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Bangor Local Council Agenda September 26,2023

1. Kandie	<p><u>Welcome, Introductions, Review Meeting Guidelines, & Housekeeping Attendance/ ice breaker:</u></p> <p><u>Staff:</u></p> <p><u>Guest:</u></p> <p><u>Establish Quorum: Y N</u></p>
2. Brian	<p><u>Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes:</u> <i>(Vote)</i></p> <p><i>A) Review and adopt current meeting's agenda.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Motion to adopt made by:</i>• <i>2nd by:</i>• <i>Discussion:</i>• <i>Y____ N____ A_____</i> <p><i>B) Review and adopt meeting minutes from August 26,2023</i></p> <p><i>* Motion to adopt made by:</i></p>



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3. Kandie	<p><u>New Business</u></p> <p>Guest speaker: Mike Tuller, President of Bangor Friends for Affordable Housing has been invited, hoping he can be in attendance.</p> <p>*Agenda will be amended as needed if a guest speaker is able to attend.</p>
4 Kandie Brian Brian Kandie	<p><u>CCSM Reports:</u> <i>(No Vote)</i></p> <p>A) <i>SCC Report this month.</i></p> <p>B) <i>Issues Subcommittee-Report</i></p> <p>C) <i>Legislative Subcommittee -Report</i></p> <hr/> <p>D) <i>Office Update:</i></p>



<p>5.</p> <p>All</p>	<p><u>OUTREACH:</u></p> <p><i>*Intentional – Planned meeting/discussion)</i></p> <p><i>*Spontaneous -impulsive, spur of the moment)</i></p> <p>Where did you do CCSM outreach?</p> <p>Agencies?</p> <p>Individuals?</p>
<p>6.</p> <p>Kandie</p>	<p><u>Discuss Current Issues Statement Work:</u></p> <p>A) Grievance process at jail.</p> <p><i>Brainstorming:</i></p> <p><i>*Easy for everyone to understand, those incarcerated and those involved with process*Clear steps to follow</i></p> <p><i>*Accessibility*Meeting people where they are at</i></p> <p><i>*Having an example page for the grievance process</i></p> <p><i>*Simplistic, matter of fact, short and to the point</i></p> <p><i>*Knowing what your next steps are after the process is began</i></p> <p><i>*They need to know there is confidentiality and the document is secure</i></p> <p><i>*Possibly an app for ability to do it verbally on app</i></p> <p><i>*How do we make the process legit</i></p> <p><i>*Time frame to hear response</i></p>



	<p><i>*Get assistance from someone via ZOOM</i></p> <p><i>*Maybe handle grievance outside of jail (centrally handled)</i></p> <p><i>*Multi language</i></p> <p><i>*Make an Icon for the Grievance App</i></p> <p><i>B) Discuss next issue statement:</i> <i>Current suggestions are: *The Rights of Recipients at providers offices being signed without seeing what is being signed.</i></p> <p><i>* Around ACE's being learned while in the judicial system and being addressed.</i></p> <p><i>* Decide on creating an Issue statement on kids being taken by state</i></p> <p>(Concerns the state is using faulty mental health info to take kids away from parents) What direction would we take.</p> <p><i>* Decide on Rape kits to providers not just ER's</i></p>	
<p>7.</p> <p>Kandie</p>	<p><u>Follow Up Business:</u></p> <p>Conversation with Sheriff Morton</p>	
<p>8.</p> <p>Brian</p> <hr/> <p>—</p> <p>9.</p> <p>All</p>	<p><u>Future Agenda Items:</u></p> <p>Elections (put in your application if interested in running for a Rep position.)</p> <p><u>Community Updates and Announcement:</u></p>	
<p>10.</p> <p>Assigned Tasks:</p>	<p><u>Who?</u></p>	<p><u>When?</u></p>



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<p><i>Pre-read all meeting materials and attend next month's LC Meeting</i></p>	<p><i>All</i></p>	<p><i>Monthly</i></p>
<p><i>Prepare Agenda and submit to Outreach Coordinator</i></p> <hr/>	<p>Kandie</p> <hr/>	<p><i>Monthly</i></p>
<p><i>Minutes and send to Outreach Coordinator</i></p> <hr/>	<p>Kandie</p> <hr/>	<p><i>10 days after meeting</i></p>
<p><i>Send out meeting documents to all Local Councilor Members</i></p>	<p>Brittany and Vickie H</p>	<p><i>At least 15 days prior to the next meeting.</i></p>
<p>11. Brian</p> <hr/>	<p><u>Evaluation, Recap:</u></p> <p>What went well?</p> <p>How can we improve our meetings?</p> <hr/>	
<p>12. Kandie</p>		
	<p>Meeting Wrap Up:</p> <p>Next meeting: October 24,2023</p>	

