



## Portland Local Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 5, 2023, 5-7 PM

At the South Portland Community Center AND via Zoom:

To join by video, click link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8938611710>

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Enter Meeting ID# when prompted: **893 861 1710** No password needed!

1. Welcome/Ice Breaker/Introductions:

Attendance:

Review Meeting Guidelines:

Establish Quorum:

2. Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda

A) Review and adopt **current** meeting agenda.

*\*Motion was made to adopt by: \_\_\_\_\_. \*2nd by: \_\_\_\_\_. Discussion:*

*\* Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ A \_\_\_*

B) Review and adopt **2/7/2023, 3/7/2023, 4/5/2023, and 6/6/2023** meeting minutes.

There were no minutes for **5/4/2023** due to low attendance.

*\*Motion was made to adopt by: \_\_\_\_\_. \*2nd by: \_\_\_\_\_. Discussion:*

*\* Y \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ A \_\_\_*

3. SCC Board of Directors Report – (Karen)

Meets every month, alternating between business meetings and special work group meetings. The next SCC meeting will be held as a work group on July 28, 2023 at the CCSM office and via Zoom.

Report:

4.	<p><b>Ongoing Business:</b></p> <p><b>A) Outreach Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Disability Pride Fest in Mill Park (Augusta) from 11am-3pm.</li> <li>b. Flyers at community centers?</li> </ul> <p><b>B) Legislative Subcommittee <i>meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 10a-12p.</i></b> (Reviewing upcoming bills and public hearings relating to mental health services, writing testimony, learning about the legislative process).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Testimony writing groups are on pause</li> <li>b) Legislative updates</li> </ul> <p><b>C) Issues Development Subcommittee <i>meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday from 10a-12p.</i></b> (Creating issue statements, conducting research on any given issue, finalizing issue statements and submitting them to the SCC for approval.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Update on the Emergency Department Survey</li> <li>b) Parity of Mental Health and SUD Peer Centers <b>is back</b> (First Draft)</li> <li>c) Two new concept drafts about Housing Supports and Peer Center Funds</li> </ul> <p><b>D) Updates &amp; Announcements</b></p> <p><u><i>In the Community:</i></u></p> <p><u><i>At the Office:</i></u></p>
5.	<p><b>Future Agenda Items:</b></p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Review</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) What went well?</li> <li>2) What could be improved upon?</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Next meeting date: July 5, 2023, at 5:00 pm.</b></p>





**Portland Local Council Meeting Minutes: July 5, 2023, 5-7PM**  
 Held at the South Portland Community Center and via Zoom call.

<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions</b></p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> Anne, Karen, Cathy <b>Guests:</b> Deb, Kathleen</p> <p><b>Quorum Established?</b> ____ Yes __X__ No</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Review &amp; Adopt Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting’s Minutes:</u></b></p> <p><b>A)</b>Review and adopt current meeting agenda.</p> <p><b>B)</b>Review and adopt <b>2/7, 3/7, 4/5, and 6/6</b> meeting minutes.</p> <p><b>Voting Results:</b> <i>No quorum. Review and voting for the previous and July’s meeting minutes will occur next meeting depending on quorum.</i></p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>New Business:</u></b> Guests from Gateway Community Services joined and offered information about case management services and housing.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>Statewide Consumer Council:</u></b> Met on 6/23. Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 recommendations from staff (attached to packet)</li> <li>• Forum topic ideas: Recovery (mental health and substance use disorder), housing. The SCC will meet on 7/28 to solidify plans.</li> <li>• Portland LC began planning forum topic around housing. These are a few sentences to frame the conversation:  Homelessness is deadly and poses an imminent crisis in the Portland community and across the state. This trend has been seen</li> </ul>



nationwide, and its effects are felt in Maine by way of increased cost of living, constrictions in the labor force in needed services like healthcare and childcare, cuts in social benefits programs, and increasingly unaffordable rents. The combinative effects of these realities can challenge one's physical and emotional health. Other notes: overworking to make ends meet, lack of savings, lack of housing protections, vouchers not meeting costs. Asylum seekers and refugees do not qualify for housing or healthcare assistance.

*Cathy asked: how can we express this issue to policymakers and leaders in a way that creates change?*

**5. CCSM Meeting and Office Reports:**

**Issues Committee Report:**

**Meets every second Wed. of the month from 10AM-12PM via Zoom.**

- Emergency department surveys on pause, Parity of Mental Health and SUD Peer Centers (first draft), Housing Supports (concept draft), Peer Center Funds (concept draft)

**Legislative Committee Report:**

**Meets every first Wed. of the month from 10AM-12PM via Zoom.**

- Paused: testimony writing groups. Legislative updates tabled.



6.	<p><b><u>Outreach:</u></b></p> <p>A) Disability Pride on Friday, July 21 from 11am-3pm in Mill Park, Augusta. Food trucks, music, resources, and more!</p> <p>B) Flyers around Portland (i.e., SPACE Gallery)</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Follow Up Business and Future Agenda Items:</u></b></p> <p>Coffee and snacks at meetings?</p>
8.	<p><b><u>Community Updates and Announcements:</u></b> None.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Meeting Wrap Up:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Next Meeting will be on: August 1, from 5-7PM at the South Portland Community Center and via ZOOM.</u></b></p>