

Coastal Operators Group (COG) Meeting

Minutes

November 20, 2024

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Agenda Item	Notes	Next Steps
Welcome & Review October meeting minutes	<p>In attendance: Michael Robinson (michael.robinson@goodwillnne.org), Smith, Rene L (rene.l.smith@maine.gov), Robert Ducharme (robert.ducharme@maine.gov), Sheila Muldoon (sheila.muldoon@workforcesolutionsme.org), Barbara Stoddard (stoddb@portlandschools.org)</p>	
Updates from the group	<p>Rob Ducharme: Damariscotta event on December 11th, including Maine Health, Hammond Lumber, Hannaford, BIW. Good for seasonal layoff situations. Job-seekers looking for careers in health care will be supported. Health care specific career event planned in Brunswick for January. Interviewing for an employment training specialist III in the Brunswick office. Went to the Maine Apprenticeship summit.</p> <p>Barb Stoddard: Each New Mainer's Resource Center location is planning to hold open house events – Portland, Bangor, Lewiston. Could include additional providers if there is interest. Focusing on internationally trained professionals rather than survival job acquisition.</p> <p>Sheila Muldoon: In response to a note about including the Regional Care Team presentation with the minutes, Sheila noted that Jeff will have youth career advisors at each of two regional care team meetings.</p> <p>Kim Desso (shared via email): Various career opportunities, including Rehabilitation Assistant (To learn more and apply visit: https://mainebhr.hire.trakstar.com/jobs/fk0pj5z/), Rehabilitation Counselor I (To learn more and apply visit: https://mainebhr.hire.trakstar.com/jobs/fk0p3dq/), and Rehabilitation Counselors II (To learn more and apply visit: Rehabilitation Counselor II - Multiple Vacancies at State of Maine).</p>	
System Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive One-Stop Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 56 Northport Drive in Portland: Encouraging people to make appointments ○ Soft opening on Friday 11/15/24 during MDOL's monitoring of WIOA programming • CCWI Staffing: Jennifer Galleta will be starting as the new executive assistant beginning 12/9 	
Direct Linkage Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the request of the Maine Department of Labor, the local workforce boards including CCWI have been asked to compile the details of how each One-Stop Partner provides direct linkage to your workforce programming. For example, the Maine Department of Labor has a chat feature on the website where job-seekers can connect during business hours: https://www.livehelpnow.net/lhn/lcv.aspx?d=36460&ms=&zzwindow=35206&lhnid=31205 This feature provides services for MDOL BES and Vocational Rehabilitation. 	Amy to request this information from Abbie, David, and Linda for Adult Ed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Goodwill Workforce Solutions has its intake process available by webform, email, and phone: https://workforcesolutionsme.org/job-seeker-services/• How is this best represented for Adult Education?	
Adjourn		2:20 PM

Next Meeting: January 22, 2025 @ 2:00PM