2022 Candidate Survey - Maine Association of Nonprofits

Thank you for taking the time to reflect on your experience with Maine’s nonprofit sector.

Through this questionnaire, the Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) offers Maine candidates for publicly elected office the opportunity to reach our vital constituency to let them know how you would partner with nonprofits to advance policies that would strengthen our state.

Our goal is to promote an educated and enthusiastic nonprofit community that votes.

Please complete the questionnaire no later Friday, September 30, 2022. We will post responses to our website the following week.

Did you know?
Did you know nonprofits:

- Employ 1 in 6 Maine workers. That's triple the size of the construction industry.
- Pay 18% of the state's total payroll
- Generate $300+ million in state tax revenue
- Contribute nearly $14 Billion to the nation's economy
Office Running For: *

- Governor
- U.S. House
- State House
- State Senate
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner
- Other: ________________________________

District *
131 Old Orchard Beach

Campaign website:
NA

Please describe your personal and professional experiences with nonprofit organizations. *

Over 35 years in non-profit management within the State of Maine, including most recently as executive director for the National Association of Social Workers, ME Chapter. Also former MANP Public Affairs Dir. Advocated for fair tax policies for nonprofit organizations with the legislature's Taxation committee.
Please describe your top 3 policy goals. *

Adequately addressing our fractured mental health system and the ever-growing opioid crisis in Maine are both critically important policy initiatives I will continue to work on. In the first five months of 2022, 53 Mainers per month died of drug overdoses, putting us on track for the deadliest year ever. A housing affordability crisis has also touched all parts of Maine over the past two years, and while the legislature has taken steps to address this crisis, we have much to do. Additionally, relative to mental health care, Maine has not seen reimbursement rates for providers adequately increased in nearly two decades. Wait lists continue to increase, with nearly 70 children placed out of State for care.

These policies as well as policies to advance protecting our environment and most precious natural resources, including accessible and available clean drinking water for all, remain my legislative priorities.

Please provide specific ways in which, if elected, you would partner with the nonprofit sector to achieve the goals of your campaign.

As an active member and organizer of the Legislature’s nonpartisan Behavioral Health Caucus, I have been closely involved and aligned with mental health and substance use disorder service providers, all of whom are nonprofit entities in Maine. I will continue to support these and other NPOs through my continued advocacy in the legislature, as well as to commit to advancing policies that will enhance our nonprofit work in Maine - work that benefits so many Mainers. I welcome additional conversations with MANP, if I can be supportive of any key policy areas you would like to advance in the legislature.