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<p>Local Council Business Minutes From</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Date: September 26, 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In person at Bangor Public Library and via Zoom Video Conferencing</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Zoom Information</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">To join by video, click link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89386117</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To join by phone only (no computer needed) Dial: 1-929- 205-6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enter Webinar / Meeting ID# when prompted: ID #893 861 17</p>	
1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions, Attendance & Review Zoom Meeting Guidelines</p> <p>Check In & Ice Breaker</p> <p>Attendees: Kandie, Brian, Renee, Mark, Christine ZOOM: 0</p> <p>Excused:</p> <p>Chair: Kandie Secretary: Open position Staff: Brittany</p> <p>Elected Reg 3 Reps: Kandie, Brian</p> <p>Guests Speaker: Mike Tuller, President of Bangor Friends for Affordable Housing</p> <p>Quorum Established? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Meeting called to order: <u>5:03pm</u></p>
2.	<p><u>Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes:</u></p> <p>A) Reviewed and adopted current meeting agenda.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>*Motion was made to adopt by: <u>Renee</u>.</i></p>

*2nd by: **Brian** .

*Discussion:

* Y_5___ N_-__ A_1_

B) Review and adopt Minutes from August 26,2023 meeting.

*Motion was made to adopt by: **Mark** .

*2nd by: **Renee** .

*Discussion: None

* Y__4_ N__0_ A_2__

*Discussion: None

* Y_1___ N_0___ A_5___

3.

New Business: Mike Tuller joined us to discuss his organization’s recent purchase of a property where he has hopes to build housing for people (focus on Veterans first) who are unsheltered. The person requesting him to come speak was that prior to our last meeting the Town of Bradford had approved this plan and there had been a significant amount of people concerned around the idea of building housing for people with mental health issues “to an area lacking in services. We had hoped that we may have been able to address this part of the conversation in a way that would be useful for him when returning to the Town. However, upon discussion we found that it is his intent to choose unhoused individuals with mental health issues or substance abuse to fill this location. Currently Mike has mentioned that he is currently in the process of evicting two of them. One is being evicted due to mental health issues. We realized part way through the discussion that Mikes plan was not what we believed it to be. We were however able to find an opportunity to attempt to educate the public on the information that can be used for an issue statement around emergency housing for people with mental health issues.

4.

A) CCSM Reports: No report since it was a work session.

Renee	<p>B) Issues Committee Report: Due to time with guest speaker everyone agreed to write Statements and send input if they had any.</p> <p>Our guest speaker, Mike suggested changing from "permanent housing remains insufficient or non-existent to meet the demand."</p> <p>C) Legislative Report: No report</p> <p>D) Office Update: A new person was hired part time for outreach.</p>
5.	<p><u>Outreach:</u> A) What are you doing to Outreach with others?</p> <p>Mark shared that he had been shopping with a friend and they were currently in jail when he ended up with an opportunity to do outreach with someone. The rest of the meetings, with friends.</p>
6.	<p><u>Discuss Current Issues Statement Work:</u></p> <p>Kandie reached out to the Sherrif and had requested for someone else to come to meeting to discuss. However, prior to meeting a new issue at the jail arose and the already short staff became shorter with one person fired for bringing in contraband and sexual activity with residents in jail.</p>
7.	<p><u>Follow Up Business:</u></p> <p><u>none</u></p>
8.	<p><u>Future Agenda Items:</u></p> <p><u>*Elections for open Rep seat and, chair and secretary.</u></p> <p>*Continue to try to have someone attend from the jail.</p>
9.	<p><u>Community Updates and Announcements:</u></p> <p>Region 3 meeting in Houlton 1:00-3:00</p>

10.	<u>Meeting Recap & Task List</u>	<u>Who?</u>	
	Pre-read all meeting materials	All	M
	Attend next Local Council Meeting	ALL	M
	Prepare Agenda and submit to Outreach Coordinator	Kandie	With
	Prepare Minutes and submit to Outreach Coordinator	Kandie	With
	Send all meeting documents to Local Council members at least 15 days before next meeting per the Governance Guidelines.	Brittney	With
10.	<u>Meeting Evaluation:</u> What went well? Made quorum, had a guest speaker. How can we improve our meetings? More people		
11.	<u>Meeting Wrap Up:</u> <u>Other Notes:</u> <u>Next Meeting will be on: October 24,2023</u> , in person at Bangor Public Library		