

Cabinet on Aging Meeting (Virtual)

December 10, 2025, from 2-3 PM

Minutes

Welcome by Commissioners.

Dr. Lisa Letourneau joined the Cabinet to provide an overview of Maine's Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) proposal. While the federal Reconciliation Bill, referred to as H.R. 1, is estimated to cost Maine over \$5 billion in federal health funding over the next 10 years, potential funding through the Rural Health Transformation Program provides an opportunity to promote cross-agency and sector work that addresses the needs and strengths of older adults. Proposed population health strategies include community paramedicine and spreading the effectiveness and implementation of evidence-based programs such as falls prevention work, disease self-management, and caregiver supports. Other strategies address workforce, technology innovation, and access to care. Maine anticipates hearing before the end of December on its application. Slides are included as part of these minutes.

Other federal changes have impacted SNAP benefits. Tobey Solomon-Auger, the senior policy advisor coordinating Maine's Ending Hunger initiative in the Governor's Office of Policy innovation and the Future, provided information on changes impacting older adults. Additionally, Patricia Dushuttle, DHHS Office of Family Independence and Carly Williams, representing Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging, described enhancements to the State's outreach activities for SNAP. Ten community-based organizations are now approved contractors for this work, including Southern Maine Area Agency on Aging. Slides are included as part of these minutes.

Next meeting: February 11, 2025