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 Date: 4/5/24

 Time: 9:00 – 12:00

 Location: Zoom

Council Members:

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| Quorum: At any meeting of the Council a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the Council members present who are voting members when the members present are no fewer than seven. The vote of those present and voting, if there is a quorum, shall constitute the act of the Council unless otherwise stated in these by-laws or State law. |
| **Present:** Diane Bouffard, Stephanie Farquhar, Sarah Ferguson, Polly Finlay, Helen Jones, Richard Ladd, Sr., Heide Lester, Susan Parks, Elizabeth Randall, Liz Remillard, Jon Reynolds, Narissa Seamans, Malory Shaughnessy, Amy Taranko, Jeff Tiner | **Excused:** Christina Hardy, Ariel Linet, Joel Gilbert, Sharon Jordan, Robin Levesque, William Lowenstein, Brianne Masselli, Vickie Morgan, |
| **Absent:** Bobby-Jo Bechard, Lauren Bustard, Michael Freysinger, |

Guests: Sana Osman, Anthony Moffatt, Ann Denton

| Minutes: |
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| Agenda | Discussion | Tasks/Conclusion | Responsibility |
| Establish Quorum | Liz Remillard is stepping off the QIC and Sana Osman will take the seat.Anthony Moffatt, CBHS, Resource CoordinatorAnn Denton, AHPVickie McCarty has retired from the committee |  |  |
| Any changes to the agenda? |  |  |  |
| 10am - Ann Denton covering the purpose of the TA and getting feedback from the QIC | Meeting recordedAnn Denton, Senior Fellow, AHPQIC website: <https://maineqic.org/> <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/obh/about/grants>  | Council members will read the block grant before the next meeting. Any questions will be sent to Diane Bouffard maineqicchair <maineqicchair@gmail.com>, Amy Taranko Taranko, Amy <Amy.Taranko@maine.gov>, Narissa Seamans Seamans, Narissa <Narissa.Seamans@maine.gov>, Stephanie Farquhar Farquhar, Stephanie <Stephanie.Farquhar@maine.gov> | Council members |
| Administrative support through DHHS | QIC is very interested in receiving administrative support  | DHHS staff will elevate the question about providing administrative support. | Amy Taranko |
| OCFS, DOE, OBH, DVR, DOC, OMS update | OMS – Liz Remillard – The QIC MaineCare representative will transition to Sana Osman (Sana.Osman@maine.gov) MaineCare’s Member Engagement Manager starting in May! Thank you for allowing me to participate as a partner on the council and I look forward to participating in future meetings as needed!**MaineCare** [**Member e-Messages**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdhhs%2Foms%2Fmember-resources%2Fmember-emessages&data=05%7C02%7CSarah.Ferguson%40maine.gov%7C7ef1ec553272480c52b008dc5580a71b%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638479258247561996%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OHrblxJuxW96vN96wBPyGaoqHTcbxTgbXs35vfpYpKc%3D&reserved=0)**:*** Mar 28, 2024: [Attention MaineCare Members: Update on Accessing Your Prescriptions](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdhhs%2Foms%2Fmember-resources%2Fattention-mainecare-members-update-accessing-your-prescriptions-2024-03-28&data=05%7C02%7CSarah.Ferguson%40maine.gov%7C7ef1ec553272480c52b008dc5580a71b%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638479258247574043%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xijgs9rGyE1ehLBdSMQfrAuyyfsF%2Bp23QprXZQxrDzA%3D&reserved=0)

**MaineCare Rule Adoption:*** [MaineMOM, Chapter II, Section 89](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdhhs%2Fabout%2Frulemaking%2Fmainecare-notice-agency-rule-making-adoption-mainecare-benefits-manual-chapter-ii-section-89-2023-12-05&data=05%7C02%7CSarah.Ferguson%40maine.gov%7C7ef1ec553272480c52b008dc5580a71b%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638479258247584468%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=86l5UAV6vobsokMAyJcqsVX9OUlZXhPLwt5YfrOWz30%3D&reserved=0): A whole-person model of care for pregnant and postpartum people with opioid use disorder.
* Behavioral Health Home (BHH) Update: The updated BHH policy will likely be adopted in Fall 2024. Once the policy is adopted, High Fidelity Wraparound services will be able to start without any waiting period. The Department is working on initiating trainings needed for High Fidelity Wraparound implementation before to the policy adoption. Also, when the policy is adopted, children's BHH services will be required to have a Family Support *and* Youth Support on staff.

