

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

JULY 8, 2019

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, July 8, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman June M. Caron, Vice Chair
 Alderman Patricia Klee
 Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

Members of the Committee absent: Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

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Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
 Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
 Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
 Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
 Alderman Richard A. Dowd
 Alderman Patricia Klee
 Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
 Alderman Tom Lopez
 Alderman June M. Caron
 Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
 Alderwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
 Alderman Jan Schmidt

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$717,156 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTO PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT ACTIVITY “FY2020 AND FY2021 REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH NETWORK SERVICES”

MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Wilshire

We have some nice people here from the Community Health Department, if you'd care to join us and give us a little briefing on what this is all about. Come up and have a seat. I will turn it over to you if you want to just give us a little briefing on this and then we can ask questions and then we will be out of here.

Chelsea St. George, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

That would be great. We will try to keep this short and simple and sweet, right. Thank you for your motion to approve this. My name is Chelsea St. George, I am the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and I work out of the Division of Public Health & Community Services under this grant.

Lisa Vasquez, Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator

I am Lisa Vasquez, Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator also out of the Division of Public Community Services.

Chairman Wilshire

Thank you for being here.

Ms. St. George

So again this grant and the award total of \$717,156.00 is a two year grant and it supports 3.88 FTE's. It also supports five physicians, including a Public Health Network Services Coordinator, a Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Public Health Network Services Program Assistant, Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator and our Epidemiologist over at the Division. This grant is really to allow us to serve as the lead organization for the Greater Nashua Regional Public Health Network to coordinate a range of public health and substance misuse related services as described below, I'm going to tell you; to assure that communities Statewide are covered by the initiatives to protect and improve the health of the public. That includes maintaining a regional public health advisory council, planning for it and responding to public health incidents and emergencies. Preventing the misuse of substances, facilitating and sustaining a continuum of care to address substance use disorders; conducting a community-based assessment relating to childhood lead poisoning prevention and sharing a currently licensed health care professional who will serve as a medical director for the regional public health network and will issue standing orders when needed to carry out the programs and services funded through this agreement. And to ensure contract administration and leadership. So thank you very much, we are happy to be here and to continue doing the work for our region and for the City.

Chairman Wilshire

Thank you. Does the Committee have questions?

Alderwoman Melizzi-Golja

Just a comment, I just think it is great that we are doing all these things and that we are able to do this for the region. So thank you and thank you for all your efforts into getting this money.

Ms. St. George

Thank you, we appreciate it.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES – None

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

Chairman Wilshire

I just want to give a shout out to John and his wife, I told him I would give him a shout out at the next meeting. Here you are John, I am shouting out.

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN CARON TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Committee Clerk