

**Maine Developmental Disabilities Council**  
 May 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Handouts</b>	<b>Highlights</b>	<b>Motions</b>
Welcome, Introductions and Minutes		Abbott Philson asked for amendment to 02/09/22 meeting minutes to remove duplicate listing in attendance of Sarah Trites.	Jon made motion to accept minutes with amendment. Sarah 2 <sup>nd</sup> . No objections, passed unanimously by roll call
Council Orientation/ Conflict of Interest	Conflict of Interest Form sent with invite to print and fill out / fillable form for email. Mailed to Sarah Trites and Maryann Preble	Nancy reviewed MDDC and DD Act Conflict of Interest Policy and the importance that everyone complete and return the 2022 Conflict of Interest form by early June. Kim Moody (DRM) commented that the Council must recognize conflict of interest when making decisions as a council.	
Program Update		Rachel and Nancy presented updates to projects under contracts and taking place. A position statement needed on the process for how and who to fund for grants. Rachel presented State Plan and Goals and asked for council feedback on projects: A suggestion was made to promote DD History to Middle School History Teachers and have it used as part of DSP training. Monique stated that SUFU uses the Shadows of Pineland website as part of the SUFU presentation to each agency she visits. Open Futures Learning Website is a learning module website that can be joined and used to learn about options for people with I/DD and the people that work with I/DD people to learn about options and education on issues.	

		<p>CSHN will post a video on their website of Nancy's presentation on Sexual Assault. Cheryl Stalilonis has been a strong advocate for communication and using the correct words.</p>	
<p>Council Worry Group Exercise</p>	<p>Reflection / 5 Minutes 3 breakout Rooms / 20 minutes All together / 10 minutes</p>	<p>The Council went into 3 breakout rooms to discuss concerns of all Council Members on current activities and what things need to be worked on for projects.:</p> <p>Nancy's Room</p> <p>Marriage equality Transportation I have to take a cab instead of bus access. The bus access has changed the routes and cabs are a lot more money. They used to come and do pick ups in a way I could get to the bus stop</p> <p>Staff Changes: Worried about staff changes supportive housing worried that affecting your life. Will I be able to volunteer and contribute or will I be sitting alone. What if they don't get good people. Hard not knowing what is going to happen.</p> <p>BHP changes and if you don't get one within 60 days you go back to the waitlist. The shift of BHPs are really scary.</p> <p>Also worried about access to healthcare. Developmental Pediatricians are really not accepting teens but focusing on early intervention, but transition and adolescent healthcare is critical</p> <p>Really struggling to get my kid what he needs to ensure that he can grow to be as independent as possible.</p> <p>Children's waitlist is terrible. Finding the staff people is a nightmare. These are real concerns.</p> <p>I'm seeing things affect others in my daily life. Transportation is cancelling rides. In group homes your roommate might have a ride but you might not. Really inequitable services. Day programs have had to cut down the number</p>	

	<p>of people that can be in person. They have been told that we will go black soon – but when will that happen? It affects peoples lives when staff goes on vacation or are ill and when there is fill-in staff it creates stress and strain on the individual because things get out of hand.</p> <p>Continued access to technology.</p> <p>Restraint and seclusion is awful</p> <p>Waitlist -</p> <p>Have things gotten better regarding COVID? 50/50. DSP doesn't want to work and others seem to not want to work.</p> <p>Worried about masks and people not wearing them when others are so vulnerable</p> <p>Rachel's Room</p> <p><b>Healthcare</b></p> <p>Providers not following guidelines re high risk covid</p> <p>Inconsistency with communication access: no you can't come in, once you're in they rely on you 100%</p> <p>Lack of respect from providers</p> <p>DRM working on health equity and inclusion of disability</p> <p>NCD new report</p> <p><b>R&amp;S</b></p> <p>Ongoing use</p> <p>Lack of training by providers (who are restraining)</p> <p><b>Education</b></p> <p>Covid related disparities</p> <p>Inequity of families on all levels at schools: lack of information, lack of following the law</p> <p><b>Inclusion</b></p> <p>Lack of expectation of inclusion in many systems (schools, services)</p> <p>Lack of capacity to support children w/ needs (i.e. how does the coach even know that the child needs something different?)</p>	
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Council Business	Membership Committee Report	Jon reported on status of membership. 4 seats need to be filled by September and nominations for renewal need to be made.	
	Financial	<p>Nancy announced that the Council has a new bookkeeper – Sarah and she is exceptional.</p> <p>Nancy reviewed the budget and funds that are allocated.</p>	

	Nomination Committee	Volunteers: Maggie Hoffman, Jon McGovern, Marc Riox and Staci Converse to have meeting and receive support from Brenda to have a meeting on nominations for the Executive Committee. 2 co-chairs, 1 treasurer and 2 others needed for 07/13/22 meeting and council vote	
	By-Law Committee	Volunteers: Abbott Philson, Kim Moody, Maryann Preble, Sarah Trites and Maggie Hoffman to meet with Nancy and Brenda to review and make recommendations at 07/13/22 meeting.	
	September 14th Meeting In Person- Arboretum	Council agreed that September meeting will be virtual due to Nancy's medical leave and return date.	
Reminder	SMART Focus Group from 12 PM to 1 PM	Council members participating: Sue Russell, Maryann Preble, Abott Philson, Maggie Hoffman, Cheryl Stalilonis, Denise Ranger, Staci Converse, Stacy Smart, Nancy Cronin, Rachel Dyer, Brenda Charneski, Esther Solberge (guest) and Miranda Whalen (guest) Ann Kline with Institute on Disability at the University of New Hampshire lead the focus group for input on mental health services for people with I/DD.	
Adjourn		Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM	Maryann Preble made motion to adjourn, Tracy Webb 2 <sup>nd</sup> . No objections, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned

Attendance: Abbott Philson, Cheryl Stalilonis, Deb Davis, Denise Ranger, Jean Youde, Jon McGovern, Kile Pelletier, Kristine Binette, Kim Moody, Maggie Hoffman, Marc Riox, Maria Lamb, Maryann Harkall, Maryann Preble, Monique Stairs, Nicole Achey, Sarah Trites, Staci Converse, Stacy Smart, Sue Russell, Tracey Web, Esther Solberge (Guest), Ann Kline (Focus Group), Miranda Whalen (Guest for Focus Group)

Staff members attending: Nancy Cronin, Rachel Dyer, Brenda Charneski

Members absent: Cheryl Hathaway, Craig Patterson, Elissa Wynne, Laurie Corbett, Robbie Garland, Roberta Lucas

Quorum present? Yes

Next meetings date and time:

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 8:30 AM – 11:00 PM

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 8:30 AM – 11:00 PM