**Meeting Agenda**

**March 11, 2019 12:00-2:00pm**

\*\*One City Center, **Portland,\*\*** **AND** via Zoom at UCP of ME Elizabeth Levinson Center, **Bangor** 159 Hogan Road, (207) 941-2952; Uplift Inc., **Gardiner** 25 Winter Street, (207) 582-8021; John F. Murphy Homes, **Auburn** 800 Center Street, (207) 782-2726; Waban, **Sanford**, 5 Dunaway Drive, (207) 324-7955; Autism Society of Maine, **Winthrop**, 72B Main Street, (800) 273-5200; University of Maine Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies **Orono**, Corbett Hall, Room 226, (207) 581-1384; Independence Association, **Brunswick,** 87 Baribeau Drive, (207) 725-4371; Central Aroostook Association, **Presque Isle,** 25 Lombard Street, (207) 764-0134; Coastal Opportunities, **Camden**, 35 Limerock St, (207) 236-6008; Kittery Town Hall, **Kittery**, 200 Rogers Rd, (207) 451-7469, **South Portland,** 236 Gannet Drive, (207) 661-6721; Life Enrichment Advancing People (LEAP), **Farmington**, 313 Farmington Falls Road, (207) 778-3443 *(Farmington is not available until further notice due to construction)*.

1. **12:00pm –** **Welcome, lunch, social networking**

*The Coalition is designed to be an open and inclusive clearinghouse of information. All are welcome.*

This meeting will continue a broad discussion, including context, of how we came to this crisis of current and impending waitlists for services and lack of affordable supportive housing in Maine, and what parents, relatives, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, advocates, service providers, DHHS, Special Education, and the experts on Transition can and are doing about it. The major focus will be information sharing and discussion about services that work, housing, transition, employment, the state and federal budgets, advocacy, and resources. This meeting will also focus on seeing through the implementation of a Continuum of Care and Blueprint for Effective Transition so that housing and service needs are met for everyone, and true community inclusion occurs.

1. **12:10pm - Review agenda, review/accept minutes, introductions**
2. **12:15pm Featured Speaker:**

**Margaret Cardoza, Self-Advocate, and Nell Brimmer, Managing Attorney for Developmental Services Advocacy, Disability Rights Maine. Topic: Supported Decision-Making: An alternative to guardianship.**

1. **1:30pm Brief Updates:**
	1. **Services:**
		1. DHHS, Office of Aging and Disability Services (OADS)
		2. DHHS, Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS)
		3. Special Education Update
		4. Southern Maine Advisory Council on Transition (SMACT) Update
		5. Developmental Services Stakeholders Continuum of Care
	2. **Advocacy** - Disability Rights Maine (DRM)
	3. **Housing and Federal Funding**
		1. Federal funding update
		2. Section 8 Update
		3. HUD Section 811 Update
	4. **State Legislature –** Lydia Dawson, MACSP, and Legislators in attendance
	5. **Other business:**
		1. Coalition Website Update – [www.maineparentcoalition.org](http://www.maineparentcoalition.org)
		2. Other updates, announcements, and Agenda for next Coalition meeting

**Next meeting**: **Monday, April 8, 2019, 12-2pm, Burton Fisher Community Meeting Room, located on the First Floor of One City Center *(food court area, next to City Deli),* Portland**. **Featured Speaker and Topic TBD.**

Unless otherwise decided: All Coalition meetings are the second Monday of the month from 12-2pm.

(in 2019 the October and November meetings are the 3rd Monday due to holidays)

***\*\*Portland meetings will be at the Burton Fisher Community Meeting Room, located on the First Floor of One City Center (food court, next to City Deli), in Portland.*** ***Veggie pot pie from City Deli will be served!***

*The Maine Coalition for Housing and Quality Services provides equal opportunity for meeting participation.  If you wish to attend but require an interpreter or other accommodation, please forward your request two weeks prior to the monthly meeting to**vickey@chomhousing.org**.*