



MePCSW Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Online Meeting

In Attendance: Susan Mackey Andrews, Rebecca Austin, Darylen Cote, Anne Gass, Samantha Lott Hale, Ruth Kermish-Allen, Muriel Mosher, Bonnie Porta, Jennifer Wilkey

Absent: Meredith Strang Burgess, Jill Randall, Fatuma Hussein, Amy Fried, Kate Elmes

Approve June 15, 2020 meeting minutes

Motion to approve minutes by Anne, seconded by Muriel, all in favor

2020 Report Update

Distribution updates & next steps

- Report posted to webpage. Nicole sent to Legislature.
- Muriel will send cover for Speaker and Senate President to share again with members. Nicole will send to Commissioners. Record groups you share the report with in your network.

Media updates & next steps

- Press release went out. News coverage. Rebecca and Anne interviewed with Jennifer Mitchell, Maine Public Radio.
- Anne will reach out to Maine Calling.

Social media updates & next steps

- Kate added a link to the report on Linked In.
- Anne will add the interview and contact info to the fb page. Sam will create a fb post for each of the snapshots. Jen will do the same with the Executive Summary. Sam will add Jen as a fb admin. Anne will draft a social media policy next week.

Supplemental 2020 COVID Report

Produce a shorter, supplemental report in December. Little bulletins, subject specific with data and a story. Similar look to first report.

Survey/Research

Rely on info already being captured. Pull into a report that will be more targeted. Use format of VT's report.

Suggested topics

- Women taking a disproportionate level of responsibility and stress
Affects an entire generation of women in the workforce.
- Impact on education, health care (including giving birth alone), childcare, essential workers and domestic violence
- 23% increase in overdoses since COVID
- 40% of women also have senior care responsibilities
- Pull in economic data and perspective of business owners
- Link to poverty & achievement gap

Follow-up

- Rebecca - Fatuma
- Jen - Destie, Maine Women's Lobby
- Anne - Garret, Maine Center for Economic Policy and Maulian Dana, Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations
- Bonnie - Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross, Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations and she will find information on the incarceration of women and girls.
- Ruth - Maine Teacher's Association.

Next Meeting date

Rebecca will send a Doodle poll to choose a date in early August for the next meeting.