



# Maine Permanent Commission on **THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

## MePCSW Community Outreach Committee (COC)

### Meeting Minutes

November 21, 2025

3:30-4:30 P.M.

**MePCSW Committee Members in Attendance:** Fatuma Hussein, Sue Mackey Andrews, Kate Easter, Darylen Cote, Jennifer Wilkey

**MePCSW Committee Members Absent:** None

**Staff and Guests:** Elinor Higgins (MePCSW ED)

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**Facilitator:** Fatuma Hussein and Sue Mackey Andrews, COC Co-Chairs

#### Welcome

#### Old Business and Public Comment

1. Review and approve meeting minutes from October 31st meeting
  - a. Motion to approve: Darylen
  - b. Second: Sue
  - c. Vote: unanimous approval
2. Any members of the public may introduce themselves and speak for 3 minutes
  - a. No members of the public present

#### New Business

1. Discussed draft outreach language for Commissioner contacts
  - a. Noted that we should include language about identifying community solutions along with needs/issues that women are facing
  - b. Clarify that the full Commission will be carrying out "Part 1" of the proposed outreach plan (reaching out to organizational partners), while the COC will be responsible for Parts 2 (webinar) and 3 (regional meeting planning)
    - i. Ensure clarity about the ask for Commissioners
  - c. May need additional clarity on Part 1 and 3, since they may involve some of the same partners
2. Regional meetings
  - a. Overview of constraints and goals – identified three tiers that require varying levels of approval
  - b. Starting with a "start slow and learn what works" approach, piloting different outreach methods, keep number of meetings limited for the first year

#### Wrap-Up and Next Steps

1. Scheduled next meeting for December 12th