Minutes Submitted by: Samantha Ward via Brian Batson
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Previous Meeting Minutes (April 14, 2021) Status: Approved

Attendees
Brian Batson (MMC) co-chair
Emma Holder (PNA) co-chair
Alvah Davis (WPNA)
Matt Wickheniser (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 14th- 21st 25 vibration monitors; further up congress street, 10-15 feet in from road
Unitil work on Gilman delayed until May 24th 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 going 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 Wickheniser)
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 1st 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 1st? $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 1st; 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 Al

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