

Midcoast Economic Development Steering Committee

Meeting Summary

July 19, 2023
8:30-9:30

1. Building out the Larger MDEDC. The present list was reviewed. Members were going to follow up on individuals not yet on the list. We will work on a description of the role of the members in assisting MCOG and what we do, with a focus on:
 - What MCOG and MCEDC does
 - Public private partnerships
 - Funding opportunities
 - Communication and building our regional network
 - Engagement and relationship building

The introductory meeting will be delayed until October so that the Steering Committee has time to work on the data and information presentation developed by the staff.

2. Work Plan: The advisory reviewed the work plan and agreed that it should be designed to avoid replicating other's work while at the same time incorporating it into our CEDS planning process. September was adjusted to focus on data and information presentation reviews. The work plan would be re-visited every 3 months or so and be revised, with the out months becoming clearer. As part of that, the CEDS would:
 - Focus on general, regional themes
 - Capture individual needs of the communities
 - Serve as a gatekeeper for projects
 - And define the project criteria for being in the CEDS (to be approved by the Steering Committee with input from the Advisory.
3. Data Base Outline: Data will create solid first impressions in a format that is user friendly and easy to understand. The data outline would be adjusted to include Julie inputs, both the specific line items and organizing the data by the EDA driven CEDS topic area.

Next Meeting: August

- a. Refined Work Plan
- b. Initial Data work review
- c. Further Communication Strategy discussion
- d. Updated on Advisory Committee Membership
- e. Election of a Chair.