Statewide Homeless Council

December 12, 2017

**9:30am – 2:00pm**

**Location:**        🡪**Maine State Library 230 State St, Augusta, ME 04333, 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:**

**9:30-9:40** Introductions, Additional items for Agenda, Review Minutes of previous meeting

**9:40-10:00** 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**

**10:00-11:00     DHHS Announcements and Updates** – Sheldon Wheeler and Chet Barnes

* + - * Services update, including strategies for serving people who are homeless with mental illness and/or substance use disorder, system changes, rate changes, rulemaking
      * Any update on the SHC Blueprint for DHHS and 1115 Waiver
      * Kirsten Capeless, OCFS – Efforts on Youth Homelessness

**11:00-11:45 DHHS and MaineHousing Combined (MaineHousing will not be present at this meeting):**

* **Standing Discussion Topic:** HUD wants to end Chronic Homelessness in 2017. 🡪Progress update from MaineHousing and DHHS.
* Continued review of outline for short term rental subsides for Substance Use Disorder populations in recovery housing.

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

**11:45-12:00       MaineHousing Announcements and Updates** - John Gallagher and Dan Brennan will not be at this meeting but we will allow some time for discussion around housing and related programs.

* + - * Section 8 update
      * National Housing Trust Fund update, Supportive Housing Program update
      * 2018 MaineHousing Annual Action Plan - comments due 12/13

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

**12:15- 1:45**

* **Major Discussion Topic: Robert Pulster, New England Regional Coordinator, USICH** will join us for 90-minute discussion for Maine’s input into the Federal Strategic Plan, which is in the process of being updated.
* **Other topics, if time permits:** 
  + Population discussions
  + Quarterly press release topic – Housing in the Community: the benefits highlighting the success of housing people with landlords as target audience - Update.
  + Goals discussion.
  + Continued discussion about using the prioritization chart to fine tune getting resources to otherwise vulnerable populations.

**Other Business**

**1:45-2pm**

**Next meeting January 9, 2018 MaineHousing 353 Water Street Augusta, Maine**

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