Maine SILC

Minutes

June 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*** | ***Keenan Weischedel*** |  |  |
| ***P*** | ***Jessica Cyr*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***P*** | ***Lee Glynn*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***E*** | ***Samantha Fenderson*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***P*** | ***Andrew Smith*** |  |  |  |  |
| ***E*** | ***Tom Newman*** |  |  |  |  |

Members of the Public: Julie Hovey; Marita Leach.

Recorder: Cheryl Peabody. Next Meeting: August 23, 2023. Minutes Approved: DRAFT

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| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
|  Introductions | The meeting was called to order at 10:05am. Members and guests were introduced and welcomed. News was shared that all three applicants for Maine SILC have been approved by the Governor. | N/A | N/A |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| Acceptance of Minutes | The minutes from May: No corrections were offered. The minutes were accepted as distributed.  | Send the May minutes to the SILC’s webmaster to be posted on the SILC website | Cheryl Peabody |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| Financial Report and Proposed Budget | The Council was able to access the financial Report regarding how much money Maine SILC will not use during the remainder of FFY2023.The Council reviewed the proposed budget for FFY2024. The Council was in favor of the proposed budget. | Send an email to DSE and CIL, notifying them to modify contract and have unused funds go to the CIL’s core servicesSend proposed budget for FFY2024 to DSE.  | Cheryl PeabodyCheryl Peabody |
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| SPIL | The State Plan for Independent Living (SPIL) is in the final stages of edits. The SPIL FFY2024 is due June 30, 2023. | Final edits of SPIL and submission. | Libby Stone-Sterling and Cheryl Peabody |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| SPIL Survey | Placeholder | Work with Samantha Fenderson to ensure Maine SILC has all the survey questions correctly. | Cheryl Peabody |
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| Disability Pride Month | Disability Rights Maine is hosting a disability pride event in Augusta on Friday, July 21st from 11:00 – 3:00. All are welcome. | Represent Maine SILC at Disability Rights Maine pride event. | Cheryl Peabody |
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| Annual Training | The Council discussed possible topics for the Maine SILC annual raining. Suggestions include Zoe Miller regarding transportation; MEMA for Emergency Preparedness; and Legislative representative to help optimize Maine SILC’s voice. | Contact Zoe Miller and MEMA.Legislative representative. | Cheryl PeabodyBrendan Williams |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| Fiscal Policy | Placeholder – Stephanie Desrochers is working on this. | Follow up with Stephanie | Cheryl Peabody |
| Topic | Discussion | Action | Responsible |
| Remote Work Policy | Placeholder | Review policies other SILCs have sent and draft language for Maine SILC | Cheryl Peabody |
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| General Updates | Membership Committee: Discussion did ensue around Maine SILC actively pursuing new members. Some unserved populations include veterans, the Career Centers and parents of a child with a disability.DSE Committee: Cheryl sent out Maine SILC’s SPIL goal and objectives to make sure everyone was still on board to PAUSE this goal as the Office on Aging and Disability Services (OADS) does not have the resources to take this on at this time.Transportation Committee: The transportation groups continue to have learning community’s workshops. Zoe Miller sent out an email with legislative updates. This was shared with the Council.Acquired Brain Injury Advisory Council (ABIAC): Lee had sent out the State Plan prior to the Maine SILC meeting.Driver Evaluations Updates: Julie reported that an accessible van has been located so now Alpha One can conduct statewide drive evaluations. | Post organizational list of agencies and organizations that Maine SILC could present at one of their meetings.N/AN/AN/AN/A | Cheryl PeabodyN/AN/AN/AN/A |
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| Announcements | Diane reported that Eric Dibner, the State’s ADA Coordinator, is retiring as of June 30th. Upcoming retirements include Andrea Bickford and Judy Wolff.Keenan reported that Disability Rights Maine is hiring a voter rights advocate.  | N/A If interested, contact Disability Rights Maine. | N/AInterested Parties |
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| Public Comments | Time was given for public comment. None was given. | N/A | N/A |
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| Adjournment | The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am. | 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)***

***Rachel Dyer – Developmental Disabilities Council***

***Keenan Weischedel – Disability Rights Maine***

***Leah Farrell – Disability Advocate***

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

***Katie George – Alpha One***

***Brendan Williams – Disability Advocate***

***Karen Mason – Associate Director, Office on Aging and Disability Services***

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

***Andrew Smith – Disability Advocate***