

Elder Issues Partnership

Priorities and Accomplishments

January 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010

Priorities

- Share information with each other regarding elder issues
- Advocate for home and community-based care for elders
- Encourage DHHS to develop an long term state plan for long term care that includes home and community-based care
- Encourage Congress to include long term support services, including home and community-based services, as part of national health care reform

Accomplishments

- Distributed letters, fact sheets, and postcards to all state legislators that conveyed economic impact statistics, waitlist statistics, and stories of particular consumers and family members
- Met with
 - Governor
 - House and Senate leaders
 - Legislators on the HHS committee
 - DHHS Commissioner and senior staff
 - Editorial boards of major newspapers
- Mobilized consumers, family members and direct care workers to testify at legislative hearings
- Developed and sent a letter to Maine Congressional Representatives and Senators regarding national health care reform
- Shared information with each other about federal and state budget and policy issues affecting elders
- Improved our membership, meeting notes, and dues policies
- Maintained a Website, a Listserve, and met 9 times