Statewide Homeless Council

November 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:**

**9:30-9:45** Introductions, additional items for Agenda, review Minutes, finalize meeting protocol

**9:45-10:00** **Brief structured reports**:

* 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, Brunswick, and other service centers, 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**

**10:00-10:45     DHHS Report – Resource update and progress toward ending homelessness:**

* + - * Sheldon Wheeler and Chet Barnes. **SAMHS**. Priority 1, 2, 3, & 4 DHHS-controlled services and rental subsidies for adults who are homeless with MI or SUD. Follow up on fee for service SUD model and concerns for homeless shelters. **Primary focus: Update on PNMIs, BRAP, and PATH.** Update on system changes, rate changes, rulemaking.
      * Kirsten Capeless and/or Alice Preble, **OCFS**. Gayle Erdheim, **M/V Liaison**. **Primary Focus: Priority 3 & 5 services and resources update around Youth Homelessness**.

**10:45-11:15 DHHS and MaineHousing Combined – Progress report on ending Chronic Homelessness:**

🡪Interagency discussion, Priority 1 and 2 resources, and access to PSH (dovetails with major topic below)

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

**11:15-12:00       MaineHousing Report – Resource update and progress report, and Homeless Initiatives Department update** – Dan Brennan and Lauren Bustard.

* + - * Priority 1-3 Section 8 update (Allison Gallagher), Universal application feedback – how to optimize for homeless populations. Insight on ways to expedite process.
      * VNED voucher contradiction of access and target population and CE direction - update.
      * Subcommittee update: Strategy for implementing/funding a SUD rental subsidy for rooms in shared housing sober environment. Update on licensure and standards.
      * Priority 1-3 Creating PSH: National Housing Trust Fund update, Supportive Housing Program update, update on incentivizing/opening more of Maine’s 10,000 LIHTC units for housing longer term homeless populations (dovetails with major topic below).

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

**12:15- 1:15**

**Major Problem-Solving Topics: 1. Fine tuning ESHAP to optimize navigation for different types of shelters and their supportive housing priorities. 2. Best practices to achieve an adequate supply of PSH – Christi Staples, Director, New England, Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH).**

**1:15-1:45 Other topics:**

* + **Bob Pulster from USICH will review the new Federal Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness**
  + Quarterly press release topic – review Op Ed submitted 10/25

**Other Business**

**1:45-2pm** Framing for the SHC Retreat in January; decision about December meeting – where, when?

**Next meeting December 11, 2018 – Location undetermined, Augusta, Maine**

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