

**Cabinet on Aging
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2026, from 2-3 (virtual)**

Cabinet Updates:

The Ending Hunger in Maine Annual report is anticipated to be released this week. Tobey Solomon-Augur in GOPIF coordinates that initiative and the Cabinet heard from Tobey and others at our last Cabinet meeting about how this work coordinates with Cabinet strategies.

The Cabinet on Aging annual report will be released shortly, and the Cabinet Coordinator thanked the state agency staff who contributed to the report by providing information and reviewing content.

At the December Cabinet meeting, Dr Lisa Letourneau provided an overview of the Rural Health Transformation Program and Maine's proposal which was still pending federal approval. Following that meeting, at the end of December, Maine was notified that it will receive \$190 million in funding in federal FY 2026.

Presentations:

The Cabinet continues to focus on benefits of engaging older adults as part of Maine's workforce solutions. That includes the volunteer workforce.

Brittany Gleixner-Hayat, the Executive Director of Volunteer Maine, discussed the role of Volunteer Maine, its programming for older adults, and the launch of its new statewide platform to help match volunteers with organizations seeking volunteers.

Deanna Patridge from Maine DOL updated the Cabinet on the **Senior Community Service Employment Program** (SCSEP), a program that provides training and employment opportunities for people 55 and older.

Presentation slides are part of the meeting minutes.