



**MePCSW Meeting Minutes**  
December 11, 2019 - 9:00 am-10:30 am  
Nash School Building, Augusta

**In Attendance:** Jill Randall, Jennifer Wilkey, Ruth Kermish-Allen

**Participating Remotely:** Muriel Mosher, Rebecca Austin, Anne Gass, Kate Elmes, Bonnie Porta

**Absent:** Kelly Bentley, Sue Mackey Andrews, Fatuma Hussein, Meredith Strang Burgess, Samantha Lott Hale, Amy Fried

**Welcome & Introductions**

**Approve June & October minutes**

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

**Membership Update - Kate**

Governor processing Rebecca's appointment to DV Seat #6. Three vacant seats left representing low-income, disabilities and tribes.

Speaker appointed Susan Mackey Andrews, Bonnie Porta and Anne Gass. All her seats filled.

Sen President appointed Jennifer Wilkey from MECASA to seat 11. At large seat 12 is vacant, but they have someone in mind for it.

**Report Updates**

Kate created a Google Doc with folders for each section of the report. Link emailed to everyone.

Finish up your section and copy and paste into it by 12/20/19. Edit and review everyone's sections and make recommendations by 1/22/20.

**Economic Security – Kate**

Kate uploaded a first draft of the Economic Security section to the Google Doc. She welcomes feedback on the "What Maine can do" policy suggestions.

**Freedom from Violence – Rebecca**

Draft sent to Jennifer and Elizabeth Ward Saxl for review. Will upload to Google docs once edited. Include elders, youth, disabled and LGBTQ populations within each section of report.

**Health – Kelly / Rebecca will email Kelly re: progress.**

**Education – Ruth (K-12) and Amy (post-secondary)**

Ruth will connect with Amy. K-12 sections can be shared at the end of this week or next.

Anne would like the report to point out that Maine schools do not do a good job including women in history. She will share suggestions on how to do that.

**New Maine Women** – Fatuma / Anne will reach out to Fatuma.

**Report opening and closure**

Anne will write the opening, providing historical context to the report and tying in the Bicentennial and timeliness of Maine ERA vote. Closure will be a summary. Jennifer will check to see if she can do the report design. Will use some of the money in PCSW account to print physical copies.

**Proposed meeting schedule for 2020**

Must meet at least 4 times each year and have a quorum. Focus on meetings to complete the report now. Then set meetings for the rest of the year and take time to determine next steps for commission. Nicole will send meeting invites to everyone.

Next two meetings:

- Wednesday, January 22, 2020, 10:00am-11:30am  
- Continue working on the report and getting it finalized.
- Thursday, February 6, 2020, 9:00am – 10:30 am

Adjourned at 10:20.