

MAINE COUNCIL FOR  
**ELDER ABUSE**  
**PREVENTION**

**Meeting Notes**  
**March 2, 2018**

**Attendees:** Judy Shaw-ME Office of Securities; Patrick Hood-ME State Police; Nicole Marchesi- Long-Term Care Ombudsman; Polly Campbell- SAFE Program/OCFS; Nichole Bilodeau-ME Bureau of Financial Institutions; Cindy Farrington- C&C Realty Management; Jill Randall and Kevin Cuddy-Legal Services for the Elderly; Danyel Albert-Family Crisis Services; Erin Salvo- DHHS-OADS; Joel Merry-MSA; Jane Margesson- AARP-Maine; Cara Courchesne- ME Coalition Against Sexual Assault (phone); Patty Kimball- Elder Abuse Institute of ME (phone); Laure Johnson-SeniorPlus (phone)

**Welcome/New Members** (Judy Shaw):

Cindy Farrington, Resident Service Coordinator for C&C Realty Management

**Nominations/Elections for 2018** (Judy Shaw):

Executive committee met to nominate and review 2018 Elections:

- Co-Chairs- Sgt. Patrick Hood and Judith Shaw
- Secretary: Nicole Marchesi
- Chair/Vice-chair of Education and Awareness Committee:  
Jill Randall/Kelly Glidden

2018 nominations were accepted without change.

**Presentation** (Erin Salvo, Adult Protective Services Associate Director, DHHS- OADs): Erin Salvo provided numerous updates to MCEAP members. Amy McMillian is now the new acting director of OADS. APS has hired two new supervisors in two different demographics of the state. Approval has gone through to hire an APS worker in Caribou and the Biddeford office.

**Committee Reports:**

**Education and Awareness Committee** (Jill Randall):

2018 work plan developed, documents created providing background information about MCEAP, Elder Abuse Summit and Roundtable Event. 2018 Elder Abuse Summit agenda draft handed out to MCEAP members. Registration fee had been increased to forty-five

dollars due to grant supported funds in 2014 coming to an end. Registration for summit will be launched in the next week or two.

Mandated Reporter Work Group (Erin Salvo and Nicole Marchesi):

Associate Director of APS is going to take the power point through an internal review and approval process.

Financial Exploitation Work Group (Judy Shaw):

Training being held at Bath Savings Institution on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Essay Contest Work Group (Jill Randall):

June 15<sup>th</sup> press conference will be held. In contact with task forces to screen essays. The work group has developed a concept to adopt a county to raise \$50 dollars towards the county winners. Jill Randall is the contact for this.

Multijurisdictional Work Group (Judy Shaw):

The working group is pending Brunswick Walmart as an interested party to develop a pilot project where officers from Brunswick Police Department would be available to talk with seniors at Walmart who are attempting to purchase large money cards.

Community Partner Update (Roundtable Discussion):

- Jane Margesson noted free shredding and medicine disposal even in April, 2018.  
Three locations offered:  
April 28, 2018 10-2pm at Kennebec County Sheriff's Office, 125 State Street, Augusta  
April 27, 2018 7-2pm- Bangor Airport Mall on Union Street  
April 28, 2018 10-2pm at Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, 36 County Way, Portland  
New publication of Ageless Maine handed out to MCEAP members.
- Danyel Albert noted in March name will be changing to Through These Doors, Domestic Violence Resources & Advocacy. Post Card handed out to MCEAP members.
- Polly Campbell noted that a upcoming training for Forensic Nursing is available, charges include \$150 for 5 days.
- Patrick Hood provided new trainings to troopers around Elder Abuse.
- Cara Courchesne noted MECASA launched new text chat service for people that don't feel comfortable calling can text instead. Just go to MECASA.org and click chat, this is available Monday through Friday 8 to5. Phone support available 24/7.
- Laure Johnson noted Franklin County Network is holding its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual senior event on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-12. No registration required.

**Reminder:**

- May 10, 2018 Elder Abuse Summit, Augusta Civic Center, Augusta
- October 25, 2018 Elder Abuse Roundtable, Location to be determined

**Next Meeting:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Kennebec Room, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner.

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