**On-Line:** Vickey Rand (Community Housing of Maine), Chet Barnes (DHHS), Awa Conteh (Bangor Health and Community Services), Scott Tibbitts (Maine Housing), Gail Garrow (OHI), Donna Kelley (Kennebec Behavioral Health) Mike Mooney (New Beginnings), Melody Fitch (FVP), Ginny Dill (Shalom House)

**Meeting: MCOC Steering**

**Date/Time: 5-1-17 10:00 – 12:00 pm**

**Location: Online**

**Maine**

**Continuum of Care**

**Steering Minutes from 4-3-17**

Minutes were not voted on. Will add to June Steering Committee agenda

**Merger Update**

The Portland Continuum of Care is officially merged with the Maine Continuum of Care, as of April 20, 2017, when HUD responded to our official request to merge. We are now ME-500 Maine Balance of State (BoS) CoC.

**CoC Registration**

ME-500 registered as one CoC on Friday, April 28, 2017.

**PIT/HIC HDX submission**

All of the data has been entered as one and looks good. Scott intends to submit it today.

**HUD Visit on 5/12**

Discussed Tandberg sites will be utilized for this visit, including Maine State Library (Augusta), and Portland, Lewiston and Bangor Public Libraries. Steering members agreed to reach out to PHA’s with whom we have connection and/or other CoC members who have developed relationships with Public Housing Authorities. It is our intention to ensure a robust conversation during HUD’s visit and to have as many PHAs in attendance as possible. Mike Mooney will contact Lewiston and Auburn PHAs; Melody will contact Augusta Housing Authority; and Mid- Maine Homeless Shelter (Waterville PHA) and Tedford Housing (Bath and Brunswick PHAs) to encourage reach outs to their local PHA’s; Vickey will inquire of Portland Public Housing as to whether they intend to attend; and Awa will check in with Bangor PHA). Most of the arrangements for this event have been made and invitations were sent out.

**Coordinated Entry Update**

Josh D. called in to the last PCoC meeting and was able to answer many questions of the group. The discussion went well, though Portland continues to express concern that even more folks will be funneled to the Portland area; systems there are stretched to the limit already. Josh and others are hopeful the new Coordinated Entry system will actually decrease the burden on Portland homeless providers, as information about other options available locally becomes more widely known.

**MCOC Agenda 5/18/17**: The group discussed the full MCOC agenda for the 5/18/17 meeting.

* Standing agenda items – Merger, Coordinated Entry, NOFA update
* HIC and PIT – will likely have preliminary draft of results for discussion, questions, or concerns
* Committees & dissemination of minutes

The next full continuum meeting must include a discussion and proposals about our next step as a merged entity. Steering asked Scott to speak with Cindy and Amy about creating the topics and facilitating the discussion, based upon some of the obvious issues to be addressed: Board, Steering, and Committee Structures and Roles; Governance documents; Monitoring; internal process for getting the work done, including using the resources available to us (Amy); process for giving voice to the concerns of individuals, organizations, and projects as we develop.

**Committee Reports:**

Committees did not formally report out

**Policy**

**Project**

**Data**

**Resource**

**Other business** – None

This will be the final meeting of the MCoC Steering Committee.

**Next Steering Meeting** is to be determined. Ifwe continue with the current schedule of meetings, **Monday, June 5th at 10:00** would be the date.

If we continue with the same host for this call-in meeting:

By Phone: **(877) 455-0244** and the participant code is: **2075575030**