



Meeting Notes

6/7/2024

Attendees: Jill Randall-LSE, Nicole Marchesi-Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Kimberly Snow-Researcher at Muskie School, Alicia Hunter-DHHS-OCFS, Jane Margesson-AARP, Andrew Booth-Bath PD, Nichole Bilodeau-Bureau of Financial Institutions, Ashley Pomeroy-Maine Federal Credit Union, Andrew McCormack-Assistant Attorney General, Jesse Devine-Maine Office of Securities, Anna Dullea-Caring Unlimited, Hillary Waterman-New Hope Mid-Coast, Judy Shaw-Maine Office of Securities, Courtney Chasse-Hope and Justice Project, Renee Wellman-EAAA, Gina Googins-Associate Director OADS/APS, Debra Whalen-Maine Saving Federal Credit Union, Amanda Taisey-MCEDV, Laurie McDonnell-EJCP, Jami Aleksiev-EAAA, Crystal Roy-LSE, Chris Wolff-EAIME

Meeting notes approved.

Presentations:

David White, APS Presentation:

- Provided update on new law regarding mandatory reporting.
- Reviewed online training developed in partnership with MCEAP, change in format of training to transfer to new platform.
- APS continues to do live mandatory reporting training.
- APS continues to see an increase in reporting.
 - 2019: 10,544 reports
 - 2023: slightly over 15,000 reports- more complex and severe reports
- It's important that mandatory reporting education is provided.

Overview of Committees and Work Groups:

Education and Awareness Committee (Chris Wolff):

- Completed summit on May 7th and 9th
 - Benefit to virtual events allows for more attendees.
 - 275 people signed up
 - 216 showed up on May 7th
 - 195 showed up on May 9th
 - Surveyed attendees:
 - 98 % strongly agree mastered various objectives.
 - 98 % satisfied with events
 - Event was recorded.

- Elder Abuse Website - encourage members to visit and share graphics via social media.
- Save the Date: November 8th, round table event. This is an in-person event for individuals working in the field. The roundtable event will have speakers and panelist.

Elder Abuse Essay Contest (Jill Randall):

- The Council has partnered with GFWC Maine for the elder abuse essay contest that invites graduating high school students to submit an essay based on the question “What is elder abuse and why does it matter to you?”
- Task Forces across the state select county winners, then a statewide winner is selected.
- 77 entries were submitted, every county in the state has submitted.
- Winner will be announced June 15th.

Community Partner Updates:

Courtney-Hope and Justice Project

- Working on a grant opportunity. If grant gets approved, will offer a lot of trainings.

Jesse Devine-Maine Office of Securities

- Seeing a lot of imposter fraud, tech support scams and virtual currency.

Chris Wolff-EAIME

- Signed a lease for another year for a client, seeing Martha’s Cottage and the need for affordable housing, extending housing for two years for some clients.
- Hiring an advocate supervisor, opportunity on Indeed.
- Celebrating 20th year anniversary with an event at Harraseeket Inn in Freeport.

Kimberly Snow-Muskie

- Annual APS reports this year seeing spikes in March.
- Submitted a proposal to the National Institute of Justice to further research on trends.

Jane Margesson-AARP

- Final shred event Friday, June 14th, in Bangor. The event is free for anyone.
- Gracie Theater Event in Bangor, June 20th: Keynote Speaker, Phillip Marshall. The event is free to anyone (zoom or in-person). Maine Calling will be there and LSE is co-hosting.

Amanda Taisey-MCEDV

MCEDV will be hosting a table in Bangor on June 20th with Partners for Peace.

Jami Aleksiev-EAAA

- Later on June 2nd, the access point in Calais “hubs” in rural areas will be open and provides resources for people onsite. Continue to educate people on fraud.

Jill Randall- LSE

- Case volume is up 40 percent.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06AM

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