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Date: 6/7/24

Time: 9:00 – 12:00

Location: Zoom

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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:** Bobby-Jo Bechard, Diane Bouffard, Stephanie Farquhar, Polly Finlay, Joel Gilbert, Christina Hardy, Helen Jones, Sharon Jordan, Richard Ladd, Sr., Heide Lester, Robin Levesque, T Lynn, Brianne Masselli, Vickie Morgan, Sana Osman, Susan Parks, Elizabeth Randall, Narissa Seamans, Malory Shaughnessy, Jeff Tiner, | **Excused:** Jon Reynolds, Ariel Linet, Sarah Ferguson |
| **Absent:** Tia Knowlton-Basford, William Lowenstein, Liz Remillard, Lauren Bustard, Amy Taranko |

Guests: Ann Denton, TA Presenter, Tracy Moody, Adam Bloom-Paicopolos, Theresa Shannon

| Minutes: | | | |
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| Agenda | Discussion | Tasks/Conclusion | Responsibility |
| Establish Quorum |  |  |  |
| Any changes to the agenda? |  |  |  |
| SAMHSA TA | - presented recommendations for restructuring the QIC's committees and operations  - Discussed potentially having 5 standing committees: Executive, Advocacy (with Adult and Children's subcommittees), Block Grant Review, Awareness & Impact, and Membership - Committees would do bulk of work, make recommendations to full QIC  - Proposed changing meeting cadence to full QIC every other month and committees meeting the off months | - Create annual calendar showing full QIC and committee meetings  - Need to update bylaws and strategic plan to reflect any structural changes  - Determine meeting cadence/schedules for committees  - Identify members for each committee  - Vote on updated bylaws and strategic plan in August |  |
|  | Malory Shaughnessy retiring, Adam Bloom-Paicopolos is her successor at the Alliance and is requesting membership in the QIC. |  |  |
| OCFS, DOE, OBH, DVR, DOC, OMS update | - DOC: New warden at Maine State Prison, peer support program for women ending  - MaineCare: Proposed updated rule on advisory committees, HCBS services  - OCFS: Approved as CCBHC demonstration site, crisis redesign timeline has shifted  - DVR: Samantha J. Fenderson has been selected as the next Director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services.  • Plan to hire Assistant Director for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services.  • Continue to hire RCII’s- Houlton, Augusta, Portland, and Lewiston.  • DBVI hiring for RCII- Presque Isle, in process of hiring someone for Bangor (Monica Mitchell retired).  • Have not had any luck in finding Rehabilitation Assistants for Lewiston and Portland- this is an entry level position based in the community to assist clients in completing the VR application and sharing information about the VR program. Will be posted next week- please pass along.  • 4 Targeted RCII’s (IDD/DD) will be coordinating with DHHS OADS with regional meetings for comprehensive service delivery.  • DVR State Plan is in review with RSA, WIOA State Plan also in review.  • Business Engagement: Liz Nitzel (DVR) and Sharisse Roberts (DBVI) have been extremely busy at HR conferences, Employer Summit, and other community events. Many business leads are being pursued. Employers are also interested in exploring Windmills training (Disability etiquette).  • Working in conjunction with Vertical Harvest (Westbrook)- microgreens farm. Looking at an open house in September (more to come in future).  • Looking for people to join the State Rehabilitation Council and Statewide Independent Living Council. If interested reach out to Samantha Fenderson  • Both DVR and DBVI Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment is in final stages. Will be presenting to SRC- on June 16th. Will be available on our website once it has been distributed to staff. |  |  |
| SAMHSA Community Mental Health Block Grant (CMHBG) |  |  |  |
| Provider agency updates | - Recovery-friendly workplace initiative updates  - Crisis reform work continuing, legislative funding increases  - Children's/adult mental health rate updates progressing |  |  |
| Legislative Committee update |  |  |  |
| Membership Committee update |  |  |  |
| Awareness and Impact Committee update |  |  |  |
| Adult/Child Committee update |  |  |  |
| Member voting | Voted to accept new member Tracy Moody |  |  |
| Approve minutes |  |  |  |
| Approve treasurer report |  |  |  |
| Any remaining business |  |  |  |
| Set the next agenda: |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| Next month’s Childrens Committee Agenda |  |  |  |
| Next month’s Adults Committee Agenda |  |  |  |
| Meeting adjourned at: | | | |

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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