



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF Policy Innovation and the Future

CABINET ON AGING



AGENDA

1. Welcome

2. Highlights on Cabinet Initiatives: Engaging Older Mainers in Active Retirement through Supporting Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

3. Highlights on Cabinet Initiatives: Building Community Connections

- *Presentation by Patricia Oh, Maine Center on Aging
Maine's Age Friendly/Lifelong Community Initiatives*
- *Community Visits*

4. Other Updates

12K
Mainers
have
benefitted



Thanks to the efforts of our communities, these numbers are continually growing!

INITIAL COMMUNITY VISITS



Age Friendly Coastal Communities*

Bangor

Bucksport

Chelsea

Danforth

Georgetown

Saco

Sacopec Valley**

South Portland

Sullivan

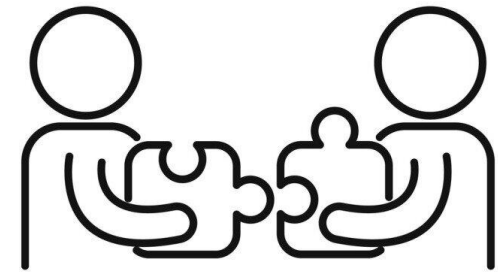
* Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Castine, Penobscot, Sedgwick, Surry, Deer Isle, and Stonington.

**Porter, Hiram, Baldwin, Parsonsfield, Cornish, and Newfield (Grateful Undead).

PURPOSE

How we can work together to advance our shared goals:

- What has been successful?
- Where have you run into barriers and challenges?
- What suggestions you have for the Cabinet as it continues its work?



OBSERVATIONS

- Incredible amount of **commitment and time** contributed by volunteers and staff
- **High levels of expertise and knowledge about community needs**
- **Creativity and ingenuity in maximizing the impact of limited resources**
- **Thoughtful planning** that has gone into developing priorities and areas of focus
- **Trust** of community members

EXAMPLES of COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Ensuring state and municipal partners understand value provided by these initiatives
- Identifying ways to meet operational needs not allowed through grant funds (for example, training costs, software)
- Support for volunteer efforts (liability, stipends, costs of background checks)
- Ensuring federal, state, and regional dollars reach down to community-level initiatives (“supplement but not supplant”)

NEXT STEPS

- Continue community visits
- Maintain open communication with the Cabinet as a point of entry for information and questions
- Facilitate targeted discussions on key topic areas (volunteer transportation programs, housing)
- Partner on aligning strategies built on our shared goals and vision

ADDITIONAL UPDATES/NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 10:30-11:30.