



Maine Developmental Disabilities Council
May 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Agenda Item	Handouts	Highlights	Motions
NOTE		This was a Zoom meeting. Co-Chairs attended in person: Abbott Philson, and Kile Pelletier.	
Welcome, Introductions		Abbott opened the meeting with a welcome and asked everyone to say their name, position, and what they were looking forward to this summer.	
Review of 02/07/2024 meeting minutes	02/07/2024 Meeting Minutes	Minutes were reviewed. Roll Call vote to accept the minutes as written.	Jon M. made motion to accept, Tracey W. 2 nd . No discussion, minutes accepted with 14 yay votes and 2 abstain.
Council Business			
Executive Committee Report	Executive Meeting Minutes	<p>The Executive Committee reported that the issue of accessibility of meetings was discussed. Nancy reported on the AG's recommendations, as the AG's office is the Council's legal representative. All Executive Committee members voted unanimously to follow AG recommendations. A letter was sent by the Executive Committee to Staci Converse, about her request to have the item added to the agenda to allow all Council members to discuss during the meeting.</p> <p>This is amended to reflect that Staci Converse requested again that the topic of Accessibility still be added to the agenda at the next meeting.</p>	
Membership Committee		Membership Committee Chair Jon McGovern reported that there were still outstanding Conflict of Interest agreements that had not been submitted and the need to have these on file for every year to remain in compliance with the DD Act.	



		<p>Jon announced the need for a Nominations Committee to vote on 9 members to receive reappointment by the Governor. 8 new members will be receiving their 1st appointment by the Governor. The General seats on the Executive Committee will be voted on as the term is 1 year. The vote will take place in July.</p> <p>Monique Stairs discussed what type of work will be done and volunteered to be a part of the Nominations Committee.</p> <p>An email will be sent out to Council Members for other volunteers.</p>	
Finance Committee Report	Budget v. Actual and Balance sheet through 04/30/24.	No questions or discussion	
Meeting dates and format		<p>Nancy presented 2 plans that have been suggested for meeting dates and formats to maximize accessibility and participation.</p> <p>Plan A: 4 meetings – 2 Remote for November and February 9-12 and 2 In person for May and August 9-4</p> <p>Plan B: 5 Meetings – 3 Remote for October January and March 9-11 and 2 in person for June and September, 9-4.</p> <p>Discussion: Hybrid meetings have some value in allowing all to participate ZOOM meetings are good for updates, In person for Voting State has run hybrid meetings in the past. By Laws would need to be updated to reflect decisions as they say in person on the latest version. Locations for in-person can be changed to accommodate. Council can decide on the many options when voted on in September.</p>	
Council Project Updates	Project List and status	Nancy and Rachel reported on projects and the statuses of each.	



DHHS Children's Services report		Amy Taranko gave an overview of multiple changes happening. Q & A about various parts of plans were discussed.	
Break			
Adult Services		Craig Paterson discussed changes to Adult Services including the Lifespan Waiver. Q & A was discussed.	
Department of Education update		Erin Frazer and Sandy Flacke discussed the long term goals of 3-5 year olds being moved to schools and gave a basic timeline. Q & A's were discussed	
Public Comments		No public comments	
Adjourn			The meeting adjourned at 11:55 PM

Attendance: Abbott Philson, Kile Pelletier, Tracey Webb, Maggie Hoffman, Craig Patterson, Leigh Lardieri, Shaun Nixon, Andrea Dole, Todd Marlowe, Cheryl Stallonis-Francis, Amy Taranko for Cheryl Hathaway, Jon McGovern, Stacy Atter, Monique Stairs, Staci Converse, Stacy Smart

Members absent: Maryann Preble, Mariah Murdock, Maria LaBerara-Lamb Stacy Atter, Courtney Schadtle, Nicole Achey, Roberta Lucas, Maria Cameron, Anita Trevian, Alan Cobo-Lewis, Sue Russell, Stacey LaFlamme, Candace Johnson

Staff: Nancy Cronin, Rachel Dyer, Brenda Charneski, Toni Wall

Quorum present? Yes

Next meeting date and time:
July 10th, 2024 September 11th, 2024