**Attending via GoToMeeting:** Scott Tibbitts (MaineHousing), Betty LaBua (MaineHousing), Norm Maze (Shalom House), (Tara Hembree (MaineHousing), Janice Daku (RCAM), Tracy Allan (KBH), Jace Farris (Hub 8), Elaine Grade (KCHC), Mike Shaughnessy (MSHA), Vickey Merill (CHOM), Jerri Botta (HOME Inc.), Dan Hodgkins (Preble Street), Donna Kelley (WCAP), Lauren Bustard (MSHA), Kobi Perry (WMCA), Aaron Geyer (COP), Noelle Coyne (Safe Voices), Donna Alger (BFAH), Rebekah Paredes (New Hope Midcoast), Nicole Frydrych (Hub 6), Beverly Hubbard (YAB), Chris Bicknell (NB), Erin Kelly (Preble Street), Theresa Dow (ACAP), Mike Tuller (BFAH), Brianne Brasslett (CHCS), Joe McNally (Milestone), Ginny Dill (DHHS), Julia Galvez (YAB), Lindsey Buetot (NL), Rachael Spencer Reed (NB), Bill Higgins (HA4A), Jennifer Weatherbee (Hub 7), Ann Martin ((HUD), Laura Briggs (BOL), Melissa McEntee (RGH), Mathew Wyman (NB), Emily Maede (Hub 5),Laurie Legree, Shirley Caron (Hub9),Jessica Lincoln (TNLH), Dave McClusky (Shaw House), Lisa McLaughlin (HAS), Katie Spencer White (MMHS), Lindsey (TNLH), M. Hill (TNLH)< Sarah Wade (DHHS), Mike Merrill (VOANNE), Ray Michaud (Vet Inc.), Boyd Kronholm (BAHS), Kelly Watson (MSHA), Rachel Spencer Reed (NB), Marcie Dean (Next Step), Kari Bradstreet (HJP), Jennifer Needham (NB), Sarah Grant (MCEDV), Johnnie Walker (Partners for Peace), Amanda Roy (DSW Management), Jenny Stasio (TTD), Melody Fitch (FVP), Brianne Brasslett (CHCS) and Ken Capron (Hope Harbor)

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Stephonie Gregg (YCSPI) and Kari Bradstreet (FVP).

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**Meeting Minutes: Maine CoC**

**Date: September 15, 2022, 1:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Location: Ring Central**

**Maine**

**Continuum of Care**

1. **Approval of Minutes and Moment of Silence:**

Awa welcomed all to today’s meeting. MCOC Minutes from the August meeting were posted on the Maine Homeless Planning website. *Bill H. motioned to approve August’s minutes as written, Janice D. seconded. No one opposed. Passed unanimously.* A moment of silence to honor the passing of people experiencing homelessness was observed.

1. **Big Thinking Topics:** In order to review scoring, Dan screen shared both the MCOC 2022 Scorecard and the New Project MCOC 2022 Scorecard. The only changes from the group that met to evaluate the scoring for the MCOC 2022 Scorecard are connected to reallocating the 6 points made available from line 45-self certification allowance.

Scott updated the continuum on HUD’s two simultaneous funding opportunities.

**SNOFO:** In order to have time to review, score and rank all submissions, applications for the Supplemental NOFO were required to be entered into ESNAPS by 5:00 pm Sept. 14, 2022. Two applicants applied and their request totaled more than the available funding. The scoring and ranking of the projects will be reported to the continuum and Board for approval.

**NOFO:** The due date for the Continuum NOFO application is September 30, 2022. Scott screen shared the ranking and scoring of all applicants, reviewed the two tier process and scoring and ranking tools were explained. All projects were reminded they can appeal. *Vickey asked for a motion for the continuum to approve the current ranking as presented by the NOFO Committee with the caveat ranking can change with an appeal. Kate put forth the motion. Bill H. seconded. No discussion. None opposed. No one abstained. Motion passed unanimously.*

1. **Maine Statewide Homeless Services Coordination Meeting Updates:**

There were no updates given during today’s meeting. This topic will remain a standing item on the agenda.

