



MePCSW Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2023, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Online Meeting

In Attendance: Kate Elmes, Jennifer Wilkey, Rebecca Austin, Anne Gass, Dania Bowie, Meredith Strang Burgess, Sue Mackey Andrews, Jill Randall, Guest: Heather Marden, Maine Association for the Education of Young Children

Absent: Moriah Geer, Ruth Kermish-Allen, Fatuma Hussein, Maulian Dana, Samantha Lott Hale, Jill Barkley Roy, Darylen Cote

Welcome and Introductions, Kate

Approve Minutes - Motion to approve Feb 2023 minutes, Kate – Jill Randall, second – all in favor

Report outs

Legislative Subcommittee, Dania

- **LD 794 Update,** Kate
Thanks for all who attended public hearing and work session. Passed committee. Expect it to be on Appropriations table if passes Senate/House.
- **Meeting with the Governor,** Kate
Kate, Anne, Fatuma & Jill Barkley-Roy met w/Gov Mills to discuss LD 794. Constructive feedback.
- **Statement on Mifepristone,** Anne
PPH reached out to print as an Op Ed. WMPG interviewing Anne & Dania today re: LD 794

Presentation and Discussion with Heather Marden, Maine Association for the Education of Young Children.

Presentation on the charge of Maine AEYC. Overview of challenges faced by Maine children, parents, caregivers and educators of children ages birth-8. Review of activities and legislation that support mission- LD 1726 and upcoming bill to expand publicly funded Pre-K funding submitted by Sen. Vitelli.

Announcements

- Governor's office would like candidates for each vacant seat. Send suggestions to Kate asap.
- ERA bill (LD 1412) updated to be more inclusive. Public hearing 4/24/23.

Next Meeting

Next Commission meeting June 15, 9:30-11:00

Motion to adjourn, Sue – Rebecca, second