

Maine Developmental Disabilities Council
September 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM

Agenda Item	Handouts	Highlights	Motions
Welcome, Introductions and Hot Topics		Abbott opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to say their name, position and Hot Topics. Hot Topics include: DSP shortage, adult restraints, behavior plans, State of Maine paying for patients to go to Massachusetts for treatment facilities and the training and supervision of homecare workers. LD 28 was voted in and will begin on 10/25/23 to extend the school age to 25 for students with I/DD.	
Review of 07/12/23 meeting minutes	07/12/23 Meeting Minutes	Minutes were reviewed. Roll Call vote to accept the minutes as written.	Jon M. made motion to accept, Maryann P. 2 nd . No objections passed unanimously
Executive Committee Report	Executive Committee Meeting Minutes from 09/05/23	No comments	
Membership Committee	Membership Committee Report Maria Cameron Membership Application Courtney Schadtl Membership Application	Jon M. gave the Membership update of open seats. Staci Converse stated that she had asked multiple times to be included on the Membership Committee. Noted to add to committee roster. Introduced Maria Cameron, Volunteers of America, for the seat of a non-government agency. Executive Session called. Executive Session ended. Maggie H. asked Maria to step away to the waiting room. Maria consented under pressure. Maggie stated that VOA has a group home in Bar Harbor and VOA was not responding to complaints from parents. She stated that there were dozens of other non-government agencies that could be called on to take the NGA seat. Nancy stated that the DD Act encourages and recommends having a diverse Council membership to help the Council Mission.	Maryann P. made motion to accept Maria as a member in the NGA seat, Kile P. 2 nd the motion. Vote 4 Yes, 6 No, 4 Abstain. Motion did not pass. Reconsideration: Andrea D. made a motion to reconsider, Maryann P. 2 nd the motion. Vote 12 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstain. Motion

		<p>Executive Session Called Executive Session ended. Abbott asked for a motion to reconsider the Membership Committee recommendation. Maria was then asked multiple questions by Council Members about VOA and her position, including how she defined ableism. Monique S. stated that motions can not be left without a vote and suggested that a revote be taken.</p>	<p>passed to reconsider recommendation from Membership Committee. Revote: Monique S. made a motion to accept Maria for the NGA Seat, Jon M. 2nd the motion. Vote: 8 Yes, 4 No, 2 Abstain. Motion passed by majority vote.</p>
		<p>Courtney Schadtl recommended for membership seat for a parent of a child with DD</p>	<p>Kile P. Made a motion to accept Courtney Schadtl as a Council Member. Maryann P. 2nd the motion. Vote: 11 Yes, 1 No 3 abstain. Motion passed by majority vote.</p>
Proposed FY 24 Council Meeting Dates	List of proposed meeting dates approved by Executive Committee	<p>November 8th, 2023 February 7th, 2024 May 8th, 2024 July 10th, 2024 September 11th, 2024</p>	<p>Kile P. made a motion to accept the FY 24 Meeting dates. XXXX 2nd the motion. Vote: 10 yes. Motion passed.</p>
Break		<p>10 minute break</p>	

Mad Hatter Wellness Presentation		Katie Thune, Mad Hatter Wellness and Marco Orlando, self advocate presented the Healthy Relationships for All program completed in August 2023. Train the Trainer 2 day event and 6 webinar subjects reviewed. Katie Thune thanked the Council for funding the project.	
Breakout Rooms		Note: Due to a technology issue, breakout rooms could not be incorporated. Discussion held with remaining Council Members about this program and ideas to move forward including social media posts to reach as many as possible.	
Public Comment		Maria thanked the Council for their time.	
Adjourn			Abbott called for adjournment, all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Attendance: Abbott Philson, Andrea Dole, Anita Trevian, Cheryl Hathaway, Leigh Larderi, Jean Youde, Jon McGovern, Kile Pelletier, Maggie Hoffman, Maria LaBerara-Lamb, Maryann Preble, Monique Stairs, Staci Converse, Stacy Smart, Tracey Webb, Nancy Cronin, Rachel Dyer, Brenda Charneski, Maria Cameron, Katie Thune, Marco Orlando

Members absent: Candace Johnson, Craig Patterson, Cheryl Stallonis-Francis, Mariah Murdock, Maryann Harakall, Nicol Achey, Stacy Atter, Alan Cobo-Lewis

NOTE: A Cancellation Notice was sent to all Council Members when the Hybrid Meeting Room was added to the ZOOM Meeting causing several members to miss the meeting. Apology from staff sent to all by email.

Quorum present? Yes

Next meeting date and time:

November 8th, 2023

February 7th, 2024

May 8th, 2024

July 10th, 2024

September 11th, 2024

