

Maine Developmental Disabilities Council
Meeting Minutes – November 8, 2017

Agenda Item	Hand outs	Highlights	Motions
Call to Order @ 1010	No	<p>Chris Powers called the meeting to order and give a brief welcome and ground rules. A new method of introductions of members was introduced by Chris Power and explained by Nancy Cronin.</p> <p>As one of our mandates is system change, members were asked to introduce themselves to the person next to them and tell about a success in a system they have had to deal with.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Need to work with parents and systems to make changes. Connections to other people. Self-advocacy. Sincere follow through. Systems being accommodating to level the playing field. Listening. Common ground. Communication. System change and individual advocacy. Fair expectations. Person knew how to get information and work with the system. Empowering to be a part of the process.</p>	
Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting.	Yes	Chris Powers called for a review of the minutes of the last meeting and a motion to accept the meeting minutes.	<p>Kile Pelletier made the motion to accept the minutes. Mark Roix seconded the motion.</p> <p>Vote was called for by Chris Powers after request for discussion.</p> <p>All members were in favor. No one opposed.</p>

			<p>No abstentions.</p> <p>Post vote, Sarah Trites commented that the minutes emailed to her could not be opened on her computer. They were sent as a word document. THEY WILL BE SENT AS PDFs IN THE FUTURE.</p>
Staff Updates	No	<p>Nancy Cronin and Rachel Dyer presented staff updates and the Five Year Plan.</p> <p>Work, projects, and future plans were discussed.</p>	
		<p>SUFU video small grant contract was discussed and the difficulties in they have had in completing the work. The council was updated and was asked to approve an extension or not.</p>	<p>Motion made to approve a 6 month extension for SUFU contract for films with a three month check-in by Kate Finlay. Motion seconded by Denise Ranger.</p> <p>Discussion was had to further deem the necessity for the extension and the ability of SUFU to be able to complete the project.</p> <p>Vote was called for By Chris Powers 10 members in favor. No one opposed. 3 member abstained (Monique Stairs, Sarah Trites, Kile Pelletier)</p>
NOTE	No	<p>If you receive an email from Marc Rioux from the Council that requires a reply if you send the reply and it bounces back, know that Marc has received it.</p>	
Pam Cairnie Correspondent Program	No	<p>Based in Augusta, OAB.</p> <p>OAB is, in part to oversee the Correspondent program.</p> <p>Provide advocate and/or friends.</p> <p>Waiting list of over 100 awaiting an advocate.</p> <p>VCP – Volunteer Correspondent Program began inn1978 as the result of the Pineland Consent Decree.</p>	

		<p>Approximately 350 individual are matched with 209ish correspondents. Many correspondents have more than one individual. www.vcpmaine.org</p> <p>ACT – Allies Correspondent Teams Regional groups of Correspondents.</p>	
Emily Kalafarski Assistant Director of OADS	No	<p>How many are waiting for acceptance and how long does it take for the person to start the service. Once offered, the person has 30 to 60 days. That offer is in effect for 6 months and then it is taken away. Service providers need to put in the forms for services.</p>	
Getting information that we need.	No	<p>What information do council members need from each other?</p> <p>Parents – lived experiences. People with disabilities bring their stories and experiences and how to bring systems together to effect change. All people bring their experiences and add to the information needed to affect change.</p>	
Executive Session	No	<p>A request to go into executive session was made..</p>	<p>A motion for the council to go into executive was make by Kile Pelletier. Seconded by Deb Davis.</p> <p>All members present voted unanimously, none opposed, no abstentions.</p> <p>Executive session of the council began at 3:17 pm with the members of the council that were present along with the Executive and Assistant Executive Directors.</p> <p>Executive and Assistant Executive Director were asked to leave the session at 3:45 pm and Nancy Cronin was asked back in at 4:12</p>

			pm. All others were asked to return at 4:20 pm.
Executive Committee Slate		General Membership Seats (term: November 8, 2017 to September 30, 2018) Seat 1” Deb Davis YES or NO	It was a unanimous yes vote 14 Yes 0 No

Attendance:

Shannon Johnson
 Kelly Pelletier (CDS) in attendance for Theresa Barrows
 Monique Stairs
 Karen Sites
 Kile Pelletier
 Denise Ranger
 Deb Davis
 Kellie Pelletier
 Jean Youde

Staci Converse
 Mark Rioux
 Jeff Shapiro
 Sarah Trites
 Janet May
 Kate Finlay
 Jan Breton
 Chris Powers