RIGHT TO KNOW ADVISORY COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE
AND
PUBLIC POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

DRAFT AGENDA
October 3, 2013
10:00 a.m.
Room 126, State House, Augusta

Convene

1. Welcome and Introductions
   Judy Meyer and Chris Parr, Subcommittee Chairs

2. Public records versus public information
   • See 5 MRSA §200-I, sub-§2, ¶F (LD 1511, PL 2013, c. 229) – tracking “requests for
     information”

3. Compliance with new law (LD 1216, PL 2013, c. 350)
   • Deadlines to respond, failure to comply
   • Court case response deadlines

4. Should government records containing personal information about private citizens be
   generally protected from public disclosure (or protect just the personal information in public
   records)?
   • What is “personal information”?
   • Federal Privacy Act
   • Registers of Deeds
   • Public employees’ date of birth information (personnel records)
   • Email addresses (LD 104, PL 2013, c. 339 and LD 619, PL 2013, c. 283)

5. “Abuse” of the Freedom of Access Act (FOAA);
   • Definition of “abuse”?
   • Should restrictions be placed on requesters?
   • Number
   • Scope or frequency
   • Who
   • Manner of request
   • Other remedies?
   • Should FOAA requests for commercial purposes be subject to the fee restrictions of 1 MRSA
     § 408-A, sub-§8
   • What is a “commercial purpose”?

6. Standard fees and fee schedules adopted by agencies?

7. Update on State e-mail management protocol

8. Other?

9. Schedule additional meetings

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