

Maine Developmental Disabilities Council
February 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Agenda Item	Handouts	Highlights	Motions
Welcome, Introductions & Minutes	11/09/22 Minutes	Tracey Webb opened the meeting and all attendees made an introduction	Jon M. made motion to accept the 11/09/22 Meeting Minutes, Kile P. 2nd, Unanimous Roll Call Vote
Presentation – Alan Cobo-Lewis		Alan Cobo-Lewis from the Center for Community Inclusion & Disability Studies presented the findings of the research completed on Therapeutic Crisis Intervention to reduce restraint and seclusion in school and home settings. Alan answered questions about study.	
Council Business	Executive Committee Minutes	Tracey made a statement about the Executive Committee Work Sessions in December 2022 and January 2023 that were held to orient the new Executive Committee to running a Council Meeting, providing mentorship to new members and role descriptions for members.	
	Budget for 1 st Quarter	Nancy reviewed the budget to actual for the 1 st quarter of FY 23.	
	New Member application for Anita Tevanian	Jon M. stated that the Membership Committee interviewed Anita T. and recommended that she be voted in as a member to fill the seat vacated by Deb Davis as a parent of a child with I/DD. NOTE: 1 seat open for a parent and 1 seat open for a non-government agency representative that deals with people with I/DD.	Kile P. made motion to accept, Abbott P. 2 nd , Unanimous Roll Call Vote
	PowerPoint presentation of progress of State Plan	Nancy and Rachel asked that everyone review the PowerPoint and stated that an update of all programs will be completed at the next council meeting.	

Presentation – Toni Wall	PDF of PowerPoint	Toni introduced herself and Project CONNECT to the Council. The project is funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute grant awarded to the MDDC.	
Conflict of Interest for Council Members Participating in Project CONNECT		Nancy reviewed the Perceived Conflict of Interest for Council Members participating in Project CONNECT that will receive stipends for participation. Nancy stated that the project is not funded by the Federal Government and there would be minimal impact to the Council as a whole. Discussion brought up donation of a stipend, the scarcity of self advocates able to participate in the project in Maine and that all participants should be compensated for participation without conflict of interest. The Council agreed that there is no Conflict of Interest and participants that serve on the Council should receive the stipend for their time as the project is important.	
Executive Directors Report		Nancy reviewed legislation activity and her involvement with <i>An Act to Improve the Early Childhood System: an evaluation of all early childhood programs to have an entity that brings all programs together under one umbrella to assist parents with finding the right assistance for their child.</i>	
Presentation – Maine Association of Community Service Providers	PDF Summary of Findings	Becca Emmons and Laura Cordes introduced themselves and discussed the findings of the project they completed about a Capacity Assessment Tool for Increasing Access to Self Directed Services.	
Public Comments		Comments and questions were taken from guests to the Council Meeting.	
Adjourn		Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM	Jean Y. made motion to adjourn, Kile P. 2 nd . Unanimous Roll Call Vote

Attendance: Abbott Philson, Andrea Dole, Alan Cobo-Lewis, Jean Youde, Kile Pelletier, Kristine Binette, Laurie Corbett, Leigh Lardieri,

Maggie Hoffman, Maria Lamb, Maryann Harkall, Monique Stairs, Staci Converse, Stacy Smart, Tracy Webb

Members absent: Candace Johnson, Cheryl Hathaway, Cheryl Stalilonis-Francis, Craig Patterson, Elissa Wynne, Mariah Murdock, Maryann Preble, Nicole Achey, Roberta Lucas, Robbie Garland

Guests: Lisette Belanger - parent of Deaf Plus, Jessie Mathieson-Family member of adult w/I/DD and DSP, Betsy DeBrakeleer - Training Specialist - Woodfords Family Services, Danielle Prfetto - ASL Interpreter, Deb Myers - ASL Interpreter, Becca Emmons – MACSP, Laura Cordes - MACSP

Quorum present? Yes

Next meeting date and time:

May10, 2023

July 12, 2023

September 13, 2023