



Portland Local Council Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 3:30 PM

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Welcome:

Introductions:

1. **Attendance:**

Review Meeting Guidelines:

Establish Quorum:

2. **Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda**

3. **SCC Board of Directors Report – NA**

Ongoing Business:

a) Outreach Update & Needed Actions -

b) Issue Statement Updates & Needed Work –

a) Concept Draft: Assistance with car repairs

c) Updates & Announcements - **Karen**

d) Brain Storming Session – **Group Discussion**

Future Agenda Items:

a)

b)

Outreach

Current Local issues and progress with in the community.

Meeting Reflection

1) What went well?

Great conversation was observed around transportation and housing for the Portland Local Area . A peer talked about a housing idea , with a cruise ship that was presented to the Portland Community at one time. Discussion around a Micro Rail Project that , is in planning stages as well . The Peer who is working on this project has provided the Local Council with information on this topic. Discussion around Taxi services , showing up late and not getting peers to work on time , or to their appointments was discussed as well .

2) What could be improved upon?

Getting additional peers to attend .

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Next meeting date: Tuesday, September 5th at 3:30 pm.

Meeting Recap & Next Steps

	Task	Who's Responsible	Due Date





Portland Local Council Meeting Minutes - July 5, 2022

Attendance: Karen. Ken Ann. CCSM staff: Vickie McCarty

1. Read minutes summary
2. SCC meeting. June 24th -Karen gave the SCC Report
 - a) Looked at strategic planning process
 - b) Board Training
 - c) Executive Director Eval
 - d) Consent Agenda
 - e) June SCC packet send out.
 - f) Treasurer's report
 - g) New Office Copier Discussion
3. Check into meeting spaces for future meetings
 - a) City hall bottom floor - city clerk Mayor. Washington Avenue and
 - b) Greater Portland Council of Government

Issue Statement: Issues with Transportation Brokers Feedback

1. Implement task force to investigate no shows
2. Taxi reimbursement No major Taxi companies, only a few sole taxi owners
3. Using Uber expensive if one does not have MaineCare
4. When does the MotiveCare contract expire?
5. Legislative bill – conversation: Invite Ken to next Leg meeting to talk about the MicroRail System was a transportation alternative
6. MaineCare Grievance process needs to include.
 - a) Court process a nightmare.
 - b) MaineCare needs to be held accountable.
 - c) At times the litigation seems adversary::
 - d) Peers should help define process



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- e) 2nd level grievance process: Grievance not user friendly. At times the litigation seems adversarial
 - f) 3rd level grievance. No recourse
 - g) Listservs. Private conversations about people they serve by providers in Listservs.
 - h) Talk to Mark at DRM about Rights of Recipients
 - i) Ken will research other states transportation grievance processes
 - j) Pro bono services. Divide costs for individuals who cannot afford an attorney up among the Legal Community.
- Practice DEI -Diversity, Equity and Inclusion throughout the Mental Health System.

Items to Focus On

1. Grievance Process
2. Transportation
3. Housing
 - a) Belinda Ray spoke with channel 6 News about houses being planned in the Portland Area to alleviate housing needs for immigrants. So, what is being done for others who are unhoused?





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CCSM Issues Committee Concept draft - 7 13, 2022

Access to car repair services for people on disabilities and fixed incomes

Many people struggle to maintain a vehicle when living on a fixed income. When choosing between food, housing and other basic needs, owning and maintaining a vehicle is often out of reach because car repairs can be costly and there are not enough resources to help with expensive repairs.

This is an important issue to address because when people have access to their own transportation, they are better able by being self-reliant to meet their own medical and other transportation needs. Many times, they can also help friends and family as well. This builds up community and reduces strain on the public care system.

To submit feedback, ideas or a personal story relating to this issue statement, please send to the CCSM either by mail at: 219 Capitol St. Suite 7 Augusta, ME 04330 or email at vmccarty@maineccsm.org

DEADLINE TO RESPOND August 8th 2022

Thank you.
