



# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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| <b>District 4: Mid-Coast</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Date: 3-16-2012</b> |
| <p><b>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:</b><br/> <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                        |
| <p>Our last DCC meeting was held at 91 Camden St., Rockland on 1-24-12. Thirty-two in attendance with five new participants at the meeting. Sub-Committees met during the last half-hour of the meeting. Evaluations and comments were generally positive. Minutes have been posted. The DCC Steering Committee/CTG Oversight Committee met via conference call on 3/14/2012, discussion about the limited space at DHHS prompted the committee to explore alternatives in Rockland and rotating the meetings to other spaces around the District. The Committee accepted a request from staff at the Environmental Health Unit to provide a panel for the upcoming meeting. It will include items especially important to mid-coast constituents like arsenic in well-water and preparation for the summer tick season. Speakers were also identified for the sub-committee meetings which will again take place following the large group discussion. Communication sub-committee-Isobel Moiles; Transportation sub-committee-Audrey Lovering; Access to Care sub-committee-Pinny Beebe-Center. (See the section identified below for the CTG progress).</p> |                        |
| <p><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                        |
| <p>Development of the Mid-Coast Public Health Directory- Beginning in April a Vista volunteer working in conjunction with the New England Rural health Roundtable, Maine Rural Partners and the Mid-Coast District will begin assisting DCC members and interested parties with the build of a directory of members that is envisioned to increase our understanding of our membership and opportunities for collaboration. The technology, similar to a social media platform is nearing completion and should be ready to test during the month of April.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                        |
| <p>Medication Take Back Day- possibly the last one funded by the DEA, will take place on April 28<sup>th</sup>. District members will be encouraged to take part in what has been a very successful campaign to collect unwanted medications, reducing the likelihood of prescription re-direction and environmental contamination.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                        |

Mid-Coast Public Health District #4

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## **Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:**

- Activities planned for completion during the quarter
  - Update the DPHIP workplan for 2012
- Whether activities were able to be completed on schedule
  - Committees continue to meet quarterly. Activities planned for 2011 were completed with the exception of the PH directory. New goals and activities need to be developed.
- Successes achieved
  - Transportation grant, FQHC planning grant, Brownfields grant
- Barriers encountered
  - DL vacancy delayed planning for 2012

## **Progress with Community Transformation Grant:**

- Activities planned for completion during the quarter
  - Identify/develop the DCC “CTG Oversight Subcommittee “
  - Develop a revised budget, create staffing plan and draft work plan
  - Review roles of DCC, fiscal agent, and oversight committee, coordinator
- Whether activities were able to be completed on schedule
  - The current DCC Steering Committee agreed to act as the CTG Oversight Committee for the time being. It’s likely that the committee make up may change as we develop a better understanding of the objectives.
  - The fiscal agent has been in discussion with the State CTG Coordinator and received guidance regarding the budget revision. The oversight committee approved a job description for a district CTG coordinator and a search throughout the DCC network was conducted for the position—a part-time contract position for the next six months of activity.
  - The review and clarification of the roles of the various actors is set to begin once the district CTG coordinator is on board.
- Successes achieved
  - The search for a coordinator concluded with the selection of Jennifer Gunderman-King. Jennifer, well known and respected throughout the district brings a wealth of assets to the position. She will begin on 3/26.
- Barriers encountered
  - Acknowledging that this project is just getting started, none at this time.

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

- The District welcomed two new public health nurses. Erin Kauffman is the new Maine CDC public health nurse serving the Waldo County service area. Shannon Robbins joined the DCC, representing Public Health Nursing in a joint effort by the city of Belfast and the Waldo County General Hospital.

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## In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Bath Salts Forums held in Knox and Waldo in collaboration with local Law Enforcement
- Sagadahoc LBoH and Access Health offer free AED/CPR Training

## Other topics of interest for SCC members:

**“Get Your Plate in Shape” A Community Forum**... Locally grown, sustainable, healthy eating for the Mind, Body and Soul, March 29 from 3pm until 6pm at the Second Congregational Church in Newcastle. Keynote speaker, Samuel Kaymen, Founder of Stonyfield Yogurt will be speaking. Sponsored by Healthy Lincoln County, Spectrum Generations Coastal Community Center and the Damariscotta/Newcastle Ecumenical Food Pantry. Suggested Donation \$10 in support of partner organizations.

**Volunteer Recruitment Fair**, Thursday, April 19 from 2pm until 6pm at Spectrum Generations Coastal Community Center, 521 Main Street in Damariscotta. For more info. contact Marianne Pinkham at 563-1363 or [mpinkham@spectrumgenerations.org](mailto:mpinkham@spectrumgenerations.org).

**“We Sustain Maine” Senior Nutrition** *From the field of Maine Farmers to the plates of Maine Seniors!* Please join the campaign. Drop by Spectrum Generations Coastal Community Center, 521 Main Street in Damariscotta to purchase your Meals On Wheels car for just a \$1.00, dedicate it to a senior in your community.

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