



MePCSW Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Online Meeting

In Attendance: Kate Elmes, Fatuma Hussein, Jennifer Wilkey, Rebecca Austin, Anne Gass, Dania Bowie, Meredith Strang Burgess, Maulian Dana, Samantha Lott Hale, Jill Barkley Roy, Darylen Cote, Sue Mackey Andrews

Absent: Moriah Geer, Ruth Kermish-Allen, Jill Randall

Welcome and Introductions, Kate

Approve Minutes

Motion to approve June 2022 minutes, Darylen - Anne, second – all in favor

Motion to approve December 2022 minutes, Anne – Darylen, second – all in favor

Overview of LR 12 and next steps, Kate

Sen. Vitelli unable to attend. Looking for cosponsors. Bill to expand membership - Seat representing a young person under the age of 25 and a seat representing LGBTQA+ persons.

Potential position funding separate.

Report outs

Legislative Subcommittee, Dania

Discussed missive sheets for legislators and matrix for better time advocacy when considering bills.

Review every biennium. Will meet on the first and third Tuesday's during session.

New England Women's Policy Conference, Sue

Multi-day conference. Discussed concerns regarding participating this year. Kate will contact to inform of decision to withdraw from planning committee, interest in remaining informed and potential for commission members to attend on their own.

Announcements, Kate

- New report out on Paid Family Medical Leave. Kate will invite Sen. Daughtry and Rep. Cloutier to present to commission in March about findings and next steps.
- Sue shared US CDC report on results of Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Recommends inviting Corey Powel, ME CDC to discuss integrated survey data concerning young girls. Discussion about creating a ME infographic with results by county.
- Anne – ERA status

Next Meeting, Kate

- Legislative Subcommittee February 28, 12:00 p.m.
- Special Meeting to discuss PFML report TBD in March
- Next Commission meeting April 20, 9:30-11:00

Motion to adjourn, Anne – Darylen, second – all in favor