

Notes, SCC EC Meeting
286 Water Street, 8th Floor team meeting space
And via conference call
2/10/09, 2-4pm

In attendance: Shawn, Joanne, Mark, Dora

PH infrastructure bill: coalitions are mostly supportive, with some reservations re the Universal Wellness portion of the bill. Becca Matusovich and staff in the Division of Chronic Disease will be working with a contractor to develop tools and materials related to Universal Wellness

The group briefly discussed the March agenda. Preliminary ideas included the following:

- Introduce new members
- Discussion about national public health accreditation
- Review Vision/mission for the group—orientation
- Process for continuing involvement
- PH legislation/universal wellness
- Group functioning—how is district work represented at the state level
- District public health improvement plans?
- State health plan feedback
- Essential ph resources in each district/state.

The PH legislation has not yet been printed at the revisor's office. Trish and Dora are working on getting cosponsors. Question: if the legislation doesn't pass—by what authority is the group convened? In the past, the group has been convened by the authority of the Governor's Office, and by the authority of Maine CDC to protect the public health of Mainers. This will continue to be the case, even if the legislation is not passed.

It was suggested that we follow up on a joint SCC/ACHSD meeting, since our December meeting was snowed out. It would be more efficient if a small subset of the SCC (perhaps just the Executive Committee) present to the ACHSD, instead of a full joint meeting. Could we attend the May 22 ACHSD meeting and then report to June meeting? MG will check into this.

We discussed SCC membership. It is difficult to know how to fill in criteria prior to learning who the DCC members will be. Discussion will continue with the SCC Membership subcommittee.