

**11/1/13 Meeting Minutes**  
**Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention**

**Attendees:**

Elizabeth Ward-Saxl; Jess Maurer; David Bernier; Holly Stover ; Linda Weare; Lynne Carter; Doreen McDaniel, Quincy Hentzel, Rick Erb ; Betsy Sawyer-Manter; Kathy Brill; Kelly Glidden; Pat Hood; Nan Bell; Jaye Martin; Lynne Caswell; Judy Shaw; Kathleen Willette

**9-9:05 Introductions, welcome new members, approve minutes**

- Tim Schnieder - *Public Advocate of Maine*- will be joining the Council
- The group decided to post the meeting minutes on the website

**9:05 - 9:45 Presentation : Maine Council on Aging**

Betsy Sawyer-Manter

Rick Erb, Steering Committee for Maine Council on Aging

Jess Maurer, Co-Chair

- The group stemmed from the Elder Issues Partnership, but a need for a broader scope was recognized. The Council's vision statement: "We believe in a Maine that honors the lives and experiences of older adults and provides choices and opportunities for them to thrive in their community." The Council will collaborate with other existing groups; specifically, the Council on Aging will look to the MCEAP to take the lead on issues relating with elder abuse.
- Broad membership includes: AARP, ME CAP Association; Legal Services for the Elderly (LSE), Area Agency on Aging, Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging: M4A, Council of Churches, Retiree organizations, health care, Maine Medical Association, Alzheimer's Association.
  - Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services relationship: Not an actual member b/c this Council will engage in legislative matters, but Jim Martin has expressed interest in becoming a partner.
- Partnered with Speaker of the House to host a series of roundtables on aging. Primarily the series focused on the economy and the impact that our aging demographic has on it, both in terms of challenges as well as opportunities. Participants included: Cianbro, Credit Unions, higher education, healthcare, ME Bankers Association, municipal planners, chief of police, Ricker Hamilton, long term care
  - First session: Demographics of ME
  - Second session: Long Term Care
  - Third session: Livable communities
  - Fourth session: Workforce of ME
- January 17th: Aging Summit at Augusta Civic Center addressing how to take these topics and make them actionable.
- Betsy Sawyer-Manter will circulate information about the Council so MCEAP members can circulate.

9:45-10:30 **Discussion of initial work plans for Standing Committees and working groups**

Policy Committee Work Plan (see attached), presented by Lynne Caswell

Membership: Jess Maurer, Leo Delicata, Kathy Keneborus, Quincy Hentzel, Lynne Caswell, Kathleen Willette,

Will not propose legislation as a group, but individual members might. Policy group discusses and brainstorms policy initiatives.

1. Lynne will be the lead on reporting back from the Maine Background Check Program Stakeholders Group.

*Group Discussion:*

- a. *The Stakeholder Group is open to the public.*
2. The policy committee will continue work on identifying and addressing system-wide barriers to reporting, investigating and prosecuting elder abuse cases.
  - a. *The Council decided it would to have the guests come to the full Council meetings.*
  - b. *The Policy Committee will set some guidelines about how this process could work.*
3. Identified as an ongoing struggle, cross border/international abuse and exploitation creates a problem with local law enforcement response. Erosion in public confidence in the ability of PD to protect.
  - a. *Identify it as something like "cross-border" so it is clear what this is addressing.*
4. Act as a liaison between the Maine Council on Aging and the MCEAP.
5. Need to fill the gap and have the MCEAP support and facilitate the process moving forward. Will focus on the issue of pooling resources in the best way to serve the population.

***Work plan approved by the Council.***

Education & Awareness Committee Work Plan (see attached), presented by Jaye Martin

Membership: Jaye Martin, Cara Courchesne, Lindsay Laxon, Kathleen Willette, Linda Weare, Pat Hood, Jill Randall, Vanessa Madore.

1. Much of this work has already begun and could be completed in short order.
2. Elder Abuse Summit date:
  - *The Council decided that Early or Mid-May would be best (could help plan a statewide effort for June 15th: Elder Abuse Awareness Day). Location TBD.*

***Work plan approved by the Council.***

Law Enforcement Working Group (see attached), presented by Pat Hood

Membership: Pat Hood, Judy Shaw, Quincy Hentzel, Kathy Keneborus, Kathleen Willette, Cara Courchesne

When something is not criminal in nature, then the officer should know what services are available to help.

*Group Discussion*

1. *LSE can provide support in preparing a starting point in creating a legal glossary.*
2. *Justice Planning and Management Associates training block: everyone that holds a certificate in the State of Maine has to maintain a certain number of hours.*

**Work plan approved by the Council.**

10:30-11      **Discussion of Community best practices and upcoming events**

Pat Hood: Maine Association of Triads is trying to get the ball rolling as a parent for the smaller TRIADS. Meeting November 14th to determine who is out there and who wants to be part of that parent organization. Sheriff Joel Mary has been the President in the past. Pat will distribute this information. Pat will attend this meeting and will express the Council support.

Lynne Caswell: Model Approaches Grant update: Long Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP), Adult Protective Services (APS), LSE, and Lynne (Leadership Team) - met this week. Also met with the Administration for Community Living (ACL), the Council was presented to the ACL as a key component of the work that is being done in Maine. Maine is ahead of the game in the field of elder abuse prevention. The Leadership Team will work on the cross-referral relationships b/w LSE and LTCOP and APS.

Judy Shaw: Financial Institutions Working Group update: work is wrapping up in November. APS is a partner in the work. Objective to roll out this "first-in-the-nation" training in December. Trying to arrange a press conference to highlight the work of the Council. Training will start in the early spring 2014.

Jaye Martin: Starting a Houlton Elder Abuse Task Force (EATF). LSE partnered w/ Leanne Robbin regarding her experiences on the Purcell case. Efforts have been made to get the topic of elder issues as they relate to the courts onto the Court training schedule of 2014. Jaye will provide an update as to whether or not this will happen. LSE is partnering with, Eastern Area Agency on Aging and APS to launch a significant public awareness campaign in the spring.

Kelly Glidden: EATF update- Rural Community Action Ministry opened a new housing facility in Leeds.

Housekeeping: Please be mindful that the Council's full name is the Maine Council **for** Elder Abuse Prevention.

Next meeting: January 3 in Gardiner. Call-in information will always be the same.

Next meeting agenda: Judy suggests the Office of Securities do a presentation on Financial Scams that her office is seeing and what they see is on the horizon.