

Coastal Operators Group (COG) Meeting

Minutes

September 24, 2025

2:00 – 3:00 PM

Agenda Item		Next Steps
Welcome and Review 8/20/25 Meeting Minutes	In attendance: Amy Geren (SOS), Joy Rodrigue (Workforce Solutions), Sheila Muldoon (Workforce Solutions), Jeff Martinelli (Workforce Solutions), Robert Ducharme (MDOL BES), David Grima (MDOL BES), Allen Lampert (Adult Ed HUB 7), Linda Greer (Adult Ed HUB 9), Kim Desso (MDOL Voc Rehab) No edits suggested for minutes.	Send minutes to CCWI admin for posting to website.
<p>1. Updates from the group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmatic updates/initiatives • Biggest challenge of the month/connection requests 	<p>Sheila – Quest grant is wrapping up. Large grant, working with clients to enroll in other programs. Close to 90 referrals came in in September, including cohorts with Adult Eds and Midcoast School of Technology. CCER 2025 grant focuses on dislocated workers.</p> <p>Joy – Seconds Sheila statement that they are busy transition clients to other programs.</p> <p>Jeff – Supporting cohorts among Adult Ed cohorts. Interviewing for a career advisor. Jeff will be speaking with HiSET completers at Adult Ed in HUB 7 next week.</p> <p>Kim – Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault progress: Workgroup is happening, and thank you to the group for ideas. Summer was busy. Several programs, including trips and tours. Rehab counselor positions are posted. York and Cumberland Counties are a challenge to be competitive in regarding salaries.</p> <p>Allen – Adult Ed annual conference is in October. Workforce Development will be highlighted. Increased demand for Adult Ed on trauma-informed instruction. Recognition that this is an area that needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Linda – York County digital inclusion event. UMA digital opportunity workshop. HUB 9 partners are getting a cohort together for clean energy job training. Attends a recovery friendly workgroup.</p> <p>Rob – Hiring event in Brunswick (~60 attendees), positive feedback from Bowdoin and BIW. Damariscotta YMCA in Lincoln County is coming up next week. Virtual hiring event 10/2; in-person event 10/16. Job-appaloosa 10/15.</p>	Amy & Allen to connect on trauma-informed support topic.

	<p>David – Online and in-person workshop series focusing on the trades. Women in construction trades effort as well. Will be attending the renewable energy career fair that CCWI is holding next week. Taking part in a job fair at the Bolduc correctional facility. Working with a newer sober house in the region; hoping to make regular visits to assist with employment. Sharing incumbent worker training opportunities based on available funding.</p> <p>Sheila noted there is incumbent worker training with CCWI grant projects, including the renewable energy occupations grant.</p>	
<p>2. Goals progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Streamline the referral system between OSC and system partners</i> • <i>Coordinate business services: MDOL Apprenticeship Integration</i> • <i>Support cross-training between agencies for knowledgeable referrals</i> 	<p>The new MOU is posted to CCWI’s website.</p> <p>MDOL’s apprenticeship specialist will be joining Workforce Solutions’ business team meeting to provide assistance with developing apprenticeships for clients.</p> <p>The State Workforce Board’s Sector Partnerships Training Series Metrix & Evaluation</p>	<p>Share MOU with meeting minutes.</p>
Adjourn		2:40 PM

October 22, 2025 @ 2:00PM