



**MINUTES**  
**Teleconference Meeting**  
June 23, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.

Present were:

Jim Gulnac	MCDA President
Rodney Lynch	MCDA Vice President
Tony Levesque	Immediate Past President
Joella R. Theriault	MCDA Secretary
Wade Hanson	MCDA Board Member
Suzie Paradis	MCDA Member – Madawaska/Frenchville
Al Smith	MCDA Member – Bath

1. J. Gulnac, President opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.
2. Discussion regarding the 2012 CDBG Workshop scheduled for Friday, June 24, 2011. The following is a summarization of MCDA's thoughts and ideas for the 2012 CDBG Program:
  - ✓ Eliminate all set-asides, which include Home Repair Network, Critical Ramp Program, and Maine Downtown Center
  - ✓ Propose to move Home Repair Network and Critical Ramp Program budgets to the Housing Assistance Program
  - ✓ Propose to move Maine Downtown Center budget to Downtown Revitalization Program
  - ✓ Propose to remove restrictions regarding community's inability to compete annually

Other discussions, with no action taken, included –

- ✓ Business Assistance program is cumbersome and recapture restrictions do not benefit communities. On a positive note, the program is a useful tool for many communities and should remain as is.
- ✓ Non-Profit Development Grant program was questioned as to who has received such a grant and for what purpose; however, it was decided not to eliminate this program, but allow OCD the flexibility to shift monies from this budget line item to another category if needed.
- ✓ OCD staff commented about the effectiveness of the Community Planning Grant program, but MCDA members suggested that for such a small amount, it should remain as proposed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Submitted by,

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