**Meeting Agenda**

**September 10, 2018 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; 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; Central Aroostook Association, **Presque Isle,** 25 Lombard Street, (207) 764-0134; Waterville City Hall, **Waterville**, 1 Common Street, (207) 872-5233; Coastal Opportunities, **Camden**, 35 Limerock St, (207) 236-6008; Kittery Town Hall, **Kittery**, 200 Rogers Rd, (207) 451-7469, **South Portland,** 236 Gannet Drive, (207) 661-6721.

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:**

**Featured Speaker: Matthew Stone, Writer, Maine Focus Team, Bangor Daily News. Topic:** **The last resort: Life in Maine’s Emergency Rooms. As a follow-up to his recent article in the Bangor Daily News, Matthew will present his research on Maine’s crisis services system for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities, including unmet needs, and what happens when crisis services don’t meet needs. Discussion to follow.**

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. Developmental Services Stakeholders Continuum of Care
   2. **Advocacy** - Disability Rights Maine (DRM)
   3. **Housing and Federal Funding**
      1. Federal funding update, including the FY19 draft appropriations
      2. Section 8 Update
      3. HUD Section 811 Update
   4. **State Legislature –** Lydia Dawson, 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, October 15, 2018\*\* \*\*Please note this is the third Monday of the month due to the holiday on our regular meeting date\*\*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 Speakers and Topic TBD.**

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

(in 2018 the October and November meetings are the 3rd Monday due to holidays)

***\*\*Portland meetings will be at the Burton Fisher Community Meeting Room, located on the First Floor of One City Center (food court area, 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/)***.***