Statewide Homeless Council

March 13, 2018

**9:30am – 2:00pm**

**Location:**        **MaineHousing 353 Water Street Augusta, Conference Room, behind the Reception Desk**.

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, state Legislation
      * 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
      * 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.

Review of Rental Subsidy for Substance Use Disorder populations

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

**11:45-12:00       MaineHousing Announcements and Updates** – Peter Merrill and Dan Brennan

* + - * Section 8 update
      * STEP – Continued STEP Discussion. Consideration of whether SUD Rental subsidy could be a 10% subset of STEP
      * National Housing Trust Fund update, Supportive Housing Program update, Homelessness as QAP priority
      * 2018 MaineHousing Annual Action Plan – Review of response to comments

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

**12:15- 1:45**

**Major Discussion Topic:** 2018 Resources Prioritization Chart – work to finalize. Discussion of a longest to shortest approach with a caveat for obvious exceptions. Creating a methodology for homeless providers to be empowered to use a small portion of resources to serve other obviously vulnerable populations who are not yet LTS. Review of youth prioritization.

**Other topics:**

* + Population discussions
  + Quarterly press release topic – review topics and select one
  + Homeless Voices for Youth Count – Kennebec County summary review, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project
  + If we’re using ANSA for mental health services, who is qualified to assess and how does it work in terms of being trauma-informed?

**Other Business**

**1:45-2pm**

**Next meeting April 10, 2018 MaineHousing 353 Water Street Augusta, Maine**

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