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**Maine Welfare Directors Association  
Business Meeting  
Wednesday, October 6, 2011  
Augusta Civic Center**

**Present:** Dorothy Meagher, Auburn; Stacey Parra, Rockport; Tiki White, Rangeley; Jan Porter, Oakland; Suesan Packer, Belfast; Melanie Alexander, Skowhegan; Judy Fournier, Sabattus; Amy Duquette, Sabattus; Donna Staples, Winthrop; Nancy Johnson, Waterboro; Ellen Heath, DHHS; Linda Fossa, Waterville; Rene Daniels, Windham; Sara Russell, Waterville; Denise Murray, Waterville; Leif Dahlin, Augusta; Tracey Stevens, Fairfield; Val Fitzgerald, New Gloucester, North Yarmouth, Falmouth, Standish; Ellen Heath, DHHS; Ruthann Dyer, Hermon; Trudy Lamoreau, Litchfield; Kathleen Babeu, South Portland; Kate Dufour, MMA; Joan Kiszely, MMA.

1. **Call to Order:** President Stacey Parra called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Introductions**

2. **Approval of Minutes:** The May 17, 2011 minutes were presented. Motion made by Dot Meagher, seconded by Linda Fossa, all approved the May 17, 2011 minutes.

3. **Treasurer's Report:**

- Linda Fossa reviewed the financial reports for the period ending April 30, 2011, with total assets of \$42,252. Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Dot Meagher, all approved the April financial report.
- Linda Fossa reviewed the financial reports for the period ending May 31, 2011, with total assets of \$43,406. Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Melanie Alexander, all approved the May financials.
- Linda Fossa reviewed the financial reports for the period ending June 30, 2011, with total assets of \$44,464. Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Melanie Alexander, all approved the June financial report.
- Linda Fossa reviewed the financial reports for the period ending July 31, 2011, with total assets of \$43,706. Motion made by Stacey Parra, second by Melanie Alexander, all approved the July financial report.
- Linda Fossa reviewed the financial reports for the period ending August 31, 2011, with total assets of \$43,440. Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Melanie Alexander, all approved the August financial report.

4. **Committee Reports:**

- Membership: Cheryl Johnson absent. Stacey noted they are always looking for volunteers to assist on the committees.
- Professional Development: Stacey Parra reported that the brochure on Advanced GA went out via email. She noted this will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at MMA in Augusta.
- Legislative: Kate Dufour reported on the following:  
According to the information provided by David MacLean, DHHS General Assistance Program Manager, the Department has been asked to cut \$22 million out

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of its FY 2011 budget. Of that budget cut, \$4 million is being proposed to be cut from the state/municipal General Assistance program. Over the last decade, the state and municipalities have invested approximately \$16 million annually into the program, with the state share accounting for \$10 million. Although the state's obligation is \$10 per million, the line item for General Assistance reimbursement to municipalities found in the budget is \$5.9 million. In the past, the additional \$4 million has been allocated from other programs to the GA program. Under the Governor's budgeting process, that level of "creative" financing is no longer authorized. As a result, David has been asked to figure out how to reduce the state's share to \$6 million, which is a 40% cut in state GA reimbursement levels. David, however, is outreaching to municipal officials for assistance with this effort.

- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – Stacey Parra noted that they will be holding a meeting on October 12 with the Professional Development Committee & Legislative Committee at MMA from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00, Following will be a meeting with David MacLean from 10:00 to noon to discuss to discuss the GA Budget.

5. **Other Business/Member Input:** Topics that were discussed were:

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6. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Dot Meagher, seconded by Melanie Alexander, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.