

**Maine Developmental Disabilities Council**

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Handouts</b>	<b>Highlights</b>	<b>Motions</b>
Call to Order/Introductions/Minutes	Minutes from March Meeting	<p>Deb Davis welcomed Council members, introduced our new Council member Nicholas Alexander, and had everyone introduce themselves.</p> <p>Nancy Cronin walked the Council through the Meeting Minutes from March.</p>	Kile Pelletier made a motion to approve the minutes, Jon McGovern 2 <sup>nd</sup> , no discussion, unanimously approved
COVID/Work Update		<p>Nancy Cronin updated the Council on our work advocating for access to the vaccine for people with developmental disabilities.</p> <p>MDDC has \$26,000 from the Feds to spend on activities around improving access to vaccination – discussion about the best way to use those funds.</p> <p>Nancy and Rachel gave the Council some information about the work MDDC have been doing in legislative advocacy.</p>	
SUFU Update	Powerpoint presentation	<p>Monique gave the Council an update on SUFU’s work. They have been very busy networking, training, attending stakeholder groups, advocating. Hired a couple new people to increase capacity.</p>	

<p>2022-27 State Plan Goal 1 activities exercise</p>		<p>Rachel went through the public feedback we received on our proposed Goals and Objectives – feedback was positive, no changes needed.</p> <p>The Council broke into small groups for discussion of the Goal 1 objectives and Council activities that could effectively move those objectives forward.</p>	
<p>Council Business</p>	<p>Balance Sheet Budget to Actual</p> <p>Conflict of Interest Forms</p> <p>Executive Committee Meeting Minutes</p>	<p><b>Bylaw Committee</b> – Deb Davis asked for volunteers for this committee. Kile Pelletier, Denise Ranger, Deb Davis, and Maryann Preble volunteered.</p> <p><b>Nominations Committee</b>– Deb Davis asked for volunteers for this committee. Marc Roix and Maryann Preble volunteered.</p> <p><b>Summer Council Meetings</b> on budget/state plan – with so much work to do and with full day meetings really difficult on zoom, the Council considered several shorter meetings – one per month – one in June, our regular 3 hour meeting in July, and one in August.</p> <p>The Council decided to meet additionally on these days: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3 pm, August 11<sup>th</sup> 10am to 12pm, as well as the regularly scheduled meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>Finances</b> – Nancy Cronin walked the Council through the financial documents. The ACL has approved a No Cost Extension of FY20 funds due to the pandemic.</p> <p><b>Work update</b> – Nancy Cronin informed the Council about two grants she is working on that will strengthen communication between healthcare providers and people with developmental disabilities and their caregivers.</p>	

		<p><b>OADS update</b> – Craig Patterson presented on the ongoing work at the Office of Aging and Disability Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine clinics popping up with providers to help get people with developmental disabilities vaccinated.</li> <li>• Listening Sessions on Behavioral Regulations</li> <li>• Rule making - many rules needs changing and updating, particularly around the new HCBS settings.</li> <li>• Trainings from UNH’s START program – they also will be providing a systems analysis of behavioral health system for people with I/DD and Autism.</li> <li>• Engaging with SUFU at a higher level</li> <li>• New information system to replace EIS – Evergreen – there have been delays</li> </ul>	
Adjourn		Adjourned at 11:58 am	Kile Pelletier made a motion to adjourn, Maryann Preble 2 <sup>nd</sup> , no opposition.

**Attendance**

Attendance: Sarah Trites, Maryann Preble, Kile Pelletier, Denise Ranger, Stacy Smart, Alan Cobo-Lewis, Deb Davis, Tracey Webb, Monique Stairs, Jon McGovern, Nicholas Alexander, Shannon Johnson, Cheryl Hathaway, Cheryl Stalilonis, Marc Roix, Erin Frazier, Maryann Harakall, Elissa Wynne, Jean Youde, Maggie Hoffman, Staci Converse, Erin Frazier, Craig Patterson

Staff Attendance: Nancy Cronin, Rachel Dyer, Jessica Gorton

Absent: Roberta Lucas/CDS, Suzanne Primiano, Vauna Foster, Nicole Achey