



Caring For ME Leadership Meeting
Wednesday, December 13th; 9:00 am - 10:00 pm
Location: virtual via zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/363389261>

Attendees: Kayla Cole, Amy Belisle, Noah Nessin, Rhonda Selvin, Dora Mills, Edie Smith, Kim Gardner, George Case, Matthew Braun, Maya Cates Carney, Andrew MacLean, Elisabeth Fowlie-Mock, Eriko Farnsworth, Peter Michaud, Susan Kring, Cat London, Steve Diaz, Molly Clark, Amanda Richards, Gordon Smith, Kathryn Rouillard, Adrienne Carmack, Marcus Riccioni, Joanna Kass, Stephanie Nichols, Lindsey Smith, Jackie Tiner, Rachel Gallo, Kendra Emery, Sherri Dumont, Hilary Leonhard

| Topics | Notes | Actions/Decisions |
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| Welcome & Introductions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of agenda | |
| A View from the Federal Level on the Opioid Crisis- Edie Smith | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senator King’s office works as much as possible with Peer Recovery networks On May 24th, BARN in Bangor area is planning a statewide conference....more to come on that What’s happening on the federal level- legislation, letters, round tables Legislation- over 26 pieces of legislation that Angus King has either sponsored or co-sponsored Many of the legislation have appropriations attached to them Latest bill the Senator King has co-sponsored is the Targeted Opioid Funding Act- this would adjust the grant formula used to determine funding for the states under the CURES act- this had led the funding to be skewed towards larger states New legislation would ask for the mortality rate to be factored in when determining funding Introduced combating the opioid epidemic act- bill would provide funding for research on addiction and pain Letters: Senator King is always happy to assist in writing letters to show support 11 Round tables- Began in August of 2015 which was hosted by Senator King at EMHS How do we address holistically what’s happening in rural Maine including employment and activities Much of the legislation is in limbo currently Noah Nessin: Senator King signed onto proposed bill that would address some of the barriers that CFR 42 has, do you know the status of this? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edie will look into proposed bill to address CFR 42 privacy issues Edie will send Amy timeline of legislation for distribution |

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| | <p>Edie: I think it is on hold, but will look it up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhonda Selvin: Are you seeing things done in other states that have been effective or anything we're missing currently? Edie: I have been mostly concentrating in Maine. We are on par with states that are the same size or have the same issues as we do. Money does tend to flow to large states with more urban areas. We are on track with the states on our level of funding and size. Dora Mills: States like Mass. Passed a law named Chapter 55, Vermont has implemented Hub and Spoke state wide, California has received federal funding to implement similar hub and spoke process. There is a lot out there that we can look to, but still need time to collect data to see the impact and effectiveness. Perhaps funding should come with more oversight as to what treatments are being provided using the funding • Cat London asked: CHIP funding at end of September, is anything being done from Senator King's office on that. Edie: We're trying to get the CHIP money in and back on track. There are a lot of conversations around CHIP funding as they work on the tax reform bill. Senator King discusses everyday CHIP funding and funding for the FQHCs and how to resurrect it. Senator King is also working on securing more funding for the Public Health Nurse program. Cat London: Is there anything that we could be doing to help these items along. Edie: This is a different type of case. Keep Senator Angus and Senator Collins aware of your concern. Gordon Smith: Also may want to communicate to Congressman Poliquin. He has said many times that he is interested in the opioid epidemic and communications to him might be more effective rather than writing to people who already agree with those of us on this call Edie: You can also talk with the Bangor News Editorial Board, getting your message out into the public | |
| <p>Reaching out to Systems to Continue to Discuss Improving Access to Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for Opioid Use</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lisa Letourneau is working with CCSME (Kate Chichester and Eric Haram) on a project to explore how to build a reliable system of care in Maine to improve access to MAT/MAR statewide with a MEHAF discretionary grant • Many initiatives happening and trying to identify the best practices as well as policies that may need to be in place to support and align the work as we plan for the future • Final deliverable will be a plan that outlines options for moving forward with | |

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| Disorder in Maine | statewide access to care | |
| Using Project ECHO to Improve Care with the Opioid Crisis Update on Capacity Building on Compassionate Tapering of Opioids and Caring for ME Clinician Group- Lisa Tuttle and Kayla Cole | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QC received HRSA development grant in July and helped to launch project ECHO to Maine, NH and Vermont • Compassionate Tapering ECHO is about 4 months in now- this was our first dive into the Project ECHO methodology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are looking to turn the lessons learned from this experience to use in our future work ○ About 25 participants on average for each session • QC is also using the ECHO methodology for our Caring for ME Clinician Leadership Program and these groups work together to address leadership challenges they face in response to the opioid epidemic • ECHO Overview: Project ECHO is to move knowledge, not people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was started about 10 years ago by a liver specialist who was frustrated by barriers to care for his patients with Hepatitis C ○ He organized a pilot with primary care practitioners throughout New Mexico to connect primary care teams and practitioners with faculty hubs and specialists to help equalize the care and access to care ○ Technology and conferencing, case based format is used to support the breaking of isolation for practitioners which leads to a greater sense of support ○ The ECHO Institute will be attending Maine Quality Counts' Annual Conference as well as traveling the state in April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy will send out ECHO slides to group |
| Update on Legislative Task Force and Policy Issues- MMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report was finalized and should be posted on the Opioid task force website shortly • Report is broken down into three sections: law Enforcement, Treatment, Prevention and Harm Reduction • Not authorized to submit new legislation, but has discussions on carry over legislation • The report informs the legislative debate about these key carry over bills • LD 1340 is in support of hub and spoke • LD 605 encourages the Department to look at funding opportunities for MAT for the uninsured • Great interested in the implementation of the Medicaid expansion- this will be the biggest issue for health policy debate for 2018 • Funding for comprehensive MAT and the lack of specific funding efforts remains an issue and is reflected in the report • Not reflected in the report is the frustration with the limits set on MAT for | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy will send out recommendations report |

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| | <p>Mainecare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second legislative session is January to mid-April session- typically the leadership directs the committees to address the carry over bills first, Opioid carry over bills should be at the top of the list for the carry over session • Now the real challenge is how many of these recommendations can we get funded • We took the work done previously and tried to add more substance to it, but fear that it won't be enough to combat the opioid epidemic in Maine | |
| Partner Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon Smith Update on the Law Webinar on January 23rd. At that time we'll know a great deal more about what might be possible in this session • MICIS webinar at noon today | |
| Meeting wrap-up | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting is Wed. Jan 10th from 9-10 via zoom • Thank you to all the participants for their work on this issue over the last year! | |

Upcoming Meetings: If you have topics to add the agenda, please email Amy Belisle abelisle@mainequalitycounts.org

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