



# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council<sup>1</sup> Update

<b>District: Midcoast</b>	<b>Date: 12/8/11</b>
<p><b>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting.</b>          On September 13<sup>th</sup> the Mid Coast DCC met in Rockland. The agenda included: Updates on the Statewide Coordinating Council, the Midcoast District Health Improvement Plan, and information shared by the DCC Attendees. A presentation given by representatives from each of the four Mid-Coast County Emergency Management Agencies. The EMAs discussed how they work with the community in planning and response with particular focus on reaching the “hard to reach” populations. They identified lessons learned, challenges, and ways to for district partners to collaborate with them.</p>	
<p><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Three Subcommittees met in September and discussed:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Medication Collection: upcoming medication collection events and needed support.</li> <li>2. Transportation Task Force: toolkit dissemination and Mobility Management.</li> <li>3. Communication and Mobilization Group: how the DCC can effectively communicate among each other regarding emerging issues, resources, and immediate needs. The task of this group is to identify 1-2 strategies to address communication and mobilization of the DCC.</li> </ol> </li> <li>- Work continues to progress with Maine Rural Partners on the development of a DCC Membership Directory. The Midcoast DCC is a pilot for implementing their Rural Health Network project.</li> <li>- Continuing Collaboration with law enforcement and other partners to coordinate activities for the National Take Back Initiative medication collection. One took place in October, another is scheduled for April.</li> <li>- DCC Steering Committee is working on updating and disseminating a Midcoast District Informational Packet. This packet contains 1-pager description of the components of the local public health infrastructure- LHOs, DCC, Unit, HMPs, District Public Health Improvement Plan. The packet is intended to educate and assist with recruitment efforts.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>District planning process:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MDPHIP was posted on the web.</li> <li>- DL will be providing quarterly updates on progress of strategies.</li> <li>- Future activities include using press/media to inform the community of the work of the local public health system.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</b>          While there is a core of 25-30 members (full and associate members) that attend every DCC, we continuously extend invitations to other public health partners in the district. There is an additional 25-30 people/organizations that attend DCC meetings as they are interested in the topics being discussed.</p>	
<p><b>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Midcoast District Medication Collection (in conjunction with National Take Back Initiative)</li> <li>- Midcoast Transportation Task Force</li> <li>- Midcoast County EMA Quarterly Conference calls</li> <li>- Pen Bay Island Initiative</li> <li>- Community Transformation Grant</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:</b>          LHO Training and Certification; District Support and Sustainability.</p>	