

# Human Services and Home Health Workers Student Loan Repayment Board

## Meeting Minutes (Unofficial)

November 21, 2022

3:00 – 3:45pm

Date of meeting: Monday, November 21, 2022

Start time: 3:00 pm

End time: 3:45 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

Members participating remotely		Vote 1*	Vote 2*
1	<b>Tammy Mello</b> ( <i>chair</i> ) – The Key Program, Inc.	X	X
2	<b>Jule Gomes Noack</b> – Horace Mann Educational Associates (HMEA)	X	X
3	<b>Diane Gould</b> – Advocates	X	X
4	<b>Michael Weekes</b> – Providers’ Council	X	X
5	<b>John Yazwinski</b> – Father Bill’s & MainSpring	X	X
6	<b>Lisa Gurgone</b> – Mystic Valley Elder Services	X	X
7	<b>Lois Nesci</b> – Gándara Center	X	X
8	<b>Lisa Parent</b> – Community Nurse Home Care	X	X
9	<b>John Feehan</b> – YWCA	X	X

\* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

### Proceedings

Diane Gould made a motion to accept the 11/7/2022 meeting minutes. Lois Nesci seconded the motion. All nine of the board members voted in favor.

Tammy Mello began the discussion of the final report. Michael Weekes raised that it would be helpful to understand the number of people the program will reach. Tammy Mello suggested adding that request to the final report. Diane Gould suggested adding a time parameter for the data.

Leslie Darcy, Special Advisor to the Secretary, provide an overview of the existing loan repayment program and how the human services and home health program will be incorporated.

Tammy Mello raised the importance of marketing the program.

The board agreed to add two additional considerations to the final report including, (1) the recommendation that the loan repayment vendor provide a detailed overview of the number of applicants and awardees, including prioritization and demographics data, no more than two months after applicants are notified of their conditional awards, and (2) the recommendation that the loan repayment vendor use a debt-to-income ratio if there is insufficient funding to fully award all applicants with the same score within a prioritization category.

Tammy Mello called a vote on the final recommendation report. All nine board members voted in favor.

At 3:45pm the meeting concluded.