



## **MePCSW Meeting Minutes**

May 17, 2021, 2 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Online Meeting

**In Attendance:** Darylen Cote, Kate Elmes, Anne Gass, Bonnie Porta, Jennifer Wilkey, Susan Mackey Andrews, Jill Randall, Fatuma Hussein, Samantha Lott Hale, Moriah Greer, Meredith Strang Burgess, Bonnie Porta, Jill Barkley Roy, Emily Cook - SOS office, Guest: Destie Hohman Sprague, Maine Women's Lobby

**Absent:** Rebecca Austin, Ruth Kermish-Allen

### **Welcome and Introductions**

#### **Legislative Priority Overview** – Destie Hohman Sprague

Destie provided a history of MWL and its work, current issue areas and projects, and collaboration with partners. She highlighted bills of significance this session and offered time for questions. There was discussion about a potential Spotlight event covering access to childcare and its significance in filling many gaps to economic security for families. Important to use an equity lens when determining how new funding resources are disseminated.

### **Old Business**

#### **Approve past meeting minutes**

Motion to approve April 15, 2021 minutes by Anne, Meredith, all approved

#### **Membership Update**

Sen. President appointed Moriah Greer and Jill Barkley Roy  
Governor's office wrapping up appointments

#### **Budget Allocation Update**

Governor has allocated \$100k in her Change Package to support the commission for two years. Appropriations will review. Kate supplied Justification Statement.

### **Working Groups**

Report, Spotlight and Governance subcommittees will meet independently. Doodle polls will be sent to determine meeting dates/times.

**Next scheduled meeting date** – June 17, 2021, 1:00-2:30