

**SAU WITHDRAWAL STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 20, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.
AUBURN SAFETY COMPLEX**

These minutes have been approved.

Janice Baker, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Those in attendance were committee members Alan Villeneuve, Samantha Belcourt, Heather Lockwood, Joanne Linxweiller, and David Wesche.

PROOF OF POSTING

Becki McCarthy provided proof of posting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Alan Villeneuve, seconded by Dave Wesche, to approve the Withdrawal Study Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2016, and the motion carried unanimously.

The committee discussed scheduling and interviewing will begin next week.

INTERVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE

Janice Baker reviewed the Interview Plan presented before the committee. Discussion ensued after Samantha Belcourt stated she had reservations regarding the questions to be posed to the interviewees. She felt that they should be more fact-based as opposed to opinion-based. The Interview Sub-Committee members indicated that the questions were intended to be conversation starters and asking solely fact-based questions might jeopardize the Sub-Committee's ability to engage in a dialogue with the interviewees. Janice verified attendance for upcoming Interview Sub-Committee meetings.

SUMMARY OF WITHDRAWAL STUDIES

Janice Baker reviewed the Summary of Withdrawal Studies presented before the committee.

CONSOLIDATION/SEPARATION TRENDS IN NH

Janice Baker reviewed the Consolidation/Separation Trends in NH presented before the committee.

AUGUST MEETINGS

The August meeting schedule was reviewed. The committee agreed to cancel the meeting planned for August 3.

Janice Baker stated that topics for upcoming meetings should be budgeting and 'what if's', such as where a new SAU would be located, what positions would be necessary, and the financial impact of withdrawal. The August 17 meeting will include discussions of interview findings, problems and goals. The August 31 meeting will include discussions of finance, 'what if's', and any interviews not previously discussed. Joanne Linxweiller suggested getting a copy of the Chester SAU budget to see actual costs of a similar sized single SAU.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Rusty Sullivan stated that the information on Consolidation Trends in NH was useful information.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dave Wesche, seconded by Janice Baker, to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., and the motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled SAU Withdrawal Study Meeting is Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auburn Safety Complex Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca SJ McCarthy
Recording Secretary