1. **Legislative Updates:**

**Federal:**  Cullen started today’s update by bringing attention to the T-HUD budget. After giving an overview of the budget attention was brought to the Inflation Reduction Act/BudgetReconciliation Bill.On 8/16 President Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act, a reconciliation package that includes roughly $433 billion in new spending over the next 10 years on climate, energy, and health provisions. However, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 excludes housing investments that advocates fought strongly to include. Despite housing being a key driver of inflation, the bill doesn’t address limited housing supply, increasing rents, or increases in homelessness across the country.

**State:** As of 5/9, The Legislature Adjourned Sine Die therefore there were no updates given.

1. **Hub Updates:**

Tara started today’s update by mentioning all Hubs are continuing their work toward achieving quality data by working on outreach capacity, current outreach coverage maps, HMIS participating providers, and brainstorming ways to capture data from non-HMIS providers. Hubs are reporting aggregate numbers to their hub level dashboard, this only included numbers pulled from HMIS and is expected to change drastically as we get more data from other sources. HCs reported out the results of the assessment tool testing that took place the last of July beginning of August. All and all the responses of participating providers were positive. The HCs will be involved with the training activities for the CE Pilot. The update ended by noting that the State Strategy Team has created 3 Action Teams to work on barriers identified and policies needed for Hubs to make progress towards their 6 month aims.

1. **Homeless Solutions Rule**:

Lauren gave an overview of the revised Homeless Solutions Rule. In terms of funding, the following changes have been proposed:

45 % Operations Share: Bed counts will come from the P G and A with built in accountability.

45% Stabilization Share: Payments will be based retrospectively with 4 quarterly payments.

10% Performance Share: Will be based on six month cycles of data quality maintenance.

A draft of the revisions will be presented to MSHA’s Board in September, a public hearing will occur on September 20th followed by a public comment period. All changes will be posted on the Maine Homeless Planning website.

1. **SHC Updates:**

In addition to working with Community Solutions on the System Redesign, tackling ongoing pandemic related problems and launching a six month strategic plan, the council discussed the increase of medical discharges from hospitals to shelters, the statewide rate of over doses, the growing number of encampments and the need for warming centers.

1. **Long Term Stayers Updates:**

Norm reported the Portland area continues making progress in housing LTS with a 92% success rate.

1. **COC Board Update:**
* **General Updates**: The main topics being addressed by the Board are:
1. The review of System Performance Measures.
2. The Board voted to approve CES Policies and Procedures.
3. HMIS Agency Participation Agreements and Release of Information Forms were approved by the Board.
4. The SNOFO and NOFO.
* **CES:** Erin K. presented the committee update. With the Policy and Procedures for CES approval by the Board during their September meeting, Coordinated Entry has pivoted from the design phase to the implementation phase. The four parts of Coordinated Entry will be piloted for two months in Hubs 5 and 7.
1. **Youth Action Board Update:**

The Youth Action Board debuted a presentation about Authentic Youth Engagement with the help of the Homeless Youth Provider Group on Friday, September 9th and received wonderful feedback from the information provided. Our team has been tasked by the Department of Education (DOE) to create a presentation for high school students to learn more about their McKinney-Vento Rights.

1. **Standing Committee Updates:**
* **Monitoring Committee:** All monitoring reports have been completed and were sent to the committee members prior to the NOFO.
* **Resource Committee:** 67 people attended the training on VAWA held Friday, September 11th. A recording of the training was posted on the Maine Homeless Planning website.
* **PWLE:** The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 30, 2022. Recruitment is under way for people with current lived experience.
1. **New Agenda Items:** All were asked to send Betty, Scott or any of the tri-chairs suggestions for August’s Continuum Meeting.
2. **Other Business:**

Letter of Commitment: *Vickey put forth a motion for the McoC of offer Letters of Commitment for any Housing Authority that asks for a letter supporting their application for Housing Stability Vouchers. Cheryl seconded. No discussion. None opposed. MSHA abstained. Motion passed unanimously.*

* World Homeless Day is October 10, 2022
* Boston’s Winter Walk for Homelessness will be held on February 12, 2023.

**Next MCOC meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2022 from 1:00-3:00 pm**