

MAINE AGING INITIATIVE: Public and Private Safety Workgroup

Meeting Minutes: April 8, 2016 9:30-11AM Location: Topsham, PD

Present at the meeting: Joel Merry, Jane Margesson, Mike Field, Jess Maurer, Kathryn McGloin

1. Joel distributed the basic priorities for the workgroup in 2016/2017, the Maine Aging Initiative Report and the list of current members (including those who wish to participate only through receipt of meeting minutes/meeting invitations).
2. Jess delivered an overview of all five Workgroups and the goals of this particular workgroup. Brief discussion on how the workgroup can address the needs of the most at-risk Maine residents.
3. Brief discussion of TRIADs, some of the issues, they tackle, "Tea and Tips" program which might be worth revisiting.
4. Review of current members and who plans to attend meetings on a regular basis as their schedule allows.
5. Looking at recruitment of more workgroup members:

Joel to reach out to Jeff Emerson and/or Ken Brilliant – Fire Chief in Brunswick/Maine Fire Association

Mike to reach out to American Red Cross in Maine re: Fire Safety initiative rep.

Jess to reach out for a code enforcement officer

Jane to invite Sergeant Tim Barker from Scarborough TRIAD

Kathryn will reach out to Patty Kimball - Elder Abuse Institute of Maine and Martha's Cottage

Jess to reach out to the "new" Jay Bradshaw

Kathryn to reach out to CMP rep.

An age-friendly community rep.

6. Looking for guest presenters at future meetings:
 - Hoarding/trash removal (Joel to find someone from Portland)
 - Home repair scams/ rights of consumers re: home repair contractors (Jane to ask Seth to reach out to Linda Conti in AG's office)
 - Paramedicine Pilot Program (Jess reaching out to EMS/Community Nursing)
 - Fire safety

7. Looking at issues for further discussion at future meetings which don't require a guest presenter:
 - Wellness Checks
 - Drug collection boxes (Mike is looking for info on statewide locations)
 - Ways to address the collection of unwanted medications directly from resident's homes who are unable to bring the medications to a drop-off location themselves

Next meeting: Friday, May 13th from 9:30-11:00AM – we will host meetings every second Friday of the month.