**Mission:**

Our mission is to improve the state system of mental health and substance use disorder services by magnifying the voice of the Mainer’s with lived experiences and their families by making specific recommendations for improvements.

**Vision:**

The QIC wants every individual served by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services be provided with the highest standards of quality mental health and substance use services in an environment of respect and empowerment.

**Values:**

We are focused on improving the system as a whole (the mental health and substance use disorder system).

We believe in equal access to a fair system of high-quality services.

We respect all people regardless of mental health or substance use.

We are especially interested in hearing, amplifying and acting on the voices of those with lived experiences and their families.

We earn trust by demanding integrity, passion, and the commitment to all of our work.

**Welcome, Announcements, Adjustments to the Agenda (9:00-9:05) (5 mins)**

**Establish Quorum**

Attending: Diane Bouffard, Sarah Ferguson, Virginia Jewell, Liz Wing, Christina Hardy, Joel Gilbert, Sarah Ferguson, Ariel Linet, Vickie McCarty, Richard Ladd, Sr., Stephanie Farquhar, Jessica Wood, Bill Lowenstein, Jeff Tiner, Sharon Jordan, Liz Remillard, Narissa Seamans, Robin Levesque, Malory Shaughnessy

**Any changes to the agenda?**

None

**(9:05-10:00) (55 mins)**

**Go Over Strategic plan**

Motion passes to accept new Vision.

Mission – research how to include Block Grant specifically and the statute repercussions. Discuss at next meeting

Draft Values stayed the same.

Discussion about change to

3. We respect all individuals.

4. We value diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility.

5. We value input from all stakeholders.

6. We are especially interested in hearing, amplifying and acting on the voices of those with lived experiences and their families.

7. We earn trust by demanding integrity, passion, and the commitment to all of our work.

Will vote on next meeting

Committees-

Executive – Diane Bouffard, Ginny Jewell, Liz Wing, Sarah Ferguson, Malory Shaughnessy

Awareness and Impact – Robin Levesque, Liz Wing

Membership – Ginny Jewell, Sharon Jordan, Bill Lowenstein, Liz Wing

Legislative – Sarah Ferguson, Malory Shaughnessy – co-chair, Vickie McCarty – co-chair,

Adult Services – Vickie McCarty, Robin Levesque, Bill Lowenstein, Christina Hardy, Stephanie Farquhar, Joel Gilbert, Diane Bouffard (back and forth), Malory Shaughnessy (back and forth),

Child Services – Sarah Ferguson, Liz Wing, Ginny Jewell, Sharon Jordan, Narissa Seamans, Diane Bouffard (back and forth), Malory Shaughnessy (back and forth)

**Departmental, Committee and Workgroup Updates: 10:00-10:45 (45 Minutes)**

* OCFS, DOE, OBH, DVR, DOC update
  + OBH trying to develop apprenticeship program with DOL. Begun early childhood and behavioral health workers.
  + OCFS rolled out new trainings
  + Vermont council would like to meet with Maine QIC executive committee. Narissa will schedule a meeting.
  + MaineCare – Hired for new role, Member Engagement Manager, Sana Osman
  + DOL – new Peers group started, working with OADS on self-employment. State VR will create a new intake unit. Working on summer programming – college tours, work experiences. OADS providing training to VR.
  + DOE – SPPSs are economically hurting and closing. March 10 is International SEL day.
  + OBH updates
* Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) Funding plan was approved. This is a supplemental award to the MHBG for the purpose of improving upon the state’s emergency preparedness and crisis response.
* Funding plan includes the training of 3 different EBPs (CAMS, START, and WhyTry) in the following settings: Schools, CCBHCs, Comm MH Agencies, and Crisis providers
* There is also a 10% set aside for First Episode Psychosis (FEP) work within this supplemental award, as there is with the MHBG and its other supplemental awards CRRSA and ARPA.
* Our FEP provider is working with OMS to develop a case rate and state plan amendment that will allow the use of that case rate
* FEP provider working toward a MH Agency license that will make them eligible to bill the case rate once it is in place
* FEP provider’s contract is currently being drafted for renewal in July
* Currently the Maine Crisis Line (MCL) is working to build staffing capacity as it relates to national 988 requirements.
* The MH Peer Center (now titled MH Support Center) RFP is currently on the Maine Procurement website.
* LD1262 Behavioral Health Strategic plan was released and can be located here [https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/blog/dhhs-releases-comprehensive-behavioral-health-plan-maine-2023-02-17](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdhhs%2Fblog%2Fdhhs-releases-comprehensive-behavioral-health-plan-maine-2023-02-17&data=05%7C01%7CSarah.Ferguson%40maine.gov%7C99c5bd24695940aa195f08db1f099405%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638137898230315005%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6HF2hP39u18Cxcw4I9yY%2Btlw0urQhYVHnWX8v8ltIsQ%3D&reserved=0)
* LD1080 Mental Health Right of Recipients required to be updated by 2025. The department has established a work plan across OCFS and OBH and have a robust stakeholder engagement period that we anticipate for late spring. We will have surveys, community listening session and will disseminate information to this group once.

**Final Items (10:45-11:00) (15 Minutes)**

Approve minutes – December minutes approved

Approve treasurer report – latest report from January has been approved. Requesting updated report

Any remaining business

Ariel Linet voted in as member

Set the next agenda

* Vote on Mission and Vision
* Next steps to work on action plan and who will be responsible

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Ferguson