

**Maine Developmental Disabilities Council**  
 November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Agenda Item	Handouts	Highlights	Motions
Call to Order/Introductions/Minutes			Jon makes a motion to pass minutes; Staci C will second motion to accept minutes. Council minutes passed
Change in Law		Current law states that remote meeting votes need to be by roll call. We agreed to adopt the current law by roll call vote. If you would like a copy of the votes, you can contact us.	
Shadows of Pineland	Website	DD history (Pineland) website launched. Nancy presented	
Able Act Presentation	Powerpoint	Bangor Savings Bank. Mikala Smith is here to tell us about able act. Topic: ABLE accounts Mission is giving people with disabilities a place to deposit funds. ABLE beneficiary can exceed \$2,000 limit and still maintain eligibility for things like Medicaid.  Only option is Maine ABLE Benefit checking – FDIC insured, withdrawal for cash, no MDB or service fee, beneficiaries can have check book. Account owner has web access.	

		Resources: bangor.comm/MaineABLE	
Council Business		<p>1. Proposed bylaw change regarding reimbursement. Movement to adjust reimbursement for council members. Council members can be reimbursed if not being paid.</p> <p>Right now, people get \$75 dollars per meeting</p> <p>Bylaw committee thought important to add; we need to be able to have them have access to meetings. Discussion was held. Final vote will be next meeting.</p> <p>Suggestion was to tie mileage reimbursement to state rate.</p> <p>2. Based on emergency law, we must ensure that people with disability are included in remote methods of council. Nancy is interpreting this to mean that we can meet by zoom if coronavirus is still around. We still have immuno-compromised people on council.</p> <p>3. New Council Member Mark and Jon interviewed new member Robbi Garland and suggested that he join the council.</p> <p>Maryann Preble moved to vote on acceptance; Sarah seconded. Vote: Yes: 19 No: 0 Abstain: 1</p>	Motions and votes are shown in Highlights

		<p>4. Update on finances by Nancy  Council voted on budget and no cost extension  We have had adjustment of \$\$ that's going to come in  We will need to revote on it next meeting</p>	
Sister agencies		<p>Craig giving update on homes closing, etc. There have been 18 residences closed temporarily or permanently, they were providing 53 beds. Staffing was a big issue in closures, with pay and vaccination being the big issues.</p> <p>Janet may: # of PSAs showing in Presque isle area about vaccination; share if you haven't already.</p>	
Adjourn			<p>Maryann motioned to adjourn; Kile seconded.</p> <p>Kile made motion to thank Jessica for all efforts and good work</p> <p>Everyone expressed gratitude for her work.</p>

**Attendance**

Attendance: Kile Pelletier, Deb Davis, Maryann Preble, Tracey Webb, Stacy Smart, Craig Patterson, Laurie Corbett, Nicole Achey, Sarah Trites, Maria Lamb, Jon McGovern, Maryann Harakall, Cheryl Hathaway, Jean Youde, Cheryl Stalilonis, Staci Converse, Leigh Lardieri, Denise Ranger, Janet May, Monique Stairs, Marc Roix, Maggie Hoffman, Mikayla Smith (guest)

Staff Attendance: Nancy Cronin, Rachel Dyer, Jessica Gorton, Lynn Walkiewicz

Absent:

