



**Mission Statement:** *The Consumer Council System of Maine represents fellow consumers with an effective, organized voice in shaping public policy and mental health services. We hold as essential the participation of all consumers and look to collaborate with allies to find realistic solutions to local and statewide issues and to advance recovery-oriented, consumer-driven mental health care and peer-run recovery opportunities.*

**Bangor Local Council Agenda**

**January 27, 2026**

In person at Bangor Public Library and  
 via Zoom Video Conferencing

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| <p>1.<br/><br/>Renee</p>  | <p><b><u>Welcome, Introductions, Review Meeting Guidelines, &amp; Housekeeping</u></b><br/> <b><u>Attendance/Ice breaker:</u></b> Imagine you are your own best friend, in one sentence, what advice or wisdom would you give to yourself?<br/> <b><u>Staff:</u></b><br/> <b><u>Guest:</u></b><br/> <b><u>Establish Quorum:</u></b><br/> Y___ N___      <b><u>Meeting called to order at:</u></b></p> |
| <p>2.<br/><br/>Kandie</p> | <p><b><u>Forum Topic:</u></b> Rural Access to Resources</p>   |



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| 3.<br><br>Brian   | <p><b><u>Review &amp; Adopt Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes:</u></b> (Vote)</p> <p><b>A) Review and adopt the current meeting's agenda.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Motion to adopt made by:</li><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> by:</li><li>• Discussion:</li><li>• Y___ N___ A___</li></ul> <p><b>B) Review and adopt meeting minutes from <b>November 25, 2025</b> Motion to adopt made by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> by:</li><li>• Discussion:</li><li>• Y___ N___ A___</li></ul> |
| 4.<br><br>Jason   | <p><b><u>New Business:</u></b></p>  |
| 5.<br><br>Brian<br><br>Laurie<br><br>Jason<br><br>Sarah | <p><b><u>CCSM Reports:</u></b> (No Vote)</p> <p><b>A) SCC Report this month:</b></p> <p><b>B) Issues Subcommittee Report:</b></p> <p><b>C) Legislative Subcommittee Report:</b></p> <p><b>D) Office Update:</b></p>   |



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| 6.<br><br>Kandie  | <p><b><u>OUTREACH:</u></b></p> <p><i>*Intentional – Planned meeting/discussion</i></p> <p><i>*Spontaneous -impulsive, spur of the moment</i></p> <p><b><i>Where did you do CCSM outreach?</i></b></p>  |   |  |
| 7.<br><br>Renee   | <p><b><u>Follow Up Business:</u></b></p>   |   |  |
| 8.<br><br>Renee<br><br><hr/> All  | <p><b><u>Future Agenda Items:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Community Updates and Announcement</u></b></p> <p>Hall of Flags February 18<sup>th</sup> at 8am, wear something w/green. Green beads will be available from staff. Great time to wear your CCSM shirts if you have one.</p> |   |  |
| 9. Assigned Tasks:  | <p><b><u>Who?</u></b></p>  | <p><b><u>When?</u></b></p>                                      |  |
| <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 it to Outreach Coordinator</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Minutes, work with chair on minutes, then send to Outreach Coordinator</i></p> <hr/> | <p><b>Renee</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>Kandie</b></p> <hr/>   | <p><i>Monthly</i></p> <p><i>10 days after meeting</i></p> <hr/> |  |
| <p><i>Send out meeting documents to all Local Councilor Members</i></p>   | <p><b>Sarah</b></p>  | <p><i>At least 15 days prior to the next meeting.</i></p>       |  |



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| 10.<br><br>Laurie<br><hr/> | <b><u>Evaluation, Recap:</u></b><br><br><b>What went well?</b><br><br><b>How can we improve our meetings?</b> |
| 11.<br><br>Renee           | <hr/><br><b>Meeting Wrap Up:</b> Next meeting: <b>February 24,2026</b>  |

**Local Council Business Minutes from Bangor**

Date: January 27, 2027

Meeting Held via Zoom Video Conferencing

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| 1. | <p><b>Welcome, Introductions, Attendance &amp; Review Zoom Meeting Guidelines</b></p> <p><b>Check In &amp; Ice Breaker</b></p> <p><b>Attendees:</b> No in person for January   <b>Excused:</b>   <b>Unexcused:</b></p> <p>Via Zoom: Renee, Brian, Kandie, Laurie, Jason, Sheena (Vickie &amp; Spencer Augusta Local)</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Renee   <b>Secretary:</b> Kandie   <b>Staff:</b> Sarah</p> <p><b>Guests Speaker:</b></p> <p><b>Quorum Established?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>Meeting called to order:</b> <u>5:04 pm</u></p> |
| 2. | <p><b><u>Review &amp; Adopt Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes:</u></b></p> <p>A) Review and adopt the current meeting agenda.</p>  |

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|           | <p><i>Motion was made by Jason to adopt this Meeting's Agenda. It was seconded by Laurie. Was there any discussion? (<b>No</b>) Motion (<b>Carried</b>) with <b>6 in favor of, 0</b> opposed to, and 3 abstentions.</i></p> <p>B) Review and adopt November 25, 2025, meeting minutes.</p> <p><i>The motion was made by Jason to adopt the minutes. It was seconded by Laurie. Was there any discussion? <b>No</b></i></p> <p><i>The Motion (<b>Carried</b>) with <b>6</b> in favor of, <b>0</b> opposed to, and <b>3</b> abstentions.</i></p>   |
| <p>3.</p> | <p><b><u>New Business:</u></b></p> <p>Renee read a thank you letter from the Staff for the Christmas gift from our Local.</p>  |
| <p>4.</p> | <p><b>A) SCC Reports:</b> Outreach presentation was done by Sarah and Brittney explaining what new ways they are working to reach people and the videos being made to help with learning about the Legislative process.</p> <p><b>B) Issues Sub Committee Report:</b> Issue statements on emotional support animals.</p> <p><b>C) Legislative Report:</b> Talked about this being a short session and where we stood on bills. The bill being worked on with Sheriff Morton was recommended to be sent to a committee to continue discussions, while not the outcome we hoped for, it was better than a “no”.</p> <p><b>D) Office Update:</b> Staff is continuing to make headway on clearing out the former offices and primarily work from home now.</p> |

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|    | <p><b><u>Follow Up Business:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Future Agenda Items:</u></b> Having another Gubernatorial candidate available to come chat with us.</p> <p><b><u>Community Updates and Announcements:</u></b></p>   |                     |
| 5. | <p><b>Forum Topic:</b> Rural Access to Resources</p> <p>We reviewed Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and compared services across Ellsworth, Bangor, Dexter, and Dover regions. The conversation included crisis services in Region III and the related catchment areas, as well as transportation challenges, with specific reference to Penquis CAP rural transportation services.</p> <p>We also discussed PATH homelessness services and the contrast between rural and urban access. Food insecurity in Region III was examined from both rural and urban perspectives. In addition, we compared the availability and function of warming centers versus emergency shelters within Region III.</p> |                     |
| 6. | <p><b>Where did you do CCSM Outreach?</b> Online, other organizations, sharing links from CCSM</p>  |                     |
| 7  | <p><b>Discuss Current Local Issue Statement Work:</b></p>   |                     |
| 8. | <b><u>Meeting Recap &amp; Task List</u></b>   | <b><u>Who?</u></b>  |
|    | Pre-read all meeting materials  | All                 |
|    | Attend next Local Council Meeting   | All                 |
|    | Prepare Agenda and submit to Outreach Coordinator   | Chair               |
|    |   | <b><u>When?</u></b> |
|    |   | Monthly             |
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| Prepare Minutes and submit to Outreach Coordinator  | Secretary            |  |
| Send all meeting documents to Local Council members at least 15 days before the next meeting per the Governance Guidelines. | Outreach Coordinator |  |

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| 9.  | <p><b><u>Meeting Evaluation:</u></b></p> <p><b>What went well?</b> Made quorum, great conversation with guests. Renee rocked at being Chair.</p> <p><b>How can we improve our meetings?</b> Encouraging future attendance</p> <p><b>Meeting ended at 7:00 pm</b></p> |
| 10. | <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Meeting Wrap Up:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Next Meeting will be on:</u></b> February 24, 2026, in person at Bangor Public Library AND via ZOOM</p>   |