**Meeting Agenda**

**January 8, 2018 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; Community Partners Inc., **Biddeford**, 443 Main Street, (207) 282-7113; Autism Society of Maine, **Winthrop**, 72B Main Street, (800) 273-5200; Life Enrichment Advancing People (LEAP), **Farmington**, 313 Farmington Falls Road, (207) 778-3443, 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; Waterville Public Library, **Waterville**, 73 Elm Street, (207) 872-5233; Coastal Opportunities, **Camden**, 35 Limerock St, (207) 236-6008.

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

This meeting will continue a broad discussion, including context, of how we came to this crisis of current and impending lack of funds for services and 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’s budget, advocacy, and resources. This meeting will also focus on seeing through the implementation of a new 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 Speakers:**

**Featured Speakers: Linda Lee, Co-founder, Jonno’s Place. Topic: Jonno's Place: a new perspective on disabilities. Examining what our community and the community at large needs, and where and how these communities can coalesce.**

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. Developmental Services Stakeholders Continuum of Care
   2. **Housing and Federal Funding**
      1. Tax Cut Bill and its effect on affordable housing, services, and healthcare
      2. Federal funding update
      3. Section 8 Update
      4. HUD Section 811 Update
   3. **State Legislature –** Lydia Dawson, MACSP
   4. **Other business:** 
      1. Disability Rights Maine (DRM)
      2. Coalition Website Update – [www.maineparentcoalition.org](http://www.maineparentcoalition.org)
      3. Other updates, announcements, and Agenda for next Coalition meeting

**Next meeting**: **Monday, February 12, 2018 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. (Oct. is 3rd Mon)

***\*\*Portland meetings will be at the Burton Fisher Community Meeting Room, located on the First Floor of One City Center (food court area, next to City Deli), in Portland.*** ***Stir fry from City Deli will be served!  Thank you to Senscio Systems, who has very generously covered the cost of lunch for our meetings!*** ***See Senscio Systems’*** [***website***](http://www.sensciosystems.com/)***.***