



Rumford Local Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM

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Welcome, Introductions, Attendance & Review Meeting

Guidelines

1. A) Check-In & Ice Breaker B) Zoom Etiquette C) Establish Quorum

Attendance:

Establish Quorum:

- Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda for 4/11:
_____ Motioned, _____ Seconded. Discussion?
_____ In favor, _____ Opposed, and _____ Absentions.

2. • Review & Adopt Previous Meeting Minutes for 10/11, 11/8, 2/14, 3/14 (the Rumford LC did not meet on 12/13 or 1/10):
_____ Motioned, _____ Seconded. Discussion?
_____ In favor, _____ Opposed, and _____ Absentions.

New Business:

3.
 - Review CCSM Statute
 - Begin to review/discuss Rights of Recipients
(pdf sent as separate form in emails due to length)

4. **CCSM Meeting Reports:**

SCC Board of Directors Report: (Ash)

Issues Subcommittee Updates

The Issues Subcommittee meets every **second** Wednesday of the month, from 10a-12p via Zoom.

Next meeting: **May 10, 2023.**

- Maine Trauma-Informed Care Second Draft
- Parity of Mental Health and Substance Use Peer Centers Concept Draft

Legislative Subcommittee Updates

The Legislative Subcommittee meets every **first** Wednesday of the month, from 10a-12p via Zoom.

Next meeting: **May 3, 2023.**

- Stay tuned for Maine's 131st Legislative Session...Contact Vickie McCarty (vmccarty@maineccsm.org) to join our email list and receive CCSM's legislative updates!
- Testimony Writing Groups every Monday via Zoom from 1-3pm (Zoom link is the same as our meeting link)
- **LD540 HEARING NOTICE!! WE NEED AS MANY PEER VOICES AS POSSIBLE on April 5th at 1pm at the State House (Cross Building – Room 209). Talking points are attached to this meeting packet.**
<https://www.mainelegislature.org/testimony/>

Ongoing Business:

Outreach Discussion:

- Sharing meetings on Facebook and with peers
- Any providers in the area we should connect with?
- Where are some locations we can share brochures/flyers with?

5. Local Issue Statement

From last meeting:

- Credit checks for renters; background checks, petty crimes as barriers. This puts people at a disadvantage and does not recognize that people change.
- Potentially allowing more than one voucher in a rental unit? For example, if there is a two bedroom and two single adults each have a housing voucher, they could move in together rather than combine.

	<p>- Things peers see: Housing discrimination, housing costs skyrocketing, etc.</p> <p><i>Any new thoughts?</i></p> <p><u>Other Concerns</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May 17, 2023, from 8a-4p at the Augusta Civic Center: 2023 HOPE Conference 2. Disability Pride Day July 21st 11a-3p at Mill Park in Augusta 		
6.	Future Agenda Items:		
7.	<u>Meeting Reflection</u>		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What went well? 2) What could be improved upon? 		
	Next meeting date: May 9 at 5:00 pm.		
	Meeting Recap & Next Steps		
	Task	Who's Responsible	Due Date
	Collect feedback for issue statements (local and SCC)	Everyone	
	Reach out to at least one organization listed in the "Outreach Disc" section.	Everyone	
	Prepare and send out meeting documents <i>at least</i> ten days prior to next Rumford LC.	Ash	





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Welcome

Introductions/Ice breaker:

1.

Attendance: Jana Mason, Jeanette Jacques

Staff: Ash Hebert

Review Meeting Guidelines

Establish Quorum No

Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda: Due to limited attendance, members did not vote to adopt this current agenda. The agenda was reviewed and there was no discussion on the agenda before proceeding to the next meeting item.

2.

Review & Adopt Previous Meeting's Minutes: Due to limited attendance, the Rumford Local Council did not vote to adopt minutes for 10/11, 11/8, 2/14, 3/14, nor 4/11.

Rumford LC did not meet on 12/13/2022, 1/10/2023; no minutes were recorded for these dates.

3.

CCSM Meeting Reports:

Statewide Consumer Council (SCC) Board of Directors Report

The SCC meets *on the fourth Friday of every other month*, from 10a-2p via Zoom and at the CCSM main office! Next SCC meeting: **4/28/2023**.

- SCC voted in February to begin meeting every other last Friday of the month. One meeting will focus on business and the other will focus on legislative, outreach, and other projects. In March's group, Board members wrote postcards to legislators, created pins for LD540 hearing and the Hope Conference, and writing testimony in support of LD540.

Issues Subcommittee Updates

The Issues Subcommittee meets *every second Wednesday of the month*, from 10a-12p via Zoom. Submit stories and feedback to vmccarty@maineccsm.org.

- Trauma-informed Care Issue Statement (final draft) – Will be voted on at SCC meeting.
- Parity of MH and SUD Peer Centers Statement (concept draft) – On pause until after the Request for Proposals timeline is complete.

Legislative Subcommittee Updates

The Legislative Subcommittee meets *every first Wednesday of the month*, 10a-12p via Zoom.

- Writing Group Mondays 1-3pm
- CCSM Legislative Tracker email: please contact me or anyone at the office to join the email list and receive weekly bill updates (hearing dates included!)
- LD 540 Peer Respite Bill talking point cards available.
- Jana has reached out to local legislators about visiting the Beacon House and offered to update the group when she hears back.

4.

Ongoing Business:

Outreach Report and Brainstorming

- New ideas: Ash will reach out to Tri-County to see if we can present and hang flyers there.

Local Issue Statement Development

- From previous meetings:
 - o Credit checks for renters; background checks, petty crimes as barriers. This puts people at a disadvantage and do not recognize that people change.
 - o Potentially allowing more than one voucher in a rental unit? For example, if there is a two bedroom and two single adults each have a housing voucher, they could move in together rather than combine.
- From this meeting:
 - o Rumford Hospital Crisis Services have changed suddenly. Peers will be handed an iPad to meet with a provider from Acadia Hospital. *This is happening across the State*. Acadia is huge, and they can offer more services, but not as personalized. After peers have been released from Acadia, there is a "warming" follow-up with Rumford-based agency.
 - o Concerns: does this make sense if the other local provider has not been involved with care during crisis stabilization? Video calls miss the whole picture, including body language.
 - o Existing positives: Rumford has a crisis mobilization unit. The mobile unit meets you at home, Beacon House, or other safe location in community. We need more of that!!!
 - o Future steps: Jana will try to contact Ashley Brooks, Oxford County Clinical Director for more information. She accompanies police for crisis assessments. Jana will ask, why the sudden change with little input?

Meeting Location

- The group discussing a meeting location plan for future meetings. Rumford

Local members asked peers at Beacon House, and there is minimal interest. The group agreed to attempt meeting in person at the Rumford Community Center, and potentially planning more forums during Beacon House hours. More feedback and less formal topics.

Events!

- Hope Conference on May 17th at Augusta Civic Center from 8a-4p. Ash will check into how to access paper copies.
- Disability Pride Day on July 21st at Mill Park, Augusta from 11a-3p. Beacon House peers will be there! Ash will ask for example speeches.

Future Agenda Items:

- Discuss legislative actions.
- Issue statements.

Meeting Reflection

- 1) What went well?
- 2) What could be improved upon?

Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 9 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting Recap & Next Steps

Task	Who's Responsible	Due Date
Arrive to the meeting prepared, materials reviewed	Everyone	
Write agenda	Ash	
Write minutes	Ash	
Share the CCSM with your network!	Everyone	Continuous