**Stakeholder Meetings:*** Maine DHHS held the bi-monthly [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Stakeholder meeting](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmainestate.zoom.us%2Frec%2Fshare%2F0L-vymRWaYx8L9b-i939nYGaRuc92x8QSN7n0h8j_Sgw8JMIUL51h0-LTSpFcmA.lhQzL9b4fGkTyhyk&data=05%7C02%7CSarah.Ferguson%40maine.gov%7C7ef1ec553272480c52b008dc5580a71b%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638479258247593417%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=nxBqTRGF9Bdik6Z%2F%2Bhyqdo2oeWsUzozp5Ag%2BhV94n3o%3D&reserved=0) (password: hZP8?4&X) to review the Department’s application to participate in the [SAMHSA/CMS Federal CCBHC Demonstration](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.samhsa.gov%2Fcertified-community-behavioral-health-clinics%2Fsection-223-ccbhc-medicaid-demonstration-state-programs&data=05%7C02%7CSarah.Ferguson%40maine.gov%7C7ef1ec553272480c52b008dc5580a71b%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638479258247601585%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Qgm2RlZnBkF%2FsMxhNsSc%2FGHB93xGtMGOcSDdienGQ8Q%3D&reserved=0) program.

This is where you can see all the previous e messages. https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/member-resources/member-emessages.  | will send information on how to receive member e-messages. | Liz Remillard |
| SAMHSA Community Mental Health Block Grant (CMHBG) | Stephanie F – no updates currently due to storm Amy T – children’s telehealth and behavioral health walk in clinics will retain funding through block grants and CDC. |  |  |
|  | DVR Updates Libby Stone- Sterling- is new Bureau Director.Sam Fenderson- Acting Division DirectorPosting for Director position should be going out soon. 15 new staff started over last couple of months and now attending 6-week New Counselor Training (NCT) which is expected to end on 4/26/2024. Continuation with postings- Rehab Assistant- Lewiston and Portland- great entry position- closes 4/7/2024. Tim Small represented BRS at the yearly AgrAbility conference- attended with Maine AgrAbility staff to showcase collaboration- especially around self-employment.Summer Programming under way: College Bus Tour, Apprenticeship/Career Pathways tour (shorter tours showcasing immersive experience for youth), summer paid work experiences, No Barriers- joint with DBVI- focus on self-advocacy skills.Maine Employer Summit- May 14th, 2024 at the Cross Insurance Arena Center in Bangor - Innovation Hall to focus on youth- https://www.maineemployersummit.com/innovationhallState DVR Plan- finalized and available on public website at https://www.maine.gov/rehab/dvr/stateplan/index.shtmlComprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment in process- contacting open and closed clients over last 12 months to get feedback on DVR services.Statewide Rehabilitation Council and Statewide Independent Living Council- both in need of members- especially those that have received DVR services.Staff Development Training for 2024- to focus on Motivational Interviewing, Individual Placement, and Support (IPS) model and Progressive Employment (PE) model.  |  |  |
| Legislative Committee update | The Maine Senate has passed the bill  |  |  |
| Approve minutes | Sarah Ferguson moved to approveJeff Tiner seconded Approved unanimously |  |  |
| Monthly Activities | Collect monthly activities that relate to the Block Grant to inform the applications  | Use this Google Form: [QIC Monthly Update](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfxnvFOkU3wJBYi77CWskX6WcyPOUJjnetuzos4bcHYUuLzSg/viewform?usp=sharing) | Full QIC |

Submitted by: \_Sarah Ferguson\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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