

Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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District: Down East

Date: 22 March 2012

Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting. For agendas and copies of minutes, please see district's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml

DCC Meeting was held at the Maine Sea Coast Mission Edge Center in Cherryfield on December 14 with seventeen participants.

- Rebecca Miller of Northern New England Poison Center was our speaker for our Downeast Deeper Dive and focused on Surveillance and Outreach for Substance Abuse and Poisonings.
- A tribal health update was provided by Clarissa Webber, one of our tribal liaisons.
- The Community Transformation Grant was discussed: Planning Committee will act as Oversight Team.
- Short update on the progress of the DPHIP work teams was provided.
- DCC organization was discussed; Cheryl facilitated a short exercise on gaining the benefits of the DCC.
- SCC update and discussion provided by Kathie Norwood.
- Next DCC meeting: March 23, 2012 in Cherryfield.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

- Develop DCC benefits one pager to use as recruitment with district organizations.
- Recruitment of Planning Committee members; Election process for Co-Chairs.
- Community Transformation Grant ongoing deliverables and timeline.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Work Team Update

- Health Indicators Team: Finished up indicator list and compilation of data reports.
- Health Gaps Team: Meetings through Maine Quality Counts on building collaboration.
- Communication Team: Team has not met.
- Health Promotion Team: Focus on Let's Go as district wide promotion.
- Resource Development Team: Team has not met.
- Workforce Development Team: Team has not met.

Progress with Community Transformation Grant:

Community Transformation Grant

- Pre-inventory started and will be complete by June.
- DCC voted for DCC Planning Committee to act as Oversight Team for Year 1.
- Discuss CTG Coordinator responsibilities; develop ad and position description for March posting.
- Discuss responsibilities of fiscal agent and DCC.
- Early discussions on objectives and work plan.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.

• Operating Structure and Principles document being reviewed and changed to match district work in Community Transformation Grant activities

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- Facilitated discussion on questions: Why do you come to DCC meetings; what would other organizations get out of attending; and name three others that you would encourage to attend.
- Develop one pager messaging on the value of the DCC==collaboration, regional goals, funding opportunities.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Aligning Forces for Quality
 - Further discussions and meetings on prescription drug monitoring and health care responsibility and building patient centered medical home model in both counties.
- County Substance Abuse Task Force
 - Both Hancock County and Washington County are developing ways of expanding existing task forces around underage drinking (Hancock County) and substance abuse (Washington County) to include both prevention/health promotion and medical/clinical facets of approaches.

Other topics of interest for SCC members: None at this submission.

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