

Kennebec Maine Military and Community Network (MMCN)

A Community Veteran Engagement Board (CVEB) supporting Kennebec County, Maine

Scope

The Kennebec MMCN regional group, a Community Veteran Engagement Board (CVEB), will function as a local community driven movement that brings together advocates, leaders, providers, service members, and Veterans, to discuss and holistically improve outcomes for Veterans, families, and caregivers, within Kennebec County, in the State of Maine. The purpose of the group will be to improve the Veteran quality of life by strategically addressing systemic issues faced by Veterans in our community. This group will support Maine service members, Veterans, and their families in local communities within Kennebec County.

Limitation/Authority

The Kennebec MMCN co-chairs and members work in collaboration with the larger Veteran stakeholder community to improve Veteran outcomes through quarterly meetings, public forums, and solution development by leveraging networks and enhanced understanding of Veteran issues. Co-chairs and members have no additional authorities by virtue of CVEB membership. VA representatives on the CVEB function under the limitations outlined in their respective positions. The CVEB has no implicit or explicit authority to change the function and/or policies of any governmental or non-governmental entity. The CVEB is a forum for open communication and community engagement between CVEB members and the Veteran stakeholder community.

Desired Outcomes

The Kennebec MMCN CVEB is intended to promote and support opportunities to benefit Veterans and the community. The CVEB should be encouraged to select issues (a goal) on which they may focus energy and attention (e.g. homelessness, employment) and identify desired, specific (measurable) outcomes for their communities. The CVEB does not need to outline all identified desired outcomes in the Charter, but should capture these in the meeting proceedings so they can evaluate their achievement of the desired outcomes.

The CVEB will ensure an open line of communication between Veterans, VA, and community stakeholders. Veterans and local community members will be informed on local VA and community strategies and initiatives.

Membership

The Kennebec MMCN CVEB will consist two co-chairs and of a minimum of 10 members, and no more than 15 unless modified by the CVEB and included in the Charter. Co-chairs will hold a two-year assignment.

The CVEB board should consist of at least one member from each of the following entities:

- Academic Institutions,
- Faith Based Organizations,
- Nonprofit Organizations,
- Employment Career Centers,
- Federal Agencies (such as SBA or DHHS),
- Local and Regional Police Enforcement,
- Private Companies (such as local banks),
- State Bureau of Veteran Services,
- US Department of Veterans Affairs (VBA, VHA, NCA, and Vet Centers), and
- Veteran Service Officers (VSOs: American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, etc.).

Additional participants may be included in the meetings by invitation of the CVEB. All CVEB meetings are open to all veterans and those providing veteran services, although only CVEB members may vote on CVEB questions.

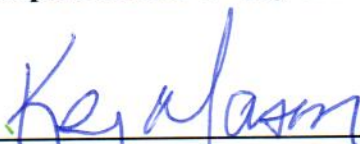
CVEB members representing federal entities will be recused from all CVEB votes regarding fiduciary activities.

Meetings

The Kennebec MMCN CVEB will meet quarterly in Kennebec County, for a minimum of four meetings per year.

The CVEB will host a minimum of one public event per year. Public events or forums are inclusive of all stakeholders, service providers, Veterans, and other interested parties, regardless of membership in the CVEB. Public forums will ideally be rotated among public venues within the geographic boundaries of Kennebec County, to ensure opportunity for maximum participation.

Adopted on this 4th day of December 2017



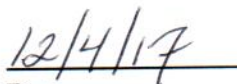
Sheriff Ken Mason, Co-Chair



Date



Jess Quinn, Co-Chair



Date

Board Members:

Ken Mason (Co-Chair)	Kennebec County Sheriff's Office - Sheriff
Jess Quinn (Co-Chair)	Kennebec County Sheriff's Office - Program Coordinator
Angela Sanford	Military Family Assistance
Bill Card	Small Business Administration
Pam Trinward	Veteran Liaison - Congresswoman Pingree
Teague Morris	Outreach Director - Senator King's Office
Nathaniel Grace	Military One Source - Maine State Consultant
Col Andrew Gibson	Maine Army National Guard
Dr. Laurie Cyr-Martel	Maine Army National Guard - Director of Psychological Health
Amy Line	University of Maine at Augusta - Director Military and Veterans Services

Advisors:

Ben Kaler (Advisor/Support)	VA - Veterans Experience Office - Community Engagement
Patrick Crowley (Advisor/Support)	VA - Regional Office - Public Affairs

Contributing Organizations:

Kennebec Behavioral Health
Veteran Mentors of Maine
Maine Pretrial Services
Maine Humanities Council
Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope