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**Augusta:** Scott Tibbitts (MaineHousing), Donna Kelley (KBH), Cassie Barton (Bread of Life), Mike Mooney (New Beginnings), Chet Barnes (DHHS)

**Portland:** Vickey Rand (CHOM), Cullen Ryan (CHOM), Steve Ellis (Frannie Peabody Center), Phil Allen (Preble Street/SSVF)

**On the Phone:** Awa Conteh (City of Bangor), Gail Garrow (OHI), Rowena Griffin (BAHS), Meredith Gardner (CHCS), Christine Roberts (HUD), Catherine Sullivan (PCHC), Sharon Dean (Sunrise Opportunities), Shanna Curry (Shaw House Waterworks), Francine Stark (HJP), Karen Bate-Pelletier (Common Ties), Janice Lara-Hewey (PATH), Joe Knox (?) (Bangor Housing Authority)

**Meeting: Maine CoC**

**Date: July 9, 2015**

**Time: 1pm to 3pm**

**Location: Tandberg Teleconferencing Sites**

**Maine**

**Continuum of Care**

**Review of Minutes** from June 18, 2015. **Approved as submitted**.

**Committee Reports:**

**Steering Committee:**

* Discussed projects and monitoring.
* Reviewed NOFA Registration submission.

**Project Committee:**

* Received and reviewed Monitoring forms from all projects and followed up where needed.
* Meeting tomorrow to finalize results.
* Some Monitoring questions no longer map to APR questions – need to line up next time.
* Still need an HMIS specific monitoring tool.
* HJP changed location, which was approved by MCOC, but they also changed the funding from Operations to Services. The new location had subsidy attached, so HUD recommended that they switch the funding to services, which they did as part of the new grant with HUD, but this part of the change did not go through MCOC, and we are trying to stay away from Services, in keeping with other, COC level HUD guidance.
  + Francine suggested that this be discussed soon, as she will be starting a new position as the Director of the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence and wants to tie up any loose ends HJP/MCOC wise. She will call in to the next Steering meeting on the 27th.

**Scoring Template Committee:**

* Waiting for the NOFA

**Resource Committee:**

* Is coordinating a training for staff at MaineHousing**.**
* Recruited some new members form Region 1.
* Still need some new members from Region 3.
* May try to coordinate more with the Portland CoC Resource Committee.

**Data Committee:**

* Will be meeting next week.
* Seeking nominations for new Chair.

**Policy Committee:**

* The NAEH Conference is next week in DC. Several folks from Maine will attend.

**Federal:** The Senate version of the THUD Budget is out. It proposes flat funding for most programs but Fed HOME would be cut form $900 Million down to $66 Million. This will be devastating for Fed HOME funding programs, but it appears their logic was to make one huge drastic cut to one program, rather than make small cuts to all programs.

**State:** The Budget was passed but the Governor said he intended to veto much of it. It appears he attempted to ‘pocket veto’ many proposals by simply not acting on them, thinking they would become null and void. However, since the Legislature was not adjourned during this time, and they were not actually vetoed, they may have become law by the Governor’s inaction. There is still a lot to work out and this is likely to become a long legal battle.

* + $2 Million for BRAP was supported. ½ for Homeless and ½ for people exiting institutions.
  + The Shelter Funding Bill was approved at $2 Million (asked for $3.5M).
  + State Budgets have get approved, then allocated, then encumbered before any of the funds can actually be used.

**Long Term Stayers:**

* Chet and Ginny are working to develop a methodology for identifying and prioritizing those who are most vulnerable and most in need – both for homeless LTS populations and those exiting institutions. They hope to have this in place by the time the funding is available.
* Chet is working to expand and recruit help to coordinate the LTS efforts with PATH, Shelters, and other providers. We need better, clearer lines of communication and expectations.
* The Portland efforts have been very successful, and they have house 18 of the original 70 clients targeted earlier this year.
* Other areas need to do a better job of coordinating service providers around this effort – what other agencies or entities could/should be involved, particularly in rural areas?
* These efforts have a lot in common with the SSVF program – Phil Allen offered to assist and provided some example from SSVF programs nationally.

**Statewide Homeless Council:**

* No meeting since last MCOC meeting.

**NOFA:**

* Still Waiting.

**Other Business:**

* None.

**Next Meeting:**

* August 20, 2015