



Maine Welfare Directors Association
Local Government Center • 60 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine 04330

MWDA Executive Board Meeting

January 17, 2020 – 9:30 AM – MMA Building, Augusta

Roll call: Stacey Parra, Harrison Deah, Rindy Fogler, Kristen Barth, Joyce Pratt, Denise Murray, Randy White, Ellen Moore, KaTina Howes, Melissa White (MMA).

Absent, excused: Jay Feyler,

President Rindy Fogler called the meeting to order at am.

1: Approval of October 9, 2019 minutes

Motion made by Stacey Parra, seconded by Kristen Barth, all approved the October 9, 2019 meeting minutes.

2: Review of Ga Basics workshop 2/4/20 & Advanced GA workshop 3/11/20

GA Basics

- Discussion of agenda, presenters and packet materials.
 - GA Expectations – Rindy
 - Application from start to finish – Jay
 - Forms - Kristen
 - Roundtable – Basic application questions & decisions, residency, all other questions, emergencies
- Roundtable presenters:
- Denise – Basic application questions
 - Kristen - Other
 - Jay - Residency
 - Rindy - Emergencies

The group agreed to hold a very basic GA Basic course with an agenda that doesn't change.

- Discussion of possibly adding an intermediate GA course. The groups discussed different topics for the intermediate course.
- Previous topics for workshops – Lump Sums, Burials, Emergencies, Advanced fact patterns, Poverty Abatements, Fair hearings, immigration, medications, social media, confidentiality, residency, job quit, disqualifications & denials, forms – reimbursements

Discussion of future course agendas:

- GA Basics
 - What is an application
 - Forms
 - Portal
 - Confidentiality

- Advanced GA 1
 - Fair Hearings
 - Disqualifications – Fraud, job quit

- Advanced GA 2
 - Burials
 - RX

- Winter Issues
 - Lump Sums
 - Emergencies

- Spring Seminar
 - Poverty Abatements

Advanced GA 3/11/20

Agenda discussion:

- The group discussed and completed the agenda and decided to try a one page flyer instead of the traditional brochure.

3: Spring Seminar

- Agenda
 - Evictions – 1hour – Erica Veazy, Rindy will contact

- Building skills for challenging client behaviors – 1 hour. Rindy will contact Leslie Lennig
- GA trivia – Stacey & Denise
- Keep the day dinner on your own
- Project Hope – If needed KaTina would be the contact
- True colors or any other topic (MMA Abbi) Stacey will contact
- Legislative updates (Kate MMA) limit to ½ hour
- Electric disconnects – MWDA board members will present – Jay & Harrison
- Annual meeting & by-laws
- Basic Application
- Advanced Application - Fact Pattern (Kristen will do fact pattern with Randy)

Rindy will contact Randy for the Proposed slate of officers

Kristen will provide gifts for the board

- By-Law amendment 7/20/18 – Melissa will draft and send to Rindy for approval

4: General Assistance Program working group

- Rindy will send out information to the group

5: Other Business

- Stacey noted the importance of keeping members informed using the new google group list serv.

Motion made by Ellen Moore, to adjourn the meeting Kristen Barth, seconded by, all approved to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m.