



Maine Permanent Commission on
THE STATUS OF WOMEN

MePCSW Research and Reporting Committee (RRC)

Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2025

1:00-2:00 P.M.

MePCSW Committee Members in Attendance: Anne Gass, Eisha Khan, Eva White

MePCSW Committee Members Absent: Rebecca Austin

Staff and Guests: Elinor Higgins (MePCSW ED), Kylie Thibodeau (Dept. of SoS intern)

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Facilitator: Eisha Khan, RRC Chair

Welcome
Old Business and Public Comment <ol style="list-style-type: none">Any members of the public may introduce themselves and speak for 3 minutes<ol style="list-style-type: none">No members of the public presentDebrief of the June in-person meeting. Commissioners shared appreciation for the good turn out and collaboration.
New Business <ol style="list-style-type: none">Conducted an initial planning discussion for the 2026 report and future reporting cycles.<ol style="list-style-type: none">Talked about developing a more structured process for selecting themes and topics, including creating a consistent data dashboard with key indicators across categories like education, safety, health, and economic security.The group agreed that a standalone dashboard with consistent indicators about the status of women and girls would be helpful and could come out earlier in the year. Suggested separating that out from the biennial report as its own stand-alone product.Biennial reports for diving more deeply into a timely topic or sharing trends and key updates (could include changes in data)Discussed creating a menu of options/tiers for how subject matter experts could weigh in on the work in an advisory capacity. Discussed creating criteria for what is needed from advisors – ideally data expertise and political experienceDiscussed upcoming issue brief on Maine’s Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)

- a. Partnering with Maine CDC, and Maine Women's Lobby to think about content and education for advocates and policymakers
- b. Kylie offered overview of her research on PRAMS, including the current federal landscape
- c. RRC members agreed that this was an important topic for MePCSW voice, discussed keeping track of how we make these decisions about what is a good fit for MePCSW projects/publications

Wrap-Up and Next Steps

1. Finalize a cadence and meeting time that works for the group
 - a. Decided to schedule quarterly Friday meetings, tentatively set for October 17th at 10am