



NEWSLETTER

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A Note from Our Legislative Representative



Greetings, MAPPsters!

My name is Alyson Maloy, MD, and I am one of your two new Legislative and Governmental Affairs representatives. Your other rep is Dr. Winston Chung, who already serves as an Assembly Representative at the national level in the APA and has agreed to job-share this busy MAPP post with me.

The welfare of psychiatrists and the field of psychiatry in Maine has been important to me since I moved back to Maine after fellowship in 2011. Routinely interacting with all of you in MAPP is a frequent source of inspiration, information, and camaraderie for me. **My goal as a legislative rep is to represent PSYCHIATRISTS' AND PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS' best interests at a legislative level. Please reach out if there is an issue or area that interests or concerns you or your patients.**

Our weekly legislative meetings with the Maine Medical Association have just begun. Dr. Chung and I are learning about the MMA's priorities for this legislative session. Moving forward, we are available to develop legislation for any issues that MAPP members want addressed that are not currently being covered in existing legislation. Each legislative session, Dr. Chung and my job responsibilities on behalf of MAPP will be reviewing proposed legislation and governmental action, working with the lobbyist of the Maine Medical Association, collaborating with other organizations addressing legislative and governmental actions, and encouraging and supporting member interaction with the political process. Teamwork makes dream work!

We would like to thank outgoing legislative affairs representative Dr. Hamish Haddow for his service to MAPP over the past two legislative sessions. His work and devotion to supporting psychiatrists at a legislative level are very much appreciated. **With your help, Dr. Chung and I will continue MAPP's active participation in state affairs. I can be reached at amaloy@brainhealthmaine.com and Dr. Chung can be reached at MDChungW@protonmail.com.** Please reach out to us!

Upcoming Events

2025 MAPP Spring Conference Date: May 1, 2025 Location: Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, ME Theme: Red and Yellow Flag Laws Join us for an in-depth exploration of red and yellow flag laws with expert speakers Margaret Groban, Lt. Colleen Adams, and Ben Strick. This event promises to be informative and engaging, providing valuable insights for all attendees.

[Register Here](#)



MAPP, MMA and MOA work together on Legislative Bills we want to support. This is a preview of what is coming in the beginning of February.

- [LD 260](#) – Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish That All Maine Residents Have Equal Rights Under the Law
- [LD 270](#) – Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 850: Health Plan Accountability, A Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance
- [LD 279](#) – An Act to Address the Shortage of Direct Care Workers for Children with Disabilities in Maine
- [LD 59](#) – An Act to Ban the Drug Tianeptine (Public Hearing on February 3rd)
- [LD 239](#) – An Act to Allow Retail Pharmacies to Operate Remote Dispensing Sites in Rural Areas (Public Hearing on February 4th)
- [LD 93](#) – An Act to Reduce Cost and Increase Access to Disease Prevention by Expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to Include Adults (Public Hearing on February 5th)
- [LD 105](#) – An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to Establish a Sponsorship Program for Internationally Trained Physicians (Public Hearing on February 5th)
- [LD 163](#) – An Act to Require Health Insurance Coverage for Federally Approved Nonprescription Oral Hormonal Contraceptives and Nonprescription Emergency Contraceptives (Public Hearing on February 5th)
- [LD 178](#) – An Act Regarding Coverage for Step Therapy for Advanced Metastatic Cancer (Public Hearing on February 5th)

If you would like to learn more or join the MMA/MOA Legislative Committee Meetings please visit [MMA/MOA Committee Meetings](#).

Member Submitted Events

Northern Light Acadia Hospital's Maine Rural Dementia Training Project
MAPP member Cliff Singer MD writes:

Acadia's Mood and Memory Clinic is leading faculty from across the state in an ambitious project funded by a large grant from the federal agency, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The project will provide lasting benefit to people in Maine with cognitive disorders and dementia. The primary objective is to give the medical community the training and resources they need to reduce reliance on and wait time to see geriatric psychiatrists, neuropsychiatrists, geriatricians and other dementia specialists. There are many elements to the project, including the creation of a PGY-5 neuropsychiatry fellowship for psychiatrists and neurologists.

Two opportunities for learning funded by our grant may be of special interest to you: The University of New England's Annual Geriatric Conference in Bar Harbor May 21-22 at the Harborside Resort will feature a core curriculum in mild and major neurocognitive disorders on the second day of the conference, Thursday May 22. The faculty includes leading geriatric psychiatrists and geriatricians from several of Maine's health care systems. A second conference will take place at the **Wells Conference Center on the University of Maine campus on Friday June 13th**. This conference will feature special topics and case-based learning and discussion. Low-cost conference-rate rooms are reserved at the lovely new and historic Hotel Ursa, right on campus. CME are available for both conferences. And both are no cost to students and residents.

We truly hope to see MAPP members at one or both events. If you have questions about either the HRSA project's training and practice resources, or the two live conferences, write to Cliff Singer (csinger@northernlight.org). You can also go to the websites of UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine CME and the UMaine Institute of Medicine.