Statewide Homeless Council

September 12, 2017

**\*11:15am – 2:00pm\***

**(Immediately Following Huston Commons Opening)**

**Location:**        **City of Portland Social Services, 196 Lancaster Street, Back Bay Conference Room.**

To join this meeting by conference call, the toll-free number is **1-866-316-1519.**   PASSCODE:  **9284295#**

**Lunch:**  Please bring your own lunch.

**Agenda:**

**11:15-11:25** Introductions, Additional items for Agenda, Review Minutes of previous meeting

**11:25-11:50** Brief items:

* Maine Homeless Policy Committee update
  + - * + State and Federal issues/Public Policy updates
      * MCOC updates, Regional Homeless Council updates and input
      * Long Term Stayer update
        + Portland, Bangor, other service centers and rural areas, and people outside

**Work on Maine’s Plan to End and Prevent Homelessness**

**GOAL THREE of Plan: Ensure Physical Health, Mental Health and Chemical Health**

**11:50-12:20     DHHS Announcements and Updates** – Sheldon Wheeler and Chet Barnes

* + - * SHC Blueprint for DHHS
      * System changes, rate changes, rulemaking, and 1115 Waiver
      * Kirsten Capeless, OCFS - Children in Custody/Lack of access to services & MaineCare

**Working Lunch**

**12:20-12:40 DHHS and MaineHousing Combined:**

* **Standing Discussion Topic:** HUD wants to end Chronic Homelessness in 2017. 🡪Progress update from MaineHousing and DHHS.
* Update from inviting the Governor/Commissioner in September
* How to best ensure attendance/representation from decision makers

**GOAL TWO of Plan:  Ensure Adequate Supply of Housing and Rental Subsidies**

**12:40-1:10       MaineHousing Announcements and Updates** - John Gallagher

* + - * Section 8 update, National Housing Trust Fund update
      * Supportive Housing Program update

**ALL FOUR GOALS of Plan:** Major discussion topic, and Population Discussions

**1:10- 1:55**

* **Major Discussion Topic: Numbers of people who are homeless – discussion with shelter providers**

**HMIS vs. actual, discrepancies and how to solve them, how to work for data accuracy**

* **Other topics (as time allows): Population discussions, quarterly press release topic – Housing First: the benefits highlighting the success of housing people with landlords as target audience.**
* **If time allows: Continued discussion about prioritizing vulnerable populations, building from 90/10 discussion. And, BRAP-like subsidy with 1115 Waiver for Substance Use Disorder populations**

**Other Business**

**1:55-2pm**

**Next meeting October 10, 2017 MaineHousing 353 Water Street Augusta, Maine**

(SHC meets regularly the second Tuesday of each month 9:30am-2:00pm)