

# Coastal Operators Group (COG) Meeting

## Minutes

April 23, 2025

Agenda Item	Notes	Next Steps
Welcome and Review 3/26/25 Meeting Minutes	In attendance: Linda Greer (Director, Adult Education, Hub 9); Barb Stoddard (Director, New Mainer Resource Center/Adult Education, Hub 8); Joy Rodrigue (Workforce Solutions); Jeff Martinelli (Workforce Solutions); Sheila Muldoon (Workforce Solutions); Samantha Funk (Workforce Solutions); Amy Geren (OSO) Minutes from last month under Barb's update should state the event on May 5 <sup>th</sup> is for internationally trained <i>physicians</i> .	Amy edited minutes before posting to CCWI site.
1. Updates from the group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programmatic updates/initiatives</li> <li>• Biggest challenge of the month</li> </ul>	<p><b>Amy</b> reminded the group of the May 8<sup>th</sup> MDOL training at 1:00 – 2:30 PM. A virtual meeting will be available. Individuals can share what services they offer within the One-Stop Partner system. For registration – embedded link in the invite details.</p> <p><b>Barb Stoddard</b> – NMRC will have someone at the May 8<sup>th</sup> training. Barb will share information about the May 5<sup>th</sup> event. Geared toward licensing. NMRC can pay for training. Office of New Americans had its first advisory council. ME Health Access Foundation received a large grant a few years ago. Joined the meeting to determine how to allocate ~\$1 million through multiple grants. The top five strategies identified by the group include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support the gathering and sharing of data and research for health workforce planning</li> <li>2. Develop a statewide public/private cross-sector partnership for health workforce planning and monitoring</li> <li>3. Support tele-health and digital health build out to support providers and reduce burden</li> <li>4. Pilot the integration and co-location of services and health workforce supports</li> <li>5. Focus on recruitment of non-traditional groups; include people at all socio-economic levels</li> </ol> <p><b>Joy Rodrigue</b> – Getting ready for women's construction cohorts; lots of training and after training supports requested from Workforce Solutions.</p> <p><b>Jeff Martinelli</b> – Wrapping up the farm skills program (instructional component). Summer construction academy coming up – approximately seven partner schools.</p> <p><b>Sheila Muldoon</b> – Goodwill had ~ 36 people at last month's training. These trainings occur in the spring and fall, and are a good opportunity for meeting new staff. They received positive feedback on the event. Specific to internal roles of career advisors.</p>	Amy will follow up with Rob about a link to register for the training.

	<p>General overview/information could be something that others could attend if we want to open it up to OSPs.</p> <p><b>Samantha Funk</b> – Afghan grant has participants in a training at Common Threads in Westbrook; Lewiston Adult Education is providing transportation.</p> <p><b>Linda Greer</b> – Graduation for Adult Education students is upcoming. Dental hygiene awareness training as a micro-credential through UMaine system – does anyone have information? Barb is interested as well and is looking into it. Referenced the Children’s Oral Health Network (COHN) IPP initiative training. Is there an opportunity to train New Mainers. Amy noted that she is working on an evaluation of the IPP pilot and can share the IPP evaluation report, which includes COHN. Barb shared links that can be helpful: <a href="https://ohn.mcd.org/">https://ohn.mcd.org/</a>, <a href="https://www.maine.edu/student-success/micro-credentials/list-of-micro-credentials/oral-health-foundations/">https://www.maine.edu/student-success/micro-credentials/list-of-micro-credentials/oral-health-foundations/</a>, <a href="https://medentalcareers.org/">https://medentalcareers.org/</a></p>	Amy will share the IPP evaluation report with minutes.
2. Direct Linkage training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One-Stop Comprehensive Center staff, per WIOA regulations, need to be well-versed on how to directly link clients to One-Stop system partners. Amy, with input from partners, created a staff guide. Amy shared the details of the direct linkage requirement and covered the processes and next steps provided by One-Stop Partners.</li> <li>Kyle will review the material with Workforce Solutions’ management staff during the May monthly meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>Amy will share the staff guide shared during the meeting for reference.</p> <p>Workforce Solutions’ managers: Bring questions about direct linkage to Kyle during the May meeting.</p>
3. OSO Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MOU</li> <li>Local Plan 2025 - 2029</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amy has been updating the CCWI MOU between One-Stop Partners due September 1, 2025. Update includes streamlining the document.</li> <li>CCWI is in the process of updating its local plan. Stakeholder engagement sessions are being held this week, and the draft plan will be available on CCWI’s website for public comment May 22 – June 2, 2025.</li> </ul>	
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May 28, 2025 @ 2:00PM