

**NH Department of Health and Human Services  
Plan to Close the Cliff Effect for Individuals and Families who  
Receive Public Benefits Working Group  
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, December 21, 2020

**I. Call to order**

Chris Santaniello called to order the meeting of the Cliff Effect Working Group meeting at 9:00AM on Monday, December 21, 2020 via Zoom on-line meeting.

**II. In Attendance- Quorum Present**

- Christine Santaniello
- Wildolfo Arvelo
- Danielle Bishop
- George Copadis
- Anna Hamel
- Susan Huard
- Christina Lachance
- Rich Lavers
- Donnalee Lozeau
- Gene Patnode
- Dee Pouliot
- Kim Runion
- Representative Mary Jane Wallner

**III. Minute Review/Vote**

- Susan Huard motioned to accept minutes
- Christina Lachance seconded the motion
- Motion passed, minutes accepted

#### **IV. Review and Approve the December 30<sup>th</sup> report**

- Group Discussion
- George Copadis motioned to accept December report with revision to letterhead
- Susan Huard seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously and report accepted with revision

#### **V. Discussion**

- Still waiting on the economic analysis to be completed, timeline extended to January with the consultants, additional housing information and additional information on child care cost and availability will be included
- Next steps for working group will be a presentation from Manhattan Strategies on the benefit calculator and meet to develop policy recommendations, expect next meeting in either January or February 2021.
- Meeting adjourned

## **VI. Action Items, Adjournment, and Next Meeting**

- Draft quarterly report- send to group
- Schedule a short December meeting for group to review and vote
- Finalize report and distribute to group
- Schedule the Manhattan Strategies presentation in January 2021
- Meeting adjourned

*Minutes submitted by: Maureen DiTomaso*

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