

Somerset MM&CN

Meeting Minutes



MAY 18, 2017

Time: 1:00 PM

Dual Kennebec Behavioral Health Locations:

Skowhegan Clinic – 5 Commerce Street

Augusta Clinic – 66 Stone Street

Present: Skowhegan: Sally Chambers(KBH), Wendy St. Pierre (KVCC) Augusta: Hannah Longley (Career Training Concepts), Dennis Dix (KBH)

Discussion Items – welcome new members

MMCN State Leadership Council, growth of Somerset, and Annual State Conference (hosted this year by Lewiston/Auburn MMCN).

KVCC Student Veterans' Resources (including a lounge, and position dedicated to Veterans).

Additionally, Wendy St. Pierre announced that Veterans recognition will occur as part of this year's graduation ceremony – graduating Veterans will be issued an additional chord to be worn as part of their graduation cap and gown. This idea was brought forward by some of the Veterans' student leadership that has evolved at KVCC over the past year or so.

KVCC Service Learning – KBH would like to offer MMCN involvement as part of a service learning opportunity to the Community Mental Health Class. The issue is that the Somerset Huddle only occurs for an hour per month, and this would only cover 3 of the 10 hours required by the KVCC Semester Service learning opportunities. However, by combining some job shadow, additional MMCN attendance (or call ins), promotion of the Heraldry Project, possible tours of VSO, VA, and perhaps Betsy Ross Foundation (also consider Travis Mills Foundation), we may be able to offer a very meaningful service learning project.

Hannah Longley also offered to reach out to a point of contact to enhance membership and community involvement. Thank you Hannah !!

Sally Chambers also offered to discuss our efforts with staff and guests at the Mid Maine Homeless Shelter. Excellent idea !!

Next meeting: Huddle date June 15th at 1p.m. - Video Conference Rooms Skowhegan Clinic – 5 Commerce Street and Augusta Clinic – 66 Stone Street

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Addendum - Somerset Updates/Announcements:

Sally Chambers has assumed the role of co-facilitator.

Janet Morang and Rebecca Cornell du Houx have graduated their programs and completed their KBH internships with us. Please join me in congratulating them and wishing them both a great summer.

Save the Date for MMCN Conference 2017 – hosted by Lewiston/Auburn MMCN at the Augusta Civic Center (July 20th). This is an all-day event and promises to deliver another round of outstanding speakers and presentations.

Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope is anticipating an occupancy license this month (more to follow). They will soon be accepting guests (homeless female Veterans and their children) into the program.

Wendy St. Pierre, PhD, will be joining our next session and would like to explore further, the possibility of the Somerset MMCN as a potential KVCC service learning opportunity.