

<p><b>Londonderry Budget Committee</b>  <b>(Draft) Minutes</b>  <b>September 27, 2012</b></p>
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The Budget Committee meeting was held in the Moose Hill Conference Room, Town Hall, 268 Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH 03053.

Committee Members present: Dan Lekas (chair), John Curran (vice-chair), Lisa Whittemore (acting scribe), Todd Joncas, Chris Melcher, Tom Dalton, Bill Mee.

7:04 PM I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Dan Lekas.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes of August 29<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Chris Melcher, second by Bill Mee, committee voted to adopt the minutes of August 29 as written.

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Dan Lekas	X			
John Curran	X			
Lisa Whittemore	X			
Todd Joncas			X	
Chris Melcher	X			
Tom Dalton	X			
Bill Mee	X			

Motion passed 6-0-1.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by local service agencies.

**Greater Derry Community Health Services:**

Donna Tighe discussed the coordination of medical, prescriptive and dental care offered through CHS. Some notable examples of cost savings were: the value of primary care visits was \$12,294 – cost was \$3,987; value of medical/surgical visits was \$31,219 – cost was \$972.

CHS spends 14.5% of its budget on administrative costs; approx. 17% of the total population served is from Londonderry.

**Request for FY 14 & 15: \$10,000.**  
**Town Meeting approved FY 12 & 13: 9,400.**

**Rockingham Community Action:**

Patte Ardizonni discussed the long reach of programs offered by RCA. Out of 37 communities, Londonderry ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in use of services, which include tax assistance, housing security guarantee program, crisis services, emergency food pantry, Gift of Warmth, Holiday outreach services, child care resource and referral, electric assistance program, Headstart, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Fuel Assistance Program, Senior Energy Assistance Program, Literary Services, weatherization, WIC and commodity surplus food program, and workforce development programs.

From July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012,

- the total of Londonderry residents served was 2,013;
- total households served was 1283 and
- total value of direct grants and value of services provided was \$514,758.79.

**Request for FY 14 & 15: \$14,400.**  
**Town Meeting approved FY 12 & 13: \$13,160.**

**RSVP – Retired Senior Volunteer Program:**

Alane Hill presented an overview of the volunteer program, which encourages seniors to contribute their talents to 80 area and local organizations.

**Request for FY 14 & 15: \$800.**  
**Town Meeting approved FY 12 & 13: \$752.**

**Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels:**

No presenters available. Meals on Wheels' stated cost for providing meals to Londonderry residents: \$81,917.50.

**Request for FY 14 & 15: \$4,379.**  
**Town Meeting approved FY 12 & 13: \$4,116.**

**Home, Health & Hospice:**

Dr. Karen Baranowski discussed the services provided by this 129-year old community service organization. 25 communities are served in Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties.

Last year Home, Health & Hospice provided 948 Londonderry home visits: these included IV therapy, wound dressing, medication management; licensed nursing assistant visits for bathing, dressing and home exercise programs; and 349 therapy visits for physical rehabilitation. Also HHH provided foot care clinics, symptom management and palliative care services. Three Londonderry families used the Community Hospice House for end-of-life care when they could no longer provide the 24-hour care needed in their home. The families are offered support for one year after death of family member.

Dr. Baranowski noted that NH ranks 48<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states for Medicare reimbursement, and that Medicare continues to reduce reimbursement.

Administration comprises 12% of the annual costs, and approximately 11% of those served are from Londonderry.

**Request for FY 13 & 14: \$2,000.**  
**Town Meeting approved for FY 12 & 13: \$1,410.**

**American Red Cross:**

Alice Walton discussed the work done for Londonderry, highlighting the October snowstorm and the establishment of the Londonderry emergency shelter. She noted that the Red Cross works with servicemen and servicewomen and their families, facilitating communications overseas. They provide care for families affected by the 3 – 4 home fires per week, conduct blood drives and provide CPR certification training.

91% of all monies are spent on clients; 8% goes to cover expenses.

**Request for FY 13 & 14: \$1,316.**  
**Town Meeting approved for FY 12 & 13: \$1,316.**

**Big Brothers, Big Sisters:** Joy Barrett presented the budget needs of this organization which matches youth in need with mentors to provide stability and caring through adolescence and beyond. She detailed the careful enrollment process for volunteers, and noted that children are never rejected from the program.

