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**Notes of Policy Committee January 7, 2020**

Present: Barry Brogan, Anne Marie Snell, Claire Parde, Paul Pettit, Susan Williams, Ann Abdella, Courtney Shaler, Sara Wall Bollinger

Excused: Nancy McGraw, Rob Wingate, Liz Urbanski Farrell, Derrik Chrisler,

Sylvia Getman, Helen Evans

Barry took roll call and welcomed attendees at 9:01.

1. Motion to accept the notes of November 26th [Ann/Courtney] passed.
2. Albany Priorities document approved as amended [mostly EMS part]

Add Section:

Legalization of Marijuana:

* 50% of funds raised to be allocated to prevention & treatment
* Mandate 25% Public Health Practitioners on Marijuana Advisory Council
* Regional approach with adjoining states

Action:

Sara will send sections to “partner” organizations for comment

Dates of significance:

State of the State is 1/8

Executive Budget release 1/21

NYSARH Board meeting 2/3

Albany Advocacy Day 2/4

3.Federal Priorities

Discussion:

* Add 340B
* SALT has complicated recruitment; also, high malpractice costs
* FEMA SIREN Act [has since been signed into law]
* EMS under Dept of Transportation – advocate to move to HHS
  + Sara will ask NRHA for wording
* Dept of Agriculture SNAP
  + Susan will get some stats on impact
* USDA: Rural Broadband
  + Advisory Board
* HRSA Opioid Response & Reduction
  + Claire will share “Healing Communities” study
* Funding for rural residencies should continue.
  + Look for GAO report on NP/PA training costs
* A Delegation from NYSARH will attend the NRHA Policy Institute February 11-13

Old Business:

Actions

1. All Committee members will find the Census advocacy organizations in their communities
2. Committee members will email contact info to Sara so that social media, newsletter, website and press releases may include Census messaging during the spring of 2020.

Meeting adjourned (Claire) at 9:54am.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 28th at 9AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Wall Bollinger