Second Chance housing discussion run by Southwestern Community Services, was taken-up and Keith Thibault, Chief Development Officer was recognized. Thibault outlined the changes taking place with the housing unit known as the Second Chance Housing.

He outlined how SCS closed out of the operation of the Second Chance program due to operational issues and related the extended search that was conducted to find a new tenant for the property. He said that a tenant has been signed for the facility and a program will be known as New England Recovery and Wellness. (NERAW) will be moving into the building shortly. A discussion of the how the program is planned to work and questions about the cost of running the program and the overhead costs for operating the facility. The program will be a private pay program and will not accept Medicare or Medicaid as of this writing. The Commissioners asked a number of questions around meals, transportation, and supervision of the facility.

3) 11:00-11:30 Dennis Calcutt System of Care – Program overview and status

At 10:57AM Master Agenda Item #643: Dennis Calcutt System of Care was taken-up and Calcutt provided the following program overview and status. Calcutt reviewed a number of slides and outlined the history of the program and defined the geographic service areas in which the program operates.

Calcutt explained some of the challenges and successes of the program and described some of the relationships with the various school districts.

The following slides highlight the presentation provided to the Commissioners:

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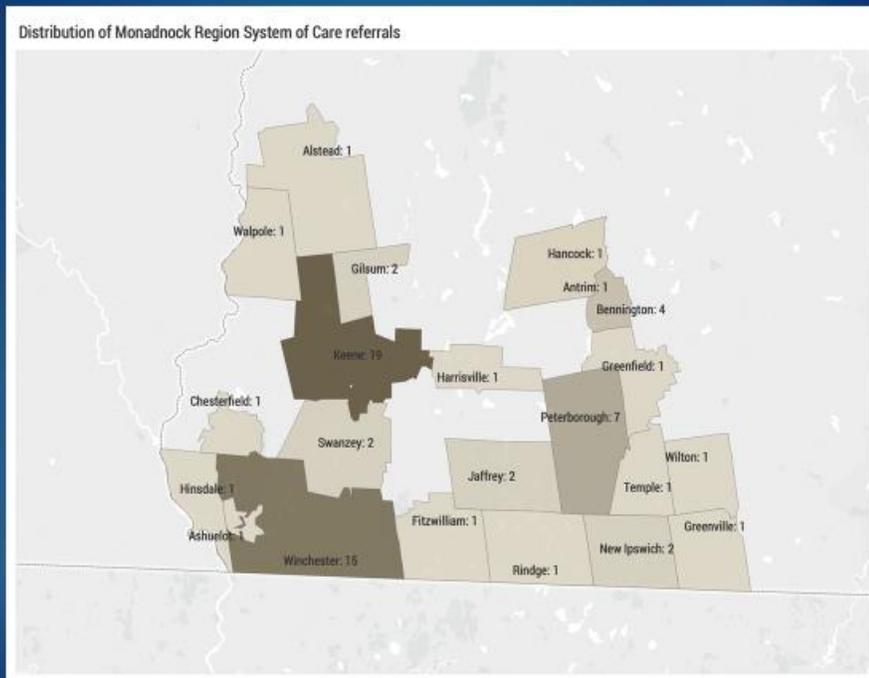
Who, what, where? A bit of a refresher or orientation.

- ▶ The Monadnock Region System of Care began in 2015 with a planning grant held by the County of Cheshire
- ▶ We completed year 2 (as of September 29, 2018) of our 4 year implementation grant
- ▶ Our efforts now are focusing on sustainability
- ▶ Our planning process has informed our work
- ▶ Sustainability efforts will be grounded in a few of our original tenets

Major tenets

- ▶ Establish a system of care approach in the Monadnock Region
 - ▶ Family driven and youth guided
 - ▶ Community Based
 - ▶ Culturally and Linguistically Competent
- ▶ Align with the Bureau for Children's Behavioral Health at Department of Health and Human Services
- ▶ The system of care efforts in our region and across the state are in the infancy stages
- ▶ Our work is for the entire Greater Monadnock Public Health Region

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What we set out to do...our goals

- ▶ (1) Build and engage governance and infrastructure capacity
- ▶ (2) Create a comprehensive system of care approach
- ▶ (3) Implement wraparound

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A protracted discussion ensued about how the program works for individual families and the challenges and successes of the program in its first two years. Calcutt said that one of his biggest goals to bring a sustainable model to the program so that the good work that is being done by the staff can continue after the initial grant ends.

County Administrator Coates was then recognized for the Weekly Operations Report and reported out the following items:

- The Integrated Delivery Network (IDN) Advisory Council will meet on January 31st at the Common Man restaurant in Claremont from 8:00AM – 12:00PM and the Commissioners are invited to attend if their schedule allows.
- On January 28th a meeting with the Fitzwilliam select board to discuss the County tax increase issue for 2019 will be held. Coates, Trombly and Commissioner Englund will attend. A discussion about taxes paid by the town taxpayers caused by cost downshifting by the state was covered.
- Coates said that the annual National Volunteer Dinner will be held on April 9th at Maplewood. Commissioner Wozmak will help serve the midnight meal as Commissioners have done in the past.
- Susan Ashworth of Home Healthcare Services will appear at the Commissioners meeting on January 30th to discuss the costs of running the Lifeline services in the community that are now no longer funded by Cheshire Medical Center. She will review the current situation and discuss other potential funding opportunities to be able to continue this important program.
- Coates said that a meeting with the Maplewood Union representatives was held yesterday and that positive progress has been made.
- A meeting of the Monadnock Broadband group will be held on January 28th however the venue has not yet been determined.

Old Business:

New Business: Re-allocation of funds for project to install security door in Old Courthouse. C. Coates

Coates discussed that a project to install a security door in main floor of the Old Courthouse was underway and requested that excess funds from the installation of the new windows project for the Administration be utilized. He said that through the competitive bidding process the windows for 33 West Street came-in substantially less than what had been quoted. Following discussion,

Commissioner Wozmak moved to authorize the re-allocation of the excess monies from the Administration building window replacement project to fund the installation of a security door on the first floor of the Old Courthouse building and carpeting for the second floor of the Administration building. Commissioner Weed seconded the motion and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

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Based on previous discussion with staff, **Commissioner Wozmak moved to re-join the NH Municipal Association that the County had been a member of in recent years. Commissioner Weed seconded the motion and upon vote motion passed unanimously.**

The Weekly Census was then reviewed.

The Weekly Manifest was then reviewed, and **Commissioner Wozmak moved to accept the Manifest as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Englund, upon vote the motion passed unanimously.**

The minutes of January 16, 2018 were then reviewed Commissioner Wozmak moved to accept the minutes as amended and was seconded by Commissioner Weed. Upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

The calendar was then reviewed.

General Discussion: None

At 12:01PM there being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Wozmak moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was seconded by Commissioner Englund and upon vote the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Englund
Clerk, Board of Commissioners