

Maine SILC Travel Voucher Group

June 7, 2016

Attending: Mel, Simonne, Rachel, Riley, Mary Lou and Mike

Excused: Dennis, Matt and Jim

***This is the startup and organizing meeting.**

Mike welcomed all at 11am.

***History of how we got here.**

Mike explained with help from others from the blue Ribbon Commission bill of Rep. Peterson to the passage of LD 949.

We discussed the responsibility of taking this on as it seems to be a different way of running a legislative workgroup (no department in the lead). We need to do this well.

***Scheduling meetings (people were asked to please bring schedules)**

Many thanks to Simonne for letting us use CCSM Conference room, it is available for our use throughout the process. Group discussed using the legislative rooms at Cross Building. Mike will organize the room for us.

Schedule of events: We envision the process will go from July to November (end before Thanksgiving). This would leave a month for the report writing. Our final report is due December 15, 2016 NOT in January when the legislature returns
July 14

August 11

September 1

September 22

October 13

All 2:30-4

It was suggested that we have Dennis start the next meeting by recreating his presentation to us that he did to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Travel Vouchers

***The scope of the work**

We had a free flowing discussion as to what we may be looking at....

- +Review other models of travel vouchers
- +Review Funding models and streams being used, that maybe available
- +Consult with the University of Montana Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities for assistance in developing the proposal?
- +What's happening now nationally? – what currently exists?
- +How Funding might work?
- +What is the need statewide?

+Analyze Maine demographics?

+ From the bill...The working group shall examine the flexibility of federal funding and matching funds sources, consult with the University of Montana Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities for assistance in developing the proposal and submit its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor, commerce, research and economic development matters no later than December 15, 2016.

***What Maine Departments should be invited to join us?**

The bill says Members of the working group must include representatives from the Department of Transportation, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor and a statewide agency administering centers for independent living.

It was suggested that we add DECD to the list.

***Other**

Look at Foundation \$ that could help.

Next meeting

July 14, 2:30-4. Site to be decided. Mike will check with Dennis both to confirm the date (s) work (especially July 14) and that he will be willing to speak at the next meeting.

Mike will send minutes and dates set up room

Mike will seek more resources like DOT Strategic Plan

Mike will invite the departments

Mary Lou will send Mike Alpha One packet resources and Blue Ribbon emails

It was suggested we start a place on the Maine SILC website to place all the past Blue Ribbon info. and the new materials we create in this process.

Meeting ends about 12:05

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