

Maine Recovery Council

July 11, 2024 meeting postponed to July 16, 2024 via zoom

Pat Kimball opened the meeting and thanked the Programs and Grants Committee for yielding their advertised time slot. The need to hold the meeting centered on the LOI timeline and the training needed for LOI scoring. Scoring needs to be completed by August 2nd. Pat explained the agenda items that were to be discussed today would be taken up at the August meeting. The representatives from Berry/Dunn began their training presentation.

Tim Cutler explained the process for conducting a review in a fair and equitable manner using the rubric. This step is a scoring decision. Zeb Letourneau addressed bias and making the effort to eliminate the possibility. He summarized that the review was looking at the project itself – whether it would achieve its goals, would it succeed?

Mary spoke next and explained her steps so far in reviewing, making reviewer assignments and getting the process ready. She has sifted through 480 responses. There will not be any amendments and late submissions will not be accepted. Joe reminded everyone that there is no appeals process. Assignments will be forthcoming. Mary asked that we provide justification for our score choice and base the score on the likelihood of success, feasibility and innovation. Mary's slides further illustrated the LOI and the information needed from each reviewer. There was some discussion regarding LOIs that exceeded the 350 word limit. It was agreed that the reviewer could consider to the end of a sentence if the word count was exceeded.

Mary said there were 222 complete submissions for a total of \$88 m in requests. Recovery support received the most submissions.

Pat reminded members that the presentation at the Opioid Summit was scheduled for 1:30 pm. Several members had other presentations and will not be in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 pm.