



Cabinet on Aging

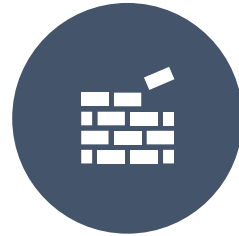
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Agenda



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PROGRESS ON
CABINET ACTIVITIES



LONG TERM CARE
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OTHER UPDATES
AND REMARKS



NEXT MEETING

Elder Justice

- Welcome **Laurie McDonnell**, newly hired in the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future as the Elder Justice Coordinator to help support the Elder justice Coordinating Partnership!
- A reminder that **June 15th is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**. The Governor's proclamation is posted on the Cabinet's webpage: <https://www.maine.gov/future/aging>
- The Cabinet on Aging has joined the **Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention (MCEAP)**. MCEAP has over 80 members, including several of the state agencies represented on the Cabinet.

Cabinet's Community Connections Project

Governor Mills announced federal approval for a \$2.5 million dollars initiative under section 9817 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) to strengthen partnerships between at the community, regional and state levels.

1. Support development of pilots in Age Friendly Lifelong communities to help community members identify and access desired supports and make it more comfortable to accept help or to participate in social opportunities.
2. Support Lifelong communities' innovative programming through mini-grants and training opportunities.
3. Support capacity of Area Agencies on Aging to build and strengthen relationships with communities around shared goals.



Community Connections: Updates

- Contracting with Area Agencies has been finalized and contracting with UMaine is in the final phases.
- All five Area Agencies on Aging have created Community Ambassador positions to outreach and connect with communities in their service areas.
- Identification of several pilot communities for creating Community Connector programming is underway. Pilot sites will be established across the state based on community interest, priorities, and readiness.
- Mini-grant criteria has been developed to align with Cabinet priorities. We anticipate accepting proposals in September for amounts up to \$10,000.
- Training development and technical assistance through the University is on-going.



Quality and Innovation in Long-term Services and Supports

Nursing Facility Rate Reform

Thank you!

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