**Meeting Agenda**

**March 9, 2020 12:00-2:00pm**

\*\*One City Center, **Portland,\*\*** **AND** via Zoom at OHI, **Bangor**, 203 Maine Ave, (207) 605-1199; UCP of ME Elizabeth Levinson Center, **Bangor** 159 Hogan Road, (207) 941-2952 *(please call ahead to UCP to ensure the site will be setup)*; 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; Autism Society of Maine, **Winthrop**, 72B Main Street, (800) 273-5200; University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies **Orono**, Corbett Hall, Room 226, (207) 581-1384; Independence Association, **Brunswick,** 3 Industrial Pkwy, (207) 725-4371; Kittery Town Hall, **Kittery**, 200 Rogers Rd, (207) 451-7469; Sweetser, **Saco**, 50 Moody Street, (207) 294-2506; Assistance Plus, **Benton**, 1604 Benton Ave, (207) 453-4708; LEAP, **Wilton**, 128 Weld Rd, (207) 860-4127; **Belfast** (please call ahead as this is a parent’s home), (207) 505-0307.

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

*The Coalition is designed to be an open and inclusive clearinghouse of information. All are welcome.*

*This meeting will continue a broad discussion, including context, of how we came to this crisis of current and impending waitlists for services and lack of affordable supportive 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 services that work, housing, transition, employment, the state and federal budgets, advocacy, and resources. This meeting will also focus on seeing through the implementation of a 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 Speaker:**

**Rachel Dyer, Associate Director, Maine Developmental Disabilities Council. Topic: Self Direction 101.**

1. **1:30pm Brief Updates:**
   1. **Services:**
      1. DHHS, Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS)
      2. DHHS, Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS)
      3. Special Education Update
      4. Southern Maine Advisory Council on Transition (SMACT) Update
      5. Developmental Services Stakeholders Continuum of Care Update
   2. **Advocacy** - Disability Rights Maine (DRM)
   3. **Housing and Federal Funding**
      1. Federal funding update
      2. Section 8 Update
      3. HUD Section 811 Update
   4. **State Legislature –** MACSP and Legislators in attendance
   5. **Other business:** 
      1. Coalition Website Update – [www.maineparentcoalition.org](http://www.maineparentcoalition.org)
      2. Other updates, announcements, and Agenda for next Coalition meeting

**Next meeting**: **Monday, April 13, 2020, 12-2pm, Burton Fisher Community Meeting Room, located on the First Floor of One City Center *(food court area, next to City Deli),* Portland**. **Featured Speaker: Rachel Dyer, Associate Director, Maine Developmental Disabilities Council. Topic: Self Direction 102.**

Unless otherwise decided: All Coalition meetings are the second Monday of the month from 12-2pm.

(in 2020 the October meeting will be the 3rd Monday due to the holiday)

***\*\*Portland meetings will be at the Burton Fisher Community Meeting Room, located on the First Floor of One City Center (food court, next to City Deli), in Portland.*** ***Veggie lasagna from City Deli will be served!***

*The Maine Coalition for Housing and Quality Services provides equal opportunity for meeting participation.  If you wish to attend but require an interpreter or other accommodation, please forward your request two weeks prior to the monthly meeting to*[*vickey@chomhousing.org*](mailto:vickey@chomhousing.org)*.*