

**Date:** May 12, 2021

**Time:** 12:00p.m.

**Location:** via Zoom

**Recurrence:** Monthly, 2nd Wednesday

**Minutes Submitted by:** Samantha Ward via Brian Batson

**Minutes Edited by:** NAC Members

**Previous Meeting Minutes (April 14, 2021) Status:** Approved

### **Attendees**

Brian Batson (MMC) co-chair

Emma Holder (PNA) co-chair

Alvah Davis (WPNA)

Matt Wickenheiser (MMC)

Walter Pochebit (MMC)

Nell Donaldson (CoP)

Al Green – MaineHealth

Samantha Ward (MMC)

Tim McNamara (SJVNA)

Jennifer McCarthy (MMC)

Lin Parsons (WENA)

Todd Reynolds (LNA)

Councilor Spencer Thibodeau (CoP)

Ann Tucker, CEO – Greater Portland Health

Chaning Michele (LNA)

### *Meeting Minutes: Beginning*

#### **Walter – Construction update:**

Continue with tiebacks, systematic work – next couple of months

May 14<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> 25 vibration monitors; further up congress street, 10-15 feet in from road

Unitil work on Gilman delayed until May 24<sup>th</sup> 7a-7p duration - 1 wk

Tim: portable Unitil outhouse at top of Gilman. MMC is reaching out to Unitil to remove it

Spencer: Tim, can you send that to me in an email?

Tim: Yes. Vibration monitoring kit has been moved from A at service lot

Walter: Yes it has been moved. Moving vibration monitoring kits to better suit current work

Tim: Greyhound work looks great, we are pleased

Walter: property management message: greyhound sign being removed within the next two weeks

Walter: just learned that the police department and coast guard are asking for another training

Tim: who do they come to for using Greyhound station for training?

Walter: Property management, filtered through Jennifer's Office

Walter: Food Pantry is gaining a lot of traction; asking for a scope of work; Tim- I know you had some opinions you wanted to share; PD wants a space in the back corner with filmed windows; if food pantry all works out, construction work (facelift) would begin mid-summer; would target early fall opening, Al: mostly distribution not cooking Jennifer: what we get is getting in boxes on shelves, not fancy

Emma: interesting that a food pantry would be tucked away. What happened to the food truck possibility?

Al: putting together a proposal

#### **MMC Modernization website refresh (Matt Wickenheiser)**

75% through FAQs for heliport, working with LifeFlight

Enacting a Web-based way to file complaints moving forward

Emma: is just the modernization page?

Matt: yes

Emma: modernization is not the most intuitive word for searching the site for this information

Matt: we've trained people to use modernization but we can look into this

### **Monitoring update from Al Green**

No report. Technical issues related to mapping; hoping to submit report soon and will have it ready for June

### **Real Estate news:**

Jennifer: D'Angelos approached MMC to purchase the building; they will be leasing for three year. MMC also leases 222 St John (100 yr lease)

### **NAC Grant plan for Sept 2021 disbursement**

Alvah: Peter, Tim and Alvah met. Tim re-writing templates. Peter is reviewing and simplifying the process documents. Alvah is looking through past proposals to make a proposal guide. July 1<sup>st</sup> date to submit proposals. End of June- send out packet to all neighborhoods.

Tim: taken a few stabs at re-writing templates. Concerns over IDP report, not finished yet. We have a good handle on what it'll take to streamline the process

Emma: proposals due by July 1<sup>st</sup>? \$70k?

Alvah: Yes. Giving some thought to how money is allocated, not necessarily 5 equal distributions

Lin: Will someone on the subcommittee be sending communication soon?

Alvah: Yes, hopefully by June 1<sup>st</sup>; feedback on asking about prior grants?

Emma: timeframe for completion? Stitching onto previous grants?

Tim: working on explanation sheet; how will the project be received? If a project isn't completed, does that disqualify you from future funding?

Alvah: we're looking more for neglect, not necessarily lack of completion. We'd also like to know how the project went

Lin: we should regularly send Maine Med a progress report. I mentioned that I had a copy of the one that our WENA president had submitted regarding our grant for Harbor View Park. I will send it to the grant subcommittee.

Spencer: goal was an ongoing spreadsheet; appreciate the work of the subcommittee

Nell: linking to the next round of funding is a great way to do it.

Jennifer: just need an invoice, happy to write the check!

### **Recuperative Care**

- Jennifer introduces Ann Tucker, the CEO of Greater Portland Health.
- Ann: many recuperative care centers across the country, none in Maine yet; presently taking care of ~12,700 patients; under scope of services, we can open a recuperative care program; patients can engage with social workers, case management, substance use disorders, etc.; looking to open beginning of 2022
- Jennifer: reason it's happening now is because we have the space
- Brian: from a nurses's point of view, this is exciting!
- Tim: where is it going?
- Jennifer: Sleep Center
- Tim: discontinuing sleep center?
- Jennifer: No, there is space on the second floor; we don't want this to be too far from the hospital
- Tim: how many beds?
- Ann: 15 beds on the second floor, community health center on the first floor

- Tim: What is meant by Community Health Center?
- Ann: under federal scope, there needs to be a health center- social services, etc.
- Emma: duration for folks in this care?
- Ann: all short term care
- Tim: are these people homeless?
- Ann: variety of different reasons, but mostly housing security issues
- Brian: receiving courses of antibiotics is a perfect example of the type of client served
- Ann: not just anyone from the community, it's patients already in the hospital
- Jennifer: next steps?
- Ann: city permits will take 8-12 weeks, construction 7 months (elevator)
- Lin: where do clients come from?
- Ann: everyone, private and public insurances. Publicly funded, some grants.
- Lin: There are HRSA (Federal Health Resources and Services Administration) who give grants for these purposes. For the rest of us who may not be familiar with HRSA, they have been a part of HHS since 1982 when a lot of own federal reorganization was going on.
- Tim: more concerned about the construction

#### **Topics for next meeting**

- Brian: with vaccinations moving along, in-person MMC NAC meetings may be coming back
- Jennifer: large gatherings are still not happening in the hospital
- Jennifer: Real Estate Update
- Tim: Pantry and PD update at greyhound
- IDP from AI

#### **Acronym List:**

**CoP-** City of Portland

**LNA** – Libbytown Neighborhood Association

**MMC** – Maine Medical Center

**NAC** – Neighborhood Advisory Committee

**PNA-** Parkside Neighborhood Association

**SJVNA** – Saint John Valley Neighborhood Association

**SNF-** Skilled Nursing Facility

**WENA** – West End Neighborhood Association

**WPNA-** Western Promenade Neighborhood Association