



MePCSW Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2020, 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.
Online Meeting

In Attendance: Darylen Cote, Kate Elmes, Anne Gass, Bonnie Porta, Jennifer Wilkey, Fatuma Hussein

Absent: Susan Mackey Andrews, Rebecca Austin, Meredith Strang Burgess, Amy Fried, Samantha Lott Hale, Ruth Kermish-Allen, Muriel Mosher, Jill Randall

Approve July 20, 2020 meeting minutes – No quorum

2020 Report Distribution

- Nikki sent to commissioners.
- Kate will watch the Legislative Special Session calendar to see if any items are related to the report.

Media updates

- Anne has called and emailed Maine Calling without success.

Social media updates

- Anne shared an updated draft of the social media policy for review.
- Email Anne potential items for posting or send the content to her via Messenger.
- Anne will pin the post with the report link to the top of the fb page.
- Anne will check in with Sam about creating tidbits to post.

Supplemental 2020 COVID Report

Content should be created so that it could be both a social media and an email share. One-pager with bullets for each section. One graphic per section. Send out separately. Model VT COVID-19 & Health Disparities format.

- Start with raising awareness about shortages in childcare right now and its consequential effect on a woman's ability to work and the economy.
- Currently, no place to go for this content.
- Anne will reach out to USM. CEI has programs.
- Programs exist that assist providers with attaining greater income, but low-income people already cannot afford going childcare rates.
- View each topic through the lens of racial and ethnic inequality.
- Fatuma offered insights to the challenges People of Color in Maine face regarding COVID and childcare.

Create an event where panelists representing of women of color in several communities are interviewed about childcare challenges during COVID.

- Working group needed to meet once or twice to plan the September event. Anne will send invites for the first meeting to be held on Monday, 8/10/20 at 2 p.m..

- Anne will send a notice to the full commission to see if those not in attendance today would like to proceed with the event and if so, join the working group.
- Fatuma will reach out to potential panelists and a moderator who are leaders in these communities.
- Jen will set up a Zoom webinar to conduct the event and create an invite in Facebook.

Next Meeting date - Not discussed