



Maine SHNAPP Community Engagement Phase
 Summary Report of Forum & Event Input
 Aroostook County
 April 2016

This serves as a brief summary report of the input provided by community members attending the 3 community forums and 1 community event that took place between November 2015 and March 2016. Copies of individual reporting forms (pdf) can be viewed at: <https://www.maine-general.org/Pages/District-8-Aroostook-County.aspx> by looking under the Community Engagement header and clicking on the forum of interest.

Community Forums

Meeting	Date	Location
Aroostook County Forum	11/4/2015	Presque Isle
Aroostook County Forum	11/17/2015	Houlton
Aroostook County Forum	1/7/2016	Fort Kent
Total Attending Forums:		95

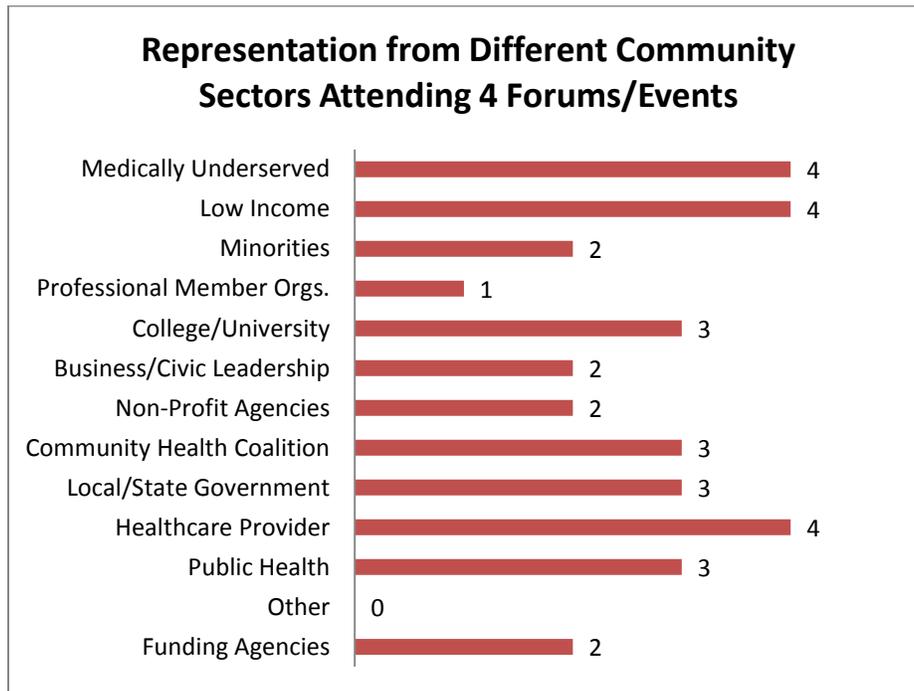
Community Events

Meeting	Date	Location
Presque Isle Chapter of Rotary International	1/11/2016	Presque Isle
Total Attending Events:		50

Total Attending Forums & Events	145
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Attendance numbers may contain duplicates if one person attended more than one forum/event.

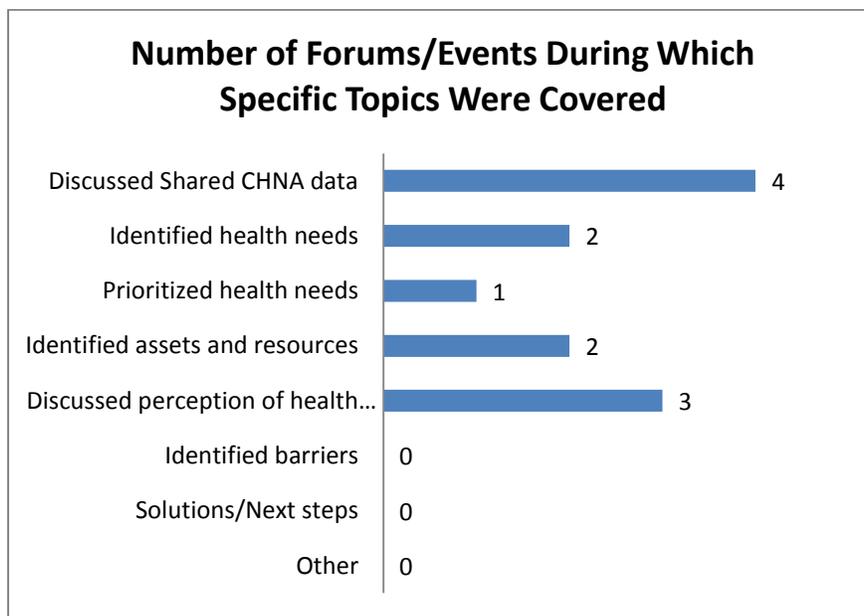
Community Sectors Represented During Forums and Events



“Medically underserved,” “low income,” and “racial/ethnic minorities” are sub-populations named specifically by the Department of Treasury/IRS regulations.

Other: n/a

Type of Input Obtained During Forums and Events



“Other” included: n/a

Community Forums

These forums, organized and co-led by Maine CDC District Liaisons and SHNAPP hospital community benefit representatives, typically consisted of a prepared Power Point presentation followed by breakout sessions on health topics. In general, breakout sessions obtained input about:

- Summary statements about the issue and/or its effect on the community
- Identification of local assets and resources to address the issue
- Identification of barriers to addressing the health issue or needs of the community before more adequately addressing the issue
- Ideas for next steps, how to solve the health issue, who to include, and what the community should look like in the future

Reporting from these forms did not provide details on the items above. However, a few highlights from discussions were noted:

- There was general agreement with the stakeholder survey results regarding priorities:
 - Drug & alcohol abuse
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Obesity
- Additional topics identified by participants included:
 - Dementia and care-giving support
 - Diabetes
 - Respiratory disease
- Most agreed that data regarding substance abuse underrepresented the scope of the problem.
- At one forum, a need for state-level action to address access to specialty providers and potential consequences of HCAP survey pain management questions was identified
- At another, broad themes of **provider, patient, and caregiver education** emerged in many discussions as did the necessity **for collaboration and coordination in aspects of planning and services delivery.**

Community Events

These events were organized and carried out by community stakeholders (including Maine CDC District Liaisons, SHNAPP hospital employees, or others who sat on local SHNAPP Community Engagement Committees). Typically already formed groups agreed to hold a presentation about the Shared CHNA data and discuss their reactions based on the group leader's questions. In general, input from events consisted of brief summary statements or questions about health issues and health factors affecting the geographic area.

A single event was held in Aroostook County. The presentation was conducted during a business meeting that did not lend itself to Q &A or discussion. At least 50 attended the session and listened/processed the information.