

Belknap County Delegation Subcommittee Minutes ~ Outside Agencies
01/24/14 at 9:00 am

Members Present: Chair Worsman, Representatives Fields, Cormier and Holmes.

Absent: Rep. Arsenault

Also present: Debra Shackett, Glen Waring and Commissioner Thomas.

Conservation District - Lisa Morin and John Hodsdson from Belknap County Conservation District requested \$97,304 in the budget (level funded). She explained what they do and some of their programs. Rep. Worsman asked what their financial contributions from towns are. None. Rep. Holmes asked what towns would do if BCCD didn't exist. That would cost towns a lot more money and they would have difficulty obtaining resources. Rep. Cormier asked what the EPA grants for \$63,000 is for and who signs it. It is for restoration, erosion, sediment into streams etc. BCCD chairman signs it. Rep. Cormier would like a copy of the grant instruments to review what the EPA lists for mandatory outcome.

Cooperative Extension - Sue Cagle, Peter Ellis and Kelly McAdam from the Belknap County UNH Cooperative Extension gave history and some background on their organization and budget request of \$165,784. This is a 1.5% increase over last year due to the CPI. They receive funding from the County, State and Federal government. Rep. Cormier asked for the State and Federal portions for funding for 2012 & 2013. They will get these numbers to the committee. Representative Worsman asked about salaries and benefits and if they operate under the university system. The University Co-Op is not connected to state benefits. Rep. Fields thanked them for their programs.

Community Action Programs – They have requested \$60,905 which is level funded from last year. Brain Hoffman discussed the management of the organization and various funding. Sue Wnuk explained the family planning and prenatal programs and Pam Jolivette discussed the elderly services and programs that CAP provides. Rep. Holmes asked how many volunteer for the senior companion program. Answer: 17. Rep. Worsman asked if communities contribute to funding. In facilities yes (area centers), not services. Rep. Cormier asked if any funds support abortion. No, they are prohibited under title 10.

Genesis – Celia Gibbs and Linda Hogdon explained that their budget request of \$34,200 is the same as last year. Rep. Cormier asked about client fees and how they are paid. It is thru Medicaid. Rep. Worsman asked them to explain from previous years of funding till now, why the substantial increase in request for funding from past years. This was due to closing down

facilities in the state and needing additional resources and restructuring throughout the State to handle this crisis. Rep. Fields asked for the Federal funding breakdown for Belknap County and Grafton County. They will forward to the committee.

Economic Development Council – Their budget request is \$75,000, same as last year. Carmen Lorenz and Sean Sullivan explained some of the staffing changes, some of the services provided to the towns/city within the county, cultural changes and ongoing programs. Rep. Worsman asked how much money is outstanding in the current loans. In a \$3 million dollar total loan fund, \$1.2 million is available to lend, the rest is out. Rep. Worsman asked if BEDC sees business helping with funding annually versus the county funding. Some manufacturing companies are.

Greater Lakes Child Advocacy – Their request is for \$11,000 same as last year. Director Noyes explained the role of the GLCA and what services they provide for the children of Belknap County. They work with all law enforcement agencies. Ms. Noyes also shared that in October they achieved the prestigious status of a nationally accredited center. There is one Child Advocacy Center in every county in New Hampshire.

Adjourn: M/Holmes, S/Cormier to adjourn at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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