

# Statewide Consumer Council Meeting Minutes

CCSM Office 55 Middle Street. Suite 2  
Augusta, ME

Date: 4-25-14

Time: 10am-3pm

**Members Present:**    **x = present**    **A = absent (unexcused)**    **E = absent (excused)**    **ITV = via ITV**    **PH = via phone**

x	Ron Welch	x	Jamie Wood		
x	Karen Evans	x	Jeanne Mitchell		
x	Dorie Oakes	E	David Eldridge		<b>Staff:</b>
x	Charlie Ames	E	Carolyn Noble		<b>Simonne Maline, Executive Director</b>
x	Judy Colomy	E	Gwen Heath		Vickie McCarty
x	Kevin Cleaves				Melissa Caswell
x	Kandie Desell				Susan Lamoureux
x	Dot Treadwell				

**Guests:**

**Minute Recorder:**

**Next Meeting:**

**Minutes Approved:**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION PLAN	PERSON RESPONSIBLE
<b>Welcome, Introductions, Establish Quorum</b>	<p>Members were welcomed, time given.</p> <p>Quorum established-10 of 14 members present at beginning of meeting.</p> <p>Group read CCSM Value Statements and Mission Statement.</p> <p>It was decided to review mission and value statements at all meetings in the future.</p> <p>Ron started a discussion about how to do work peacefully and with respect for others.</p>	N/A	N/A

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	<p>Discussed having someone who knows IPS to facilitate a conversation/work session to help us understand people's issues.</p> <p>Suggested to be open and honest with people during disagreements. The enemy is mental illness and not each other.</p>		
<b>Approval of Minutes from the January 2014 SCC Meeting</b>	<p>Motion made and seconded to accept minutes as read. Time given for discussion.</p>	<p>Post finalized minutes on SCC website</p>	<p>CCSM Staff</p>
<b>Reports</b>	<p><u>Treasurer</u> Financials reviewed. We have a surplus of \$30,000 until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Hired a consultant. Karen read off budget amendment to give more updates. Surplus money suggestions were: new computer for Melissa, HOPE conference and May event expenses, new printer (\$7-\$10,000), short term disability for staff, computer training from outside for those who need it, regionals, training supplies, recorders for meetings, laptops for members who do not have one, more promo items, training for local chairs and subcommittee chairs, possible team building day, office supplies to stock up for statewide symposium event. Motion made to adopted proposal to use surplus money with option to add to the list if something comes up later and situation is appropriate. Seconded. 9 in favor – motion carried unanimously. Motion made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Suggested looking at backup plan for all CCSM staff in case of an emergency absence. Discussion: CCSM staff feels that if anyone is out on emergency, staff members have the knowledge to keep things running smoothly.</p>	<p>Suggestions for surplus purchases to go to ED.</p>	

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<b>Written Reports</b>	<p>The following written reports were reviewed with time given for questions and discussion. (All written reports are available upon request.)</p> <p><u>ED Corner</u> Simonne will get the report out before our next meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept the ED report as is. Time given for discussion. 9 in favor. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p><b><u>Local Council Reports</u></b></p> <p><u>Lewiston</u> Homelessness issue continuing to be worked on. Survey on hold until its purpose has been established. Still collecting recent stories of homelessness to give to Maine State Housing. Would like to see a shelter in Lewiston that is not religion based.</p> <p><u>Portland</u> Need to elect new chair. Working on table for end of May. Susan Boras from the state was in attendance at last LC meeting. Two new members, one interested in being chair. March meeting guest speaker was Kitty Purrington. Portland has selected an issue statement to work on and needs to begin on it. 17- plus people attended council.</p> <p><u>Augusta</u> Have two members who are homeless and have substance abuse issues and concerned about there being no public shelter. Attended homelessness meeting held by City of Augusta. Need to work on an issue statement about the need for homeless shelter. Working on art display with Dottie for May event. 5-6 people in council meeting.</p>		

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	<p><u>Bangor</u> Numbers are scarce. Working on outreach. Had Community Partners meeting this past week. Talked with Charlotte White about four of their people on Consumer Advisory council being on CCSM as well.</p> <p><u>Rumford</u> Working on issue statement. Done working with Beacon House. New member rallying for MH Awareness Day on May 1<sup>st</sup> at town office. Will be setting up a table at a craft fair this weekend.</p> <p><u>Biddeford</u> No meeting this week because of no chair person. Last month's meeting focused on what keeps people coming to council meetings. Going to send invitations to people interested in becoming involved.</p> <p><u>Brunswick</u> 3-4 people attending. Problem recruiting membership possibly due to there being so many different organizations in the area.</p> <p><u>Farmington</u> Gwen ill. Reps need to send small reports and minutes.</p> <p><u>Issue Statement Committee</u> Presented issue statement that is under time constraints regarding IPSAC. Asked group to review</p>		
<b>Issue Statement Committee Report</b>	Presented issue statement that is under time constraints regarding IPSAC. Asked group to review and give feedback. Motion made and seconded to accept the issue statement redefining the existing IPSAC oversight group as corrected.		

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<b>Legislative Subcommittee</b>	LD1594 Should the warm line be the first contact for people?		
<b>Outreach Committee</b>	Bookmarks 3 Outreach boxes-where to put them <u>May Event</u> : Lewiston- Art exhibit: Dot invited anyone to submit art; speakers to be contacted; Local Councils- May 17; Rumford- bake sale; Farmington- talent show; Portland- good mood foods; Bangor- toss negative in trash and get a positive stone back. Melissa to have flyers. Resiliency for ME- theme. <u>Symposium July 9<sup>th</sup></u> - waiting to hear from UMA; working on speakers; working on flyer as soon as we get the space; FMI talk to Dorie. Bring friends and non-friends.	To be Updated	Melissa
<b>SAMHS Leadership</b>	BRAP is now in our budget. Guy and Leticia gave quarterly update.		
<b>Consent Decree Status Update</b>	We heard from Dan Wathan and Helen Bailey. Riverview- only 3 units, issues: the use of law enforcement by part. Staff although they are not intervening. Warren happy with the mission; redefined by a part. Mission- NCIRST patients sent to jail. Forensics vs. Civil		
<b>Behavioral Health Homes</b>	Mary Henderson was here to update us. Should there be a responsibility of the peer support groups to get the word out about their programs? Should we develop a committee to put the word out about peer support program? Mainequalitycounts.org		
<b>Election Vice Chair</b>	Dorie was unanimously voted to become Vice Chair for Coordinating Committee of the SCC Need a Treasurer for SCC	Nominations should be sent to	

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<b>Subcommittee Review and Sign up</b>	Sign up for CCSM subcommittees.	Forms to be Updated	Susan and Melissa
<b>Public Comment</b>	On SCC meeting days, able bodied people should park across the street to allow people that have a hard time ambulating to park in our lot		
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Tri County having inspired voices 6/21 (see flyer) Only Tri County clients?            APS Conference May 7<sup>th</sup>            Karen: Cemetery Project raised \$15,000; in process of erecting a memorial at Cony Cemetery on Knoll, but RFP is taking a long time.            Human Rights Committee looking for a MH consumer to join            Dorie: craft fair for Beacon House in Rumford            May 1<sup>st</sup>- "Treat people with MI Kindly"            Sugg to Local Councils to come up with a list of event for the year so we can plan ahead and it will be easier and more successful            Scribe for comm: need to send minutes to all members as well as Melissa</p>	Dot to get information.	

**Adjourned at 3PM**