



Meeting Notes July 21, 2017

Attendees: Betty Balderston, and Jaye Martin-Legal Services for the Elderly; Judy Shaw-ME Office of Securities; Patrick Hood-ME State Police; Nichole Bilodeau- ME Bureau of Financial Institutions; Sarah Firth-ME Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Jane Margesson-AARP-Maine; Nicole Fish-Long-Term Care Ombudsman; Teague Morris-Senator Angus King's Office; Michelle Mannion-New Hope for Women; Polly Campbell-DHHS SAFE Program (phone); Patty Kimball-Elder Abuse Institute of ME (phone); Kevin Cuddy-Legal Services for the Elderly (phone); Danyel Albert-Family Crisis Services (phone)

New Members: Judy Shaw

New MCEAP members include: Terry Baldwin, Volunteers of America NNE; Eddy Dibner, Social Worker; Michele Mannion, Deputy Director, New Hope for Women; Sarah Ross, Public Relations Manager, National Alliance on Mental Illness Maine. The Council currently has over 90 members.

Minutes of 5/19/17 were accepted. Judy agreed to forward all future approved meeting notes to Jill Randall at LSE for posting to the MCEAP website.

MCEAP Website Overview (Judy Shaw)

Since new members have recently joined the Council, the MCEAP website was reviewed. As a follow-up to the 5/19/17 meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed the suggestion that the "Get Help" tab of the website be expanded to include other MCEAP members. Since the Committee believes the page already represents statewide first responders who work in partnership with other MCEAP members for referrals, a decision was made to keep the list as is. Concerns were voiced that too many numbers would be confusing to consumers. The "About MCEAP/Members" tab does contain a list of members, a brief description of each organization and hyperlinks when available. Council members were reminded that the "Learn About Elder Abuse" tab contains a link to guidelines for journalists. Most statistics and data on the website are from national resources and footnoted as to where the information comes from. It was noted that the Education and Awareness Committee regularly reviews and updates the website. MCEAP members will be contacted, asking for review of their agency information.

Volunteer Needs/Committee and Work Group Updates (Judy Shaw/Jaye Martin)

- Note taker for MCEAP meetings (Betty will be retiring as of the end of September). It is not necessary to attend every meeting as long as someone else is available.
- Education & Awareness Committee meets monthly and is looking for 2-3 additional members in the following areas:
 - Public Relations/Communications
 - Website support
 - Facebook support
 - Essay Contest, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Summit, Round Table
 - Committee members do not have to be existing MCEAP members
- Mandated Reporter Working Group
 - Meets monthly. Currently working with APS to develop online training/certification
- Financial Exploitation Working Group
 - Maintaining and improving SeniorSafe training
- Essay Contest Working Group
 - Partners with the Maine Federation of Womens Groups and Elder Abuse Task Forces statewide to sponsor statewide essay contest with high schools.
- Multi-Jurisdictional Working Group meets every other month at Brunswick PD.
 - Currently working with Wal-Mart to develop a collaboration with the Brunswick PD to disrupt the flow of funds through money transmitters.

Members are encouraged to consider joining any of these groups, as well as any leadership roles for the coming year. Working groups can be co-chaired. For more information, contact Judy.

Speakers Bureau (Judy Shaw)

At the May meeting, the Council briefly discussed the possibility of a Speakers Bureau. The Executive Committee suggested developing a clear infrastructure, utilizing stock presentations. A workplan would need to be created that would include targeted audiences. Volunteers are needed to provide presentations and to act as a point person for speaking requests.

Teague Morris offered to help with outreach to veteran communities. Patty Kimball offered their new Vista volunteer to support the Speakers Bureau. Polly Campbell, Nichole Bilodeau, Jane Margesson, Kelley Glidden, Kevin Cuddy (in an email after the meeting) and possibly Sarah Firth have volunteered. Betty will provide a 1.5 hour Train-the-Trainer sometime in August. Once a date is set, an invitation will be sent to all MCEAP members.

Community Partner Update (Roundtable Discussion):

- Kelley Glidden noted that a Domestic Violence Summit is scheduled for September 27th.
- Jaye Martin shared information on the work currently being done on the impact of financial exploitation in Maine, based on APS data. The study is expected to be published in August. It's possible that the researcher could present information to the Council after the first of the year.
- Michelle Mannion shared that there's a possibility that the Waldo County Sheriff will receive continued funding for a DV detective.
- Teague Morris shared information on his role with Senator King, including issues that the Senator is working on. If anyone is interested in receiving weekly updates, contact Teague at Teague.Morris@king.senate.gov.
- Jane Margesson noted that AARP has shredding events scheduled in Bowdoinham (9/19), Lewiston (10/28 in partnership with the Androscoggin Sheriff's Office and will include a drug takeback), Eastport (date TBA) and Berwick (date TBA). AARP continues to issue weekly scam alerts and MCEAP members are free to use, but let Jane know how they're being used.
- Jess Maurer from the ME Association of Area Agencies on Aging has invited MCEAP to have an information table at the Maine Wisdom Summit on 9/20/17. Nichole Bilodeau and Kevin Cuddy (in an email after the meeting) volunteered to staff the table. Jill Randall will be staffing an LSE table and is available to assist.
- Pat Hood encouraged all members to recruit people for the Council who have a passion for elder abuse and are willing to help with community solutions.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting: September 15, 2017, OLR Board Room, 76 Northern Avenue, Gardiner. A change in meeting room is necessitated by building renovations. Council members were informed that the Board Room is a smaller room. Judy is not available for that meeting.

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