

Cabinet on Aging
Meeting Minutes: April 9, 2025

Commissioner Gagné-Holmes and Commissioner Fortman opened the meeting and welcomed Commissioners Cohen of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation and Commissioner Duguay of the Department of Economic and Community Development as members of the Cabinet.

Cabinet Updates (Elizabeth Gattine, Coordinator of the Cabinet on Aging)

- The Cabinet on Aging 2024 Report is now available on the Cabinet on Aging website providing an update of activities over the past year. It can be accessed [here](#). Elizabeth thanked agency staff who contributed to the report.
- The Cabinet reviewed the latest data on impacts of the Community Connections program (see Power Point). There will be one last round of mini-grant funding announced over the next few weeks.

Presentation

Laurie McDonnell, Project Coordinator for Maine's Elder Justice Coordinating Partnership, presented on the work of the Partnership and the status of the Elder Justice Roadmap. Commissioner Sauschuck, a member of the Cabinet and the Partnership, spoke about two of the priorities that he has been directly involved in, one of which includes efforts to develop specialized training on elder abuse for the Criminal Justice Academy. Others also commented on the process of developing the Roadmap and the ways in which it has supported policy and programming change. The presentation Power Point is posted along with these minutes.

Reminders:

- The Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention is holding its 2025 Elder Abuse Summit the morning of Tuesday May 6 and the afternoon of May 8. This is a virtual multidisciplinary event. For more information, click [here](#).
- The University of New England's Maine Geriatrics Conference will be held in Bar Harbor May 21-22. More information is available by clicking on [Geriatrics Conference | University of New England in Maine](#).

Next meeting: **The Cabinet's next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2025, from 2-3.** Please check the Cabinet's webpage for any changes or updates. Anyone wishing to be put on the distribution list for meeting notices can email Elizabeth.Gattine@maine.gov