

GPR Committee Minutes

Wednesday April 26th @ 5:00

Group Norms:

- Start and end on time
- Follow agenda
- Respect confidentiality
- Others?

GPR Committee Goals:

- Update Resources on the website
- Create a structure for advocacy action items.
 - Solidify paths for legislative and policy information to come to us and be filtered
 - Develop paths for disseminating information and/or tasks through listservs or other means.
- Intentionally incorporate social justice themes into all actions taken by the committee.
- Work on developing a relationship with the Maine Principals Association
- SPAW advocacy

ROLES:

Facilitator- Kathy Gillis

Timekeeper- Michael Dixon

Notetaker-Mary MacLennan

In Attendance-Kathy Gillis, Michael Dixon, Mary MacLennan

Agenda Topic:	Today's Goal	Time:	Determinations/Notes:	Person(s) Responsible:
Welcome				
Important Announcements				
Draft Bills:	Michael will pick one bill Kathy will look at LD829			

	Mary LD 33			
	Kathy shared LD 67 with Mary and Michael		<p>Lot of the recommendations were also in other people's testimony. 67 having a workshop next wednesday? Kathy will review what has already been submitted and decide what to do (submit a letter or not). Discussion about Bear Shea's letter and the different interpretation of what was said.</p> <p>Michael made his point about what he interpreted - especially the part about ratios - that is how Michael interpreted it. Kathy explained how she interpreted it. Changing title to clinical mental health provider - rather than school social worker. Michael feels that school psychologists were able to provide mental health and behavioral support - then we would be in a much better place.</p>	Michael will reach out to Bear to see what his intent was with the changes to the bill.
Medicaid Series	How was the April 6th session??		Michael spoke with a presenter after the session and had a zoom meeting with Erin to discuss how Maine can better access Mainecare money, Less DOE and more Mainecare. It is the finance committee of DHHS that we can't get to move to support us. For every \$1 we put in they give us back \$2. She would talk with a private consultant from a private firm that helped NH and helped between state and CMS. We don't know what we need to do. We need an outside consultant to take an objective look.	
School Psychology Shortage Document	Has had additional information shared WEP/WPO			
Needs			How do we get others involved in our committee? How do we get people to help with writing letters when needed to advocate for our needs?	

Next Meeting	5/17/2023 @5:00			
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LOOKING AHEAD...				
Upcoming Meetings				
Parking Lot	Add our LD letters to the power point as examples			