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# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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<b>District: <u>Mid-Coast</u></b>	<b>Date: 6/11/12</b>
<b>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting.</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Steering Committee and the CTG Oversight Committee will become two separate committees. Recruitment is taking place now for the CTG Oversight with the separation of the two beginning in September.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>For agendas and copies of minutes, please see district's website at:</b>  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml</a></p>	
<b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid-Coast Transportation Taskforce, increasing access to health care by reducing barriers and facilitating the use of public and private transportation resources.</li> <li>Planning has begun for a September CTG Action-Institute for the Mid-Coast District.</li> <li>A Knox-Lincoln Mental Health initiative is ongoing and has received additional funding.</li> </ul>	
<b>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DCC Directory/electronic communication platform pilot set to begin June 12<sup>th</sup>. Pilot testing of the directory tool will be completed in July, report back to DCC in September.</li> <li>Review of District Scorecard and values assigned, progress discussed. Further action being planned for emergency preparedness activities.</li> <li>Noted recent successes included the coordinated efforts across the four counties of the Mid-Coast during the April Medication Collection Day.</li> <li>A November Behavioral Health Forum is being discussed to review the work of the Mic-Coast initiative and the soon to be published Public health Recommendations of the State Mental Health and Primary Care Integration Taskforce.</li> </ul>	
<b>Progress with Community Transformation Grant:</b>	
Current Activities:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Engaging Partners- Co-operative extension, 5210 coordinators, school health coordinators, City of Bath, City of Brunswick, school nurses</li> <li>✓ Developing more specific work plan.</li> <li>✓ Planning Midcoast Action Institute. To be held September 11, most likely at the Samoset.</li> </ul>	

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- ✓ Establishing infrastructure and capacity by building workgroups for school, day care, and activity community.
- ✓ Planning inventory
- ✓ Exploring/researching evidence based programs, etc.
- ✓ Site visit scheduled for June 20.

CTG activities are on time with no significant barriers to report.

### **Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.**

- In anticipation of adopting new by-laws the DCC reviewed the current standard operating principles, provided comment on the draft bylaws and discussed having an annual membership meeting to review member responsibilities and membership categories and reach out the organizations that would fill gaps in the current membership.

### **In-district or multi-district collaborations:**

- Cities Readiness Initiative representative Caity Hager spoke at the most recent DCC meeting and upcoming emergency preparedness trainings and exercises were discussed by SMRRC Director Paul Weiss. DCC members were encouraged to take part in an upcoming exercise “Zombie Apocalypse” sponsored by the NMRRRC on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Other topics of interest for SCC members:**

- World Elder Abuse Day is June 14<sup>th</sup>
- June 20<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting of the Mid-Coast Mental Health Project Team.
- Caregiver Training starting (Dementia/Alzheimer’s patients) June 21<sup>st</sup> for 6 consecutive Thursdays. Contact Senior Spectrum Office in Rockland for details.

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