

**Maine Developmental Disabilities Council**  
April 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Agenda Item	Handouts	Highlights	Motions
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>		Abbott opened the meeting and made a brief statement about the resignation of Tracey Webb and Maria Lamb to announce that he and Jean Youde will be co-chairs, Abbott will be monitoring finances until a new treasurer is nominated. Tracey and Maryann will be taking over the 2 public seats on the Executive Committee. Maria will remain a member of the Council. All attendees introduced themselves and where they were from and answered ‘What is the best thing about the area you live in?’	
<b>State Plan updates</b>	Power Point presentation	<p>Rachel and Nancy presented the changes that need to be made in the Council’s State Plan, which is due by August 15<sup>th</sup> that will be submitted in early July. <b>See attached PDF.</b></p> <p>Discussions led to the idea of having a Parking Lot included on the agenda for each meeting, <b>Comments on State Plan:</b> Guardianship Survey was difficult to answer as it was too vague. There are good guardians and a more collaborative direction is needed. Negativity towards guardians makes it more difficult to navigate. A checklist for self advocates for Supported Decision Making should be added. Possible Committee work by the Council to continue the discussion. TB-CBT training is becoming a reality. Others are addressing with new grants. Small grants for PCP for self direction will be available. A small group is needed as a watch dog for the program. More funds need to be allocated to Self Direction if a plan is presented. Waivers 21, 29, and the lifespan after the K Waiver expires need to be included. A presentation from MeCW Advisory Council and Foster &amp; Adoptive Families of Maine can be requested to help the Council stay informed and to investigate how children with I/DD are served.</p>	

		A committee to review Small Grant process was proposed: Jean, Maggie Abbott and Candace are interested in being on the committee. Very important initiative around Targeted disparities – Connectivity as children with I/DD transition out of school.	
<b>Finances &amp; Budget</b>	PDF	Nancy presented the current budget and went over the items that would change when the state plan changed. A final review will be presented before voting at the next meeting.	
<b>Adjourn</b>		Meeting adjourned at 11:30 PM	

Attendance: Abbott Philson, Andrea Dole, Alan Cobo-Lewis, Jean Youde, Candace Johnson, Cheryl Hathaway, Cheryl Stalilonis-Francis, Craig Patterson, Kile Pelletier, Laurie Corbett, Leigh Lardieri, Maggie Hoffman, Maryann Preble, Monique Stairs, Staci Converse, Stacey LaFlamme (for Maryann Harakall), Tracy Webb

Members absent: Jon McGovern, Kristine Binette, Maria Lamb, Mariah Murdock, Nicole Achey, Roberta Lucas, Stacy Smart

Guests: None

Quorum present? Yes

Next meeting date and time:

May10, 2023

July 12, 2023

September 13, 2023