

Maine Developmental Disabilities Council
Meeting Minutes – 2/14/18

Agenda Item	Handouts	Highlights	Motions
Opening and Introductions		Every person got a penny – we had to introduce ourselves and tell everyone what we were doing the year on the penny we had.	
Minutes from November’s meeting	11/2017 Minutes	Denise asked everyone to look at last meeting’s minutes and asked if there were any changes to be made.	Kile made a motion to approve the minutes as-is: 13 ayes, 1 abstention, 0 nays
Policymaker Award	Policymaker Award Nomination Form	Jessica and Nancy contacted Senator Angus King and offered him the Policymaker Award, in hopes the Council would nominate and vote to accept him. Nancy also asked them to nominate someone else as well, if they would like.	Alan moved to nominate Senator King, Deb seconded. In favor: Motion carried unanimously
Executive Committee	Executive Committee Report	Denise read the Executive Committee Report to the members. The Executive Committee Report suggested that the Council consider the possible role of co-chairs instead of a chair and vice-chair committee. The Council charged the bylaw committee to bring back to the Council a recommendation for leadership structure. <i>Amd 5/9/18</i>	Jean made a motion that the bylaws committee makes a recommendation for the Council to review at least two weeks prior to the next meeting. Marc seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Finance Committee	Finance Committee	Emilee summarized the findings of the finance committee. We are closing and reconciling month-to-month now, but we aren’t done with FY16 and FY17 yet. We are creating redundancies so that multiple people look at a bill before it gets paid, and creating protocols around billing. We are also separating bills into particular projects and jobs, to show where we are in a particular program, and then also tied to the State Plan.	

<p>New Mainer's Project Update</p>		<p>Hibo and Amal came to present about the New Mainers Public Health Initiative – the empower and advocate for New Mainers. Their vision is to focus on health inequality, by focusing on education, to bridge the gap in health for New Mainer.</p> <p>Thrive Program – what we funded. Disabilities are pushed to the side in this community, kids with DD are kept at home, it's a taboo, talking about it is a big deal. Rather than talking about the disability, we talk about the signs and symptoms they deal with – people could come and ask questions, the energy built, and people were very engaged.</p> <p>Rachel asked Abdul a year ago about how many people we might reach – he said maybe 40 – it ended up being more like 90 people. People wanted this in-person communication – they were worried that the taboo would be too strong, but these parents are living with this. Parents connect with the signs and symptoms, more than with the diagnosis – they could be reached by acknowledging the experience they are living.</p> <p>Council members had questions and discussion about schooling/IEP, access to other programs, CDS.</p> <p>Next steps for the project: support groups for parents, some parents accept the diagnoses and recommendations, and some don't want the interventions, there doesn't seem to be middle ground – maybe if the two groups met, they could find that middle ground, or those that are resistant could see the success stories.</p>	
		<p>Lunch</p>	
		<p>Nonny Soifer, Executive Director of Maine Development Services Oversight Advisory Board, spoke about 2 bills that OAB have taken interest in – these bills are pending</p>	

		<p>Legislation – 2 bills:</p> <p>LD 1709 – provides OAB access to information on reviews that they should be getting.</p> <p>LD 1676 – creates a multi-disciplinary panel to investigate deaths in the system of care.</p>	
Finance Committee Part 2		Emilee went through the Budget document from the handout packet. For FY18, Emilee talked about how some of the budget numbers are going to change.	
Membership		Marc went through the vacancies, Jessica talked about paperwork	
Staff Update		Rachel shared updates on programs via powerpoint.	
Adjourn			<p>Motion made to adjourn – Kile</p> <p>Seconded – Marc</p> <p>Passed Unanimously</p>

Attendance: Gayle Chambers, Kile Pelletier, Deb Davis, Sarah Trites, Marc Roix, Denise Ranger, Wendy Warren,

Emilee Taplin-Lacy, Monica Wood, Staci Converse, Monique Stairs, Jean Youde,

Alan Cobo-Lewis, Roy Fowler, Maryann Harakall