



## **Meeting Notes**

**6-6-2025**

**Attendees:** Jill Randall-LSE, Nicole Marchesi- Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, Kimberly Snow- Researcher at Muskie School, Andrew Booth- Bath PD, Nichole Bilodeau- Bureau of Financial Institutions, Renee Wellman- EAAA, Gina Googins- Associate Director OADS/ APS, Debra Whalen- Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Laurie McDonnell, Elder Justice Coordinating Partnership, Crystal Roy- LSE, Wendy Russell- Catholic Charities, Dr. Lisa Yeh-MaineHealth , Pamela Stutch- Maine Bureau of Insurance, Jane Margesson- AARP, Amanda Taisey- MCEDV, Elizabeth Gattine- Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, Ari Teller- Pastor, Ashely Pomeroy- Maine Savings, Quinn Ellen, Tori Gelinas.

Meeting notes approved.

### **Presentation:**

#### **Gina Googins- APS Director**

Please see PowerPoint for overview of presentation.

### **Overview of Committees and Work Groups:**

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

- Submitted report to council. The report outlines the work for this year. The Summit has been completed, and the committee will be focusing on the Roundtable this fall.
- If you have any interest in joining the committee, please reach out to Jill Randall at Legal Services for Maine Elders.

#### **Elder Abuse Essay Contest (Jill Randall):**

- The council has partnered with GFWC Maine on an 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?"
- This is the tenth year
- There were 115 essays submitted this year, which is the most received. Last year, 77 essays were received.

- County winners have been notified and received \$50 dollars. High Schools are notified of winning students to be recognized.
- The statewide winner is not doing a statewide press release this year. The essay will be published on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- World Elder Abuse Day is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Social media options will be available to share.

### **Community Partner Updates:**

#### Chief Andrew Booth, Bath PD

Still seeing lots of SCAMS, but not seeing as much physical abuse.

#### Jane Margesson- AARP

Shredding events:

Bangor: Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - This is for everyone.

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm: Greater Bangor and Brewer will be hosting a “Mini Scam Jam” with a panel of speakers at Durgin Center. Refreshments will be served.

#### Debra Whalen, Maine Savings:

Seeing fraud SCAMS because working from home job applications increased identity theft due to application disclosing this information. The Indeed sight has leaked information and seen an uptick due to this. This is targeting all age groups, happening to younger kids as well.

#### Next Meeting Dates:

Friday, September 5, 2025, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05AM

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