

Quarterly One-Stop Partner Meeting

Minutes

June 16, 2026

Agenda Item	Notes	Next Steps
1. One-Stop Partner Business - Approval of March meeting minutes - Accessible digital content	No edits suggested for March meeting minutes. Amy provided a quick overview of recent Department of Justice rules under ADA Title II in 2024, which governs state and local government services, including public schools and universities, libraries, and public agencies. These new regulations explicitly require public entities to make their web content and mobile applications accessible, following WCAG 2.1 Level A and AA criteria. The rules include specific timelines for compliance based on the population of the number of people in the governmental or geographic area they serve: - April 24, 2026, for entities serving 50,000+ people, like states, counties, cities, public universities, or consolidated school districts. - April 26, 2027, for smaller entities, like towns and villages, or special districts (like local housing authorities or fire departments) (U.S. Department of Justice). For more information, see the ADA Title II Subpart H—Web and Mobile Accessibility. Opens in another page. Amy asks what your organization has typically been doing around accessible content: - Robert Ducharme – have noticed a lot more orgs sending him accessible content (rather than having to convert them) – this is a change from before, now at least half or a majority send accessible content - DOL: have not seen much going on in terms of an announcement/guidance for workforce boards; assuming there will be but have not heard yet - There is an understanding that content posted previous to date does not have to be updated as well	Send March meeting minutes to CCWI for website posting.
2. Information Sharing and Awareness of Regional Services	Amy Geren, OSO: Shared highlights of a documentary about Portland’s wastewater treatment plant that highlights workforce and aging infrastructure challenges. Unless Something Goes Terribly Wrong (opens in another page)	Check out <i>Unless Something Goes Terribly Wrong</i> documentary if you get a chance!

• Introductions and partner updates	Announced that she will be proceeding with the Comprehensive One-Stop Center certification process over the summer, beginning with site visits with the State’s Accessibility Coordinator and connecting with affiliate site CareerCenter management to go over the Section 188 Compliance Checklist. (This will be reviewed by each of 4 core partners). Dave Wurm, Goodwill: Contract processes, new budget season, talking about funding levels, will see some losses (WIOA, and maybe Job Corps) but will hear more later. Christina Link, FSS Manager, Portland Housing Authority (HUD): Been here less than 3 months; still learning; settling in. Meeting with residents and starting to work on finding new or better employment. Sam Fenderson Division of Vocational Rehabilitation OSERS (Office of Special Ed and Rehabilitative Services) – due to IAA agreement, is moving to DHHS (federally Voc Rehab sits under DOE; the state it was under DOL). Everything will stay intact, but if there are updates/transitions/changes, we will keep you updated. Stephanie Steele, DHHS Aspire (regional planner) Liaison between FedCap and the state DHHS; provide resources and make sure things run smoothly between the departments. Shared participants utilize Voc Rehab. Please reach out if you need anything. Stefanni.Steele@maine.gov Allen Lambert Merry Meeting Community (HUB 7 Adult Ed) Quiet time; graduations are occurring or have occurred. ~70% programs are smaller/ modified during the summer months. We are still running classes. Challenges with funding (local/state= stable) trying to figure out the grant funding (while approved, the \$ has not arrived, and when it will arrive is not clear). Denis Collins Regional Manager Unemployment Compensation Low level of daily calls (was in 1000s, now in low 100s) can start our training season. Loggers are able to go back to work without worrying about the mud anymore. Paving and construction in full swing; especially in Bar Harbor. Cement companies back in full swing. Robert Ducharme, Brunswick CareerCenter Manager • Hiring event 2 weeks ago in Brunswick (BIW, Shaws, Hannafords, ME state auditors office, home health agencies, etc.) about 50 job seekers. • Hiring event Portland first Wednesday (July 1) at Portland Career Center • Next one in August likely (hard to get employers to show up in July) • CJ in Brunswick – new statewide clean energy navigator; engulfed in trainings	
---	---	--

	Defense Manufacturing Presentation (slide show) summary: an employer can get a lot of money for training new employees (due to multiple training programs). Robert asked for a copy of the slideshow and he will review. Magdalena Despradel, DHHS Aspire Nonprofit meeting – got a card for a group that does arts for mental health for children that is underutilized; she will share the information with us	
3. Strengthening Regional Service Delivery Work Source Maine content editing and updates	Work Source Maine content editing and updates: Amy shared a process for making updates to the site as partners notice needs, and will send around a form to use when sharing updates with MDOL. For feedback, please use this shared tracker (opens in another page).	
4. Adjourn		2:28 PM

Next Meeting: September 15, 2026 @ 2:00 PM