**Meeting Agenda**

**March 13, 2017 12:00-2:00pm**

\*\*One City Center, **Portland\*\*,** **AND** via Zoom at UCP of ME Elizabeth Levinson Center, **Bangor** 159 Hogan Road, (207) 941-2952; Uplift Inc., **Gardiner** 25 Winter Street, (207) 582-8021; John F. Murphy Homes, **Auburn** 800 Center Street, (207) 782-2726; Waban, **Sanford**, 5 Dunaway Drive, (207) 324-7955; Community Partners Inc., **Biddeford**, 443 Main Street, (207) 282-7113; Autism Society of Maine, **Winthrop**, 72B Main Street, (800) 273-5200; Life Enrichment Advancing People (LEAP), **Farmington**, 313 Farmington Falls Road, (207) 778-3443, University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies **Orono**, Corbett Hall, Room 226, (207) 581-1384; Independence Association, **Brunswick,** 87 Baribeau Drive, (207) 725-4371.

1. **12:00pm –** **Welcome, lunch\*\*, social networking**

This meeting will continue a broad discussion, including context, of how we came to this crisis of current and impending lack of funds for services and housing in Maine, and what parents, relatives, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, advocates, service providers, DHHS, Special Education, and the experts on Transition can and are doing about it. The major focus will be information sharing and discussion about transition, employment, services that work, housing, the state’s budget, advocacy, and resources. This meeting will also focus on seeing through the implementation of a new Continuum of Care and Blueprint for Effective Transition so that housing and service needs are met for everyone, and true community inclusion occurs.

1. **12:10pm - Review agenda, review/accept minutes, introductions**
2. **12:15pm Featured Speakers:**

**Charlene Kinnelly. Topic: State Legislature 101.** Also featured will be: **Betsy Mahoney, Parent. Topic: Block grants.**

1. **1:00pm Services:**
   1. **DHHS – Update and Discussion with Ricker Hamilton, Deputy Commissioner of Programs**
      1. **Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS) Update/discussion –** Developmental Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services. Report from OADS; Draft Developmental Service Biennial Plan, Section 21/Section 29; HCBS; Person Centered Planning; Assessment Tool; Rule Change; Rate Setting; Section 21 Forums.
      2. **Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) Update/discussion** – Cathy Register, Children’s Behavioral Health Resource Coordinator at DHHS Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS).
   2. **Special Education Update**
      1. Blueprint for Effective Transition Update, and SMACT Update
   3. **Developmental Services Stakeholders Continuum of Care** – Update
2. **1:25pm Housing and Federal Funding:**
   1. Update: Proposed FY 17 Federal budget for housing (HUD) programs.
      1. DHHS/MaineHousing Collaborative Efforts
      2. Section 8 Update
      3. HUD Section 811 Update
3. **1:35pm State Legislature Report**:
   1. Lydia Paquette, MACSP.
4. **1:40pm – Other business:** 
   1. **Disability Rights Maine (DRM) update** – Katrina Ringrose or Staci Converse
   2. **Coalition Website Update –** [www.maineparentcoalition.org](http://www.maineparentcoalition.org)
   3. **Renaming Maine Coalition for Housing and Quality Services - update**
   4. **Other updates, announcements,** and Agenda for next Coalition meeting

**Next meeting**: **Monday, April 10, 2017 12-2pm, Burton Fisher Community Meeting Room, located on the First Floor of One City Center *(off of the food court, next to City Deli),* Portland**. **Featured Speaker: Bo Bigelow, Author and parent. Topic: Disability activism.**

Unless otherwise decided: All Coalition meetings are the second Monday of the month from 12-2pm. (Oct. is 3rd Mon)

***\*\*Portland meetings will be at the Burton Fisher Community Meeting Room, located on the First Floor of One City Center (off of the food court, next to City Deli), in Portland.*** ***Stir fry from City Deli will be served!  Thank you to Senscio Systems, who has very generously covered the cost of lunch for our meetings!*** ***See Senscio Systems’*** [***website***](http://www.sensciosystems.com/)***.***