Administrative costs are approx. 13%; fundraising costs are 11%.

**Request for FY 14 & 15: \$2,000.**  
**Town Meeting approved for FY 12 & 13: \$ 940.**

**Child & Family Services:**

Dave Savastano, resident of Londonderry and member of the Manchester Regional Advisory Board for CFS introduced Ruth Zax, development director. She noted that in the past year CFS has served 117 Londonderry residents (49 families), provided 422 hours of direct service, 90 days of placement and 48 days of overnight summer camping. The value of these services is estimated at \$36,488.

Preparing young women for motherhood with in-home visits, prenatal instruction and follow-on care provide a safe and caring environment for children at risk to age three. CFS offers deployment and family support programs for our armed services, and has a transitional living component.

Administrative costs are estimated at 10-11%; less than 2% are fundraising costs. Out of 15,000 individuals served statewide in the past year, 117 were from Londonderry. The need for support programs continues to grow incrementally.

**Request for FY 13 & 14:                   \$2,500.**  
**Town Meeting approved FY 12 & 13:   \$2,350.**

**Sonshine Soup Kitchen:**

Cynthia Dwyer noted the newly homeless in Londonderry who are making use of the kitchen, which operates on a little over \$11,000/month. The kitchen serves an average of 60 meals, five days per week, to about 41 persons each day. She noted a steady increase in the use of the program; from 2009-2011 the increase was 7.8%. Food donations welcome.

**Request for FY 13 & 14:                   \$2,000.**  
**Town Meeting approved FY 12 & 13:   \$ 940.**

**Community Caregivers of Greater Derry:**

Paula Flynn presented the details of Caregivers, which provides transportation using volunteers to assist the elderly and disabled in our community. All of the services provided are free to the service recipient. In Londonderry, caregiver-volunteers contributed 4,417 hours, and drove 13,064 miles. There are 51 active clients in Londonderry and 142 residents have utilized the free medical equipment Loaners Closet.

**Requested for FY 13 & 14:               \$6,000.**  
**Town Meeting approved FY 12 & 13:   \$5,640.**

**The Upper Room:**

Kim Bavaro noted that service levels increased from 13,000 people in 2011 to 15,000 people served in 2012. Londonderry residents this year took advantage of every program offered at the Upper Room. On average, 10-20% of participants were from our town.

Including in-kind goods and services, 86% of every dollar goes directly to the youth. 23% of youths in the Juvenile Diversion program came from Londonderry. Community service program had 16% Londonderry participation. The recidivism rating had a 68% success, excellent by any measure.

The request is for \$9,000 for Juvenile Diversion and \$3,000 for General Administration. This level of funding will support 2% of the total agency budget.

**Request for FY 14 & 15:                    \$12,000.**  
**Town Meeting approved FY 12 & 13:    \$11,280.**

**Family Promise:**

This volunteer organization is planning to provide housing for families one week at a time, utilizing various church-owned sites. The focus will be on families with school-aged children, and is intended to provide transportation to their individual schools each day. There will be no discrimination or religious instruction. This program is not open in our area at this time, but plans to open in January 2013.

**New Request for Funding FY 14 & 15:    \$5,000.**

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**Total amount approved for this account FY 12 & 13:                    \$ 63,336.**  
**Total amount requested for this account FY 14 & 15:                    62,395.**  
  
**Default amount for this account:     \$ 63,336.**

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Joncas/Curran the committee voted to adjourn.

Member	For	Against	Abstain	Absent
Dan Lekas	X			
John Curran	X			
Lisa Whittemore	X			
Todd Joncas	X			
Chris Melcher	X			
Tom Dalton	X			
Bill Mee	X			

Motion passed 7-0-0. The committee adjourned at 9:50pm.

**RSA: 91-A: 2 Meetings Open to Public. – II. All public proceedings shall be open to the public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meetings of those bodies or agencies. Except for town meetings, school district meetings and elections, no vote while in open session may be taken by secret ballot. Any person shall be permitted to use recording devices, including, but not limited to, tape recorders, cameras and videotape equipment, at such meetings. Minutes of all such meetings, including names of members, persons appearing before the bodies or agencies, and a brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions, shall be promptly recorded and open to public inspection within 144 hours of the public meeting, except as provided in RSA 91-A: 6, and shall be treated as permanent records of any body or agency, or any subordinate body thereof, without exception.**