

**Sullivan County, NH
Executive Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**October 6, 2014
8:30 AM**

*Remington Woodhull County Complex
Commissioners' Conference Room
14 Main Street, Newport, NH 03773*

Delegates Present: Sue Gottling, EFC Chair, District 2; Jim Grenier, EFC, District 7; Andy Schmidt, Clerk, District 1; Raymond Gagnon, EFC, District 5; John Cloutier, Chair, District 10

Delegates Absent: Virginia Irwin, EFC, District 6

County & State Personnel Present: Jessie Levine, County Manager; Ted Purdy, Nursing Home Administrator; Michael Prozzo, High Sheriff; John Simonds, Captain

Public Present: Kelly Murphy, Interim Executive Director, and Elizabeth Starr, DMD, Community Dental Care of Claremont; Liz Chipman, Interim Executive Director, Community Alliance; Kevin Onnela, Lempster resident

8:30 AM Chair Gottling called the meeting to order and welcomed Kelly Murphy, interim executive director of the Community Dental Care of Claremont. Ms. Murphy reviewed the last year or so of transition and rebuilding of the Sullivan County Dental Initiative (see attached summary of 2013-2014 program activities). She stated that the Oral Health Collaborative failed to provide financial documents to the county, so the quarterly payments had been withheld, with her understanding and agreement due to the length of time required to rebuild the organization's finances. Despite the reorganization, Ms. Murphy assured the EFC that they have delivered the school dental health services that were funded by the County in its FY14 budget (funds were not sought in FY15). County Manager Levine will release payment upon receipt of the required financials.

Liz Chipman of Community Alliance updated the EFC on services provided, including volunteer driver program and bus ridership. The EFC discussed the appropriateness of reimbursing or not reimbursing volunteer drivers for mileage.

Kevin Onnela addressed unassigned fund balance and encouraged the EFC to return funds to the taxpayers, noting that many homeowners struggled to pay their tax bills. The EFC discussed the fund balance and reiterated its hope for a fund balance policy from the County Manager.

**Motion to approve the June 10, 2014 and July 1, 2014 minutes. Made by: Rep. Gagnon.
Seconded by: Rep. Grenier. Motion passed on 3-0 vote.**

Meeting adjourned 11:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Schmidt, Clerk, Sullivan County EFC

AS/kbs/jwl

Date minutes approved: _____



SULLIVAN COUNTY DENTAL INITIATIVE

2013-2014 Program Activities

Summary: SCDI provided screenings and preventive services (cleanings, fluoride varnish and sealants) to approx. 800 Sullivan County children.

Details:

1. Sullivan County 3rd Grade Survey: Collaboration with DHHS to assess relative health of NH 3rd grade students, assessing height, weight and dental screening. SCDI screened 3rd graders in schools throughout Sullivan County, including Charlestown, North Walpole, Goshen-Lempster, Plainfield, Claremont, Kearsarge, Newport, Alstead, Grantham, Sunapee
2. SCDI provided screening and referral services to age-1-5 at preschools, Headstart and WIC in Sullivan County.
3. This year continues the expansion of screenings and services into preschools, with plans to expand to more preschools if time and funding permit. Preschools: Sugar River Valley Technical Center, Kids Place Newport, Disnard and Maple Ave preschools, Pleasant St Child Care, Kids View Academy, White Mt preschool, Together We Grow Newport, Newport Montessori, Good Beginnings.
4. Ongoing preventive services provided to Head Start – Claremont and Newport and WIC – Claremont, Newport and Charlestown.
5. Attends Annual meetings of Child Care Resource and Referral to create contacts with child care providers and provide education about dental prevention.
6. Provided screening and services to three Claremont grade schools, all average 40-50% free and reduces lunch and an average transient population rate of 30-40% (another program covers Newport schools)

Statistics:

Since 2005 for 2nd and 3rd graders in the Claremont schools:

- Untreated decay has dropped from 63% to a low of 7% (last yr. 13%)
- Sealant rate has jumped from 50% to 73%
- Unofficial reports from statewide DHHS 3rd grade survey indicate Sullivan County has the highest rate of sealants at 95%
- History of dental disease (has the child needed dental txt - filling, extraction) has dropped from to 68% to 44% (a 5% drop in this stat indicates significant prevention program success)