

North Country Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee Meeting

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January 12, 2018

Littleton Regional Healthcare, Littleton NH

In attendance: Joe DePalma, Chuck Phillips, Doug Grant, John Hennessy, Steve Knox, Chuck Henderson, Mike Claflin, Miguel Morales, Ben Doyle, Harold B. Parker, Cheryl Ducharme, Chris Thayer, Brian Bresnahan, Linda Fogg, Jo Lacaillade, Ben Amsden, cody Morrison, Catalina Celentano, Eleanor Jaffee, Curt Grimm, Neil McIver, Brian Murphy, Robin Irving, Troy Merner, Carl Martland, Chuck Phillips

NCC Staff: Michelle Moren-Grey

Meeting called to order at 10:02am by Chair, Ben Amsden – Welcomed everyone.

Roundtable introductions were made by attendees.

Acceptance of Minutes: November 17, 2017 Minutes. Motion by Jo Lacaillade to accept the Minutes as written, seconded by Steve Knox. Passed unanimously.

Guest Presentation & Discussion – Perspectives on Opportunity in the North Country:

Curt Grimm, Deputy Director, Carsey School

Larry Hamilton, Professor of Sociology and Carsey School Senior Faculty Fellow

Eleanor Jaffee, Research Assistant Professor and Coös Youth Study Project Manager, Carsey School

Linda Fogg, Graduate Student of Sociology

Erin Sharp, Associate Professor of Human Development & Family Studies and Carsey School Faculty Fellow

The data focused on the following:

What do people see as the North Country's greatest strengths, and greatest challenges?

What do young adults see as their opportunities in the region – or lack thereof – when they think about building a future for themselves and their families?

Researchers at the University of New Hampshire have been exploring these questions and will report on findings from their youth and adult surveys relevant to education, economic development, employment, community assets, and quality of life, among other topics.

Material attached.

Quick Updates

Ben Doyle – USDA –RDBG application deadline 2/15. Asked for LOI's however if one was not submitted an application can be submitted.

Cody Morrison – CDBG rule change is at the state level. State energy side audit program to assess usage and options to reduce. Tax credit program with upcoming workshops.

Adjournment: The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:15pm