

MAINE COUNCIL FOR
ELDER ABUSE
PREVENTION

Meeting Notes
December 4, 2020

Attendees: Patrick Hood-ME State Police, Judith Shaw- ME Office of Securities, Jill Randall-LSE, Jane Margesson- AARP- Maine, Nicole Marchesi- Long-Term Care Ombudsman, Jennifer Sheaff- EAAA, Ellen Parent- Maine Credit Union League, Polly Campbell- Forensic Nurse, Nichole Bilodeau- Maine Bureau of Financial Institutions, Eric Selzer- retired private attorney, Stephanie Ham- ME Office of Securities, Kimberly Snow- Researcher at Muskie School, Vanessa Madore-Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Kathy Keneborus- Maine Bankers Association

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Welcome/New Members -Judith Shaw

No new members noted.

Guest Speaker- Vanessa Madore- Maine Savings Federal Credit Union

Please see PowerPoint circulated through email for a detailed overview of the presentation.

Committee Reports:

Education and Awareness Committee -Jill Randall

Committee report circulated to members in an email which also includes round table report.

November 5th round table was held virtually numerous agencies reported what they are doing to support elders during the pandemic. Committee reviewed evals and 103 people attended the virtual event. People seemed appreciative of the event and learned from the speakers. The committee is now working on the summit this event will be two half days. May 11th and 13th if people have conflicts with these dates please notify Jill Randall at LSE. December 17th is the next committee meeting, and they will be brainstorming topics for the summit. Anyone is welcome to join the committee or if you have any ideas for topics reach out to Jill Randall.

Mandated Reporter Work Group-

No updates currently.

Essay Contest Work Group - Jill Randall

Last council meeting discussion revolved moving forward with another essay contest. The contest is for high school seniors across the state. The seniors write an essay on what elder abuse is and what it means to them. Local elder abuse task forces are involved in screening essays and picking winners for each county. There is a 50-dollar prize for every county winner, to help cover cost you can adopt a county for the 50 dollars.

Financial committee work group- Judith Shaw

Revitalizing this work group- Governor Mills has issued an executive order and Judith Shaw was appointed public co sector and co-chair of the partnership which has met twice to lay the foundation. The mission of this order is to develop an elder justice roadmap this roadmap needs to get to Governor Mills by December of 2021. An advisory group is focusing on elder abuse by a known individual for example an individual that may be abused by his or her son.

If you want to work on this committee please reach out to Judith Shaw, Patrick Hood and Stephanie Ham.

Community Partner Updates:

Judith Shaw-

The Council is part of Member of Elder Justice Coalition.

Dr. Lori Sussman the head of cybersecurity program at University of Southern Maine. Students pulling together information to do presentation in the community in ways for those to protect themselves against cyber. Any member interested in learning more about the efforts that they are doing there please reach out to Judith Shaw and she will connect you.

Eric Selzer-

On Medicare and has been for a while now and advertisements popping up on TV and there are warnings but hard to read them due to fine print. Any way to make warnings bigger for people to read? Presenting themselves as objective and independent guys. Connect with Eric Selzer if want to work on this project.

Jane Margesson-

Completed presentation using council PowerPoint for elder abuse via zoom for a group. AARP hosted online seminar with former con artist, collaborated with colleagues in Massachusetts and New Hampshire up on Facebook link. If you would like this recording please reach out to Jane Margesson.

Meeting adjourned at 10:46am

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