NYSARH Policy Committee Notes

12/11/18

1. Attending-

Barry Brogan, Richard Merchant, Claire Parde, Rob, Wingate, Sara Wall Bollinger

1. Review minutes of 11/6/18 – No minutes presented
2. Policy Priorities learned from Survey results

Committee shared following thoughts

* As we build our testimony for this year’s policy season we should try to identify a “theme”
* Need to connect the dots among all the cut programs
* Tell how the programs work together to create the “fabric of our rural communities”
* Cuts to one program hurts all the programs (and the people they serve)
* We can identify that there is a lack of understanding between state priorities and how the cut programs support the state’s priorities.
* How do the 30+ pooled programs connect to the state’s priorities?
* For example: RHN’s support DSRIP, BHCC, VBP Prevention Agenda & Workforce

We will reach out to content experts to help us frame the argument for rural.

Survey Priorities:

* Non-medical transport
* Workforce
* Behavioral Health
* EMS
* Also pull NYS specific issues from NRHA

1. Plans for Albany Advocacy Day 11/30

Advocacy day is 1/30/2019. We have room 211 reserved 8:30-11AM for briefing. Also the legislative commission’s offices LOB 846A are available to hang-out in between visits.

1. Which guests do we want to invite to speak?

Speakers for briefing session

* HANYS
* CHCANYS
* Leg. Commission
* State Assoc. of County Health Offices
* EMS Steve Kroll
* BH Association Reps

1. How will we handle making and sharing appointments?

Early in January we need to determine: We need a list of Committee Chairs for 2019

* Who is coming?
* Who do they want to see?
* What appointments are made?
* Who do we want to see (if not one of our reps)? – Committee Chairs

1. How will we record appointments made in District

No Discussed

1. Update on Economic Impact research project

Meeting after Rockefeller Institute in December to pitch the project. It was decided that Richard, Sara and Barry would attend in person.

Others?