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MAINE HEALTH ACCESS FOUNDATION

Community-Based Initiatives Learning Community Meeting *Access to Quality Care • Healthy Communities • Thriving in Place*

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. • November 16, 2016

The Gathering Place at Maple Hill Farm; 11 Inn Road; Hallowell

9:00 - 9:30	Registration and Breakfast	Holly Irish , Program Assistant <i>Maine Health Access Foundation</i>
9:30 - 9:45	Welcome, Agenda Overview, Updates	Charles Dwyer , Program Officer <i>Maine Health Access Foundation</i>
9:45 - 10:15	Evaluation Update - Initial Impressions From Surveys and Interviews A discussion of the themes and trends that are emerging from the evaluation.”	Susan Foster, MPH, MSSW Polly Arnoff, MSW <i>SE Foster Associates</i>
10:15 - 10:30	Stretch Break - Networking	All
10:30 – 11:30	What is Addiction? Psychiatrist, Medical Director, and Clinical Director at the Hope House Health and Living Center, Dr. Gardner’s presentation provides important information about how addiction affects our brains and provides insight into a more effective way of understanding and addressing substance use disorder (SUD) as a chronic illness.	Trip Gardner, MD <i>Penobscot Community Health Care</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Panel Discussion - How is Substance Use Disorder Affecting Every Project? No community in Maine is insulated from the epidemic that is sweeping our state. Panelists will discuss how Opioids or SUD presents additional challenges to their projects and communities.	Erin Callaway <i>Piscataquis YMCA</i> Heather Blackwell, BS, CPC-A <i>Penobscot Community Health Care</i> Melissa Skahan <i>Mercy Hospital</i>
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch - Networking	All
1:00 – 3:00	Supporting People in Recovery Ms. Jones will discuss the barriers and supports to recovery from addiction and introduce evidence based tools to combat stigma related to SUD.	Alison Jones-Webb, MA, MPH, PS-C <i>Nautilus Public Health</i>

Learning Objectives:

- Update grantees on the evaluation survey and the interview process;
- Raise awareness about the current state of Maine’s Opioid crisis;
- Increase our understanding of addiction and how it is not dissimilar to other chronic diseases;
- Discuss how this issue is relevant to every MeHAF community-based project;
- Explore what we can do to support people affected by substance use disorder.