Maine SILC

Minutes

August 2023

Zoom Meeting

Attendance Key: P = Present; E = Excused; A = Absent without excuse.

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| ***Council Members:*** | | | | | |
| ***P*** | ***Darcy Gentle*** | ***P*** | ***Brendan Williams*** |  |  |
| ***P*** | ***Diane Frigon*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***P*** | ***Jessica Cyr*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***P*** | ***Lee Glynn*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***P*** | ***Samantha Fenderson*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***P*** | ***Andrew Smith*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***E*** | ***Tom Newman*** |  |  |  |  |

Members of the Public: Julie Hovey; Marita Leach; Ken Shapiro; Katie George; Railey Guthrie; Taren McGray; Jannine Bonk; Michelle Munsey; Crystal Burke; Cindy Leach; Linda Porelle.

Recorder: Cheryl Peabody Status: Approved

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| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| Welcome & Introductions | The meeting was called to order at 10:05am and introductions were made. | N/A | N/A |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| Maine CDC Breast & Cervical Health Program (MBCHP) | Taren McGray and Jannine Nonk were the presenters. MBCHP offers free breast and cervical health screenings and diagnostic services to qualifying individuals. MBCHP can offer full MaineCare to those diagnosed with breast and/or cervical cancer or precancer for those who meet eligibility criteria. For more information, call toll-free at: 1-800-350-5180; Oress 1.  Partnerships for Health (PFH) is conducting two focus groups to help MBCHP understand the needs that women with physical disabilities face surrounding breast and cervical health screenings. Taren will send more information for Maine SILC members to distribute to their colleagues and/or clients. | Get the word out about the two focus groups. | Any SILC member. |
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| Acceptance of Minutes | There were no corrections offered for the June minutes. The minutes were accepted as distributed. | Send the June minutes to the webmaster for posting on the website. | Cheryl Peabody |
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| Financial Report | The updated financial document did not make it into the OneDrive folder for review. The report will be sent after the meeting so SILC members will review and make any comments/suggestions. | Distribute Financial Document. | Cheryl Peabody |
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| SPIL 2024 and 2025-2027 | Cheryl reported that the Maine SPIL for FFY 2024 was conditionally approved by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) pending the commissioner’s approval.  Cheryl asked if the Council wanted to pick a SPIL committee for the SPIL for 2025-2027 or if Maine SILC will work as a group. It was decided that a bigger discussion will be held at the annual training in September. | Read SPIL instructions. | Cheryl Peabody and any member. |
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| Annual Training | The annual training will be held in a hybrid manner on September 27th. In person meeting space is the Frances Perkins room at the Department of Labor in Augusta. The training will have three training sessions, lunch, and a Council meeting following lunch. The three training sessions are about transportation, Emergency preparedness and a legislative session. The training will begin at 9:00 so attendees are asked to show up (or log on) in advance so introductions can be made, and the training can start at 9:00am. | Get directions to the building out for those who can attend in person.  Work with Britt’s Café to get the menu out to folks attending in person can put in lunch order.  Get zoom link out to everyone. | Diane Frigon  Cheryl Peabody  Cheryl Peabody |
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| Activity Table | Just a reminder that Maine SILC needs members activities for FFY2023 by October 1st. If you need assistance, please let Cheryl know. | Complete activity table for individual activities done throughout the FFY2023. | All members |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| Fiscal Policy | Placeholder | Complete draft of fiscal policy. | Stephanie Desrochers |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| Remote Work Policy | Placeholder | Complete draft of remote work policy. | Cheryl Peabody |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| General Updates | Membership Committee: No updates.  Designated State Entity (DSE) committee: No updates.  Moving Maine Network: Jessica reminded everyone of the email Cheryl forwarded on August 4th that listed information about mobility learning community. A session on electric vehicle charging stations will happen on August 30th from 12:00-1:00.  Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council (ABIAC) update: The ABIAC has developed a new orientation process. New members are assigned to mentor. They are also holding pre-meeting calls to go over the agenda so survivors and caregivers can ask questions and better participate in ABIAC meetings. | N/A  N/A  N/A  N/A | N/A  N/A  N/A  N/A |
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| Announcements | The state’s new ADA Coordinator has been hired. It is Railey Guthrie (who attended this meeting to introduce herself).  Darcy reported the Wabanaki Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program is in their last year of a five-year grant. She will be looking for support letters soon.  Diane reported that VR purchased an electric vehicle. The reviews have been positive so far. | N/A  Write a support letter when needed.  N/A | N/A  Cheryl Peabody  N/A |
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| Public Comments | Crystal Burke shared some information about those with long COVID and the end of the public health emergency | N/A | N/A |
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| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 11:20am | N/A | N/A |

***People & Organizations Represented***

***Darcy Gentle – Wabanaki Vocational Rehabilitation Program Director***

***Diane Frigon - Regional Director, Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired***

***Jessica Cyr – Disability Advocate***

***Lee Glynn – Disability Advocate, Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council***

***Samantha Fenderson – Assistant Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation***

***Tom Newman – Executive Director, Alpha One (CIL)***

***Julie Hovey – Independent Living Specialist, Alpha One***

***Katie George – Alpha One***

***Brendan Williams – Disability Advocate***

***Marita Leach – Benefits Counseling Services, Maine Health***

***Andrew Smith – Disability Advocate***

***Ken Shapiro – Disability Advocate, Disability Rights Maine***