

Sullivan County NH

Type of Meeting: Sullivan County Full Delegation
Date/Time: January 27, 2006 / 10:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Place: Newport Remington Woodhull County Complex
3rd Floor Probate Courtroom

Members Present: Reps. Larry Converse, Tom Donovan, Peter Franklin, Harry Gale, Charlotte Houde-Quimby, Arthur Jillette, Stephen Prichard, Beverly Rodeschin, and John Cloutier

Members Absent:

Commissioners Present: Donald Clarke, Ben Nelson, and Ethel Jarvis

Other Elected Officials and County Employees Present: Ed Gil de Rubio, Sharron King

Other Attendees: Jim Fredyma – *HHS: Commissioner - DHHS Controller and Jonathan McCosh – Business Administrator IV, HHS: Elderly & Adult Services*

10:18 a.m. meeting was called to order.

Commissioner Clarke led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Minutes were passed over so that Mr. James Fredyma, the controller of NH Health and Human Services, could make his presentation to the delegation.

Mr. Fredyma introduced Jonathan McCosh, of the Bureau of Elderly and Adult Services that directs the payments for Nursing Home services throughout the state.

Mr. Fredyma discussed the ProShare and MQIP programs. MQIP is fairly recent, but ProShare has been active since 1994. ProShare was developed to provide additional reimbursement to County Homes for high cost cases that were mostly unique to the County Homes. It attempted to pay the difference between Medicare and Medicaid rates for these cases. The programs have undergone changes over the years, which have mostly been attempts to increase reimbursement amounts. MQIP was a more recent program that tried to increase reimbursement, the Medicaid quality reimbursement program. As a result to federally mandate changes to MQIP the County Home now receive funds from three sources Medicaid, ProShare and MQIP. This year there will only be one ProShare payment at the end of the fiscal year. The total reimbursement figures will go electronically, direct to the counties starting this year.

He answered individual questions of delegates. He explained that Legislative level funding kept reimbursements more or less constant the past few years in spite of rate increases.

HB638 if passed by the senate might increase the amount being received by counties.

There was a discussion of the reimbursement process based on activity issues. Additional questions by the delegation members were answered.

At the close of his comments Mr. Fredyma was roundly thanked for a clear and complete presentation.

The meeting took a 5-minute break.

Following the break, the Registrar of Deeds addressed the delegation, regarding a request to withdraw funds from her equipment fund. She requested permission to expend no more than \$6500 to pay for shelving and a table for use in the registry office.

Rodeschin moved and Prichard seconded to authorize the Registrar of Deeds to withdraw up to \$6500 from the Registry of Deeds surcharge equipment account to pay for new shelving and a table.

After some questions and answers the question was called by Rep. Rodeschin.

The motion to call the question by a voice vote passed with Rep. Franklin voting in the negative.

The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

The approval of the minutes of Dec.29, 2005 and June 28, 2005 were discussed. The minutes of June 28, 2005 were not yet ready.

Rep. Rodeschin moved the approval of the Dec. 29th minutes, seconded by Rep. Prichard.

The minutes of Dec. 29th were approved by a voice vote.

There were no committee reports.

The Chair accepted Rep. Houde – Quimby's resignation from the UNH Cooperative Extension advisory board with regret, and appointed Rep. Gale to replace her on the committee.

Under new business – The state survey of the Sullivan County Health facility and the facilities plan of correction was mentioned and moved to the next meeting so that the administrator of the Nursing Home could be available. Rep. Houde-Quimby noted the need for staffing information she requested previously. It was also requested that copies of prior survey reports be sent to delegation members prior to the next delegation meeting. Rep. Franklin agreed to get the reports to the delegation members.

Rep. Rodeschin moved Rep. Prichard seconded to move the discussion of the County Home report to the date of March 10th.

Motion defeated by voice vote.

New motion to move meeting to Feb. 24th at the Health Care facility.

Motion to call the question failed to pass. Rep. Gale withdrew his motion and replaced it with a motion to meet on the 17th of February at 9:00 a.m. at the Ahern Building.

It passed on a voice vote with no votes against it.

Rep Rodeschin mentioned bills she felt should be supported.

Rep. Gale mentioned a retreat he would like to hold with the delegation.

Rep. Rodeschin moved to adjourn seconded by Rep. Gale.

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned approximate 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur Jillette Jr.", written in dark ink.

Rep. Arthur Jillette Jr., Clerk
Sullivan County Delegation

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