



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

District: Penquis	Date: 3/22/12
<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Penquis DCC meeting was held March 16 -The district hosted a presentation by Karyn Butts, Public Health Educator from Maine CDC Environmental & Occupational Health Programs. Information was shared with the district on health related data that is located on the Maine CDC website for use by the public. The district provided feedback on improvement to the data that exist on the current website. Recommendations to include district data and county level data were provided. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -ongoing phone conference meetings of the obesity, flu & pneumococcal, and substance abuse workgroups between DCC meetings. -Hiring a CTG coordinator for the district -Creation of a CTG district work plan and further assessment activity to assist in informing the work of the district around CTG priorities 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities planned for completion during the quarter <p>Obesity-The creation of a multidistrict obesity tool and a common place to host a draft so all partners can work on the document</p> <p>Flu & Pneumococcal- Flu clinics (2) pilot at food pantries conducted to reach vulnerable populations</p> <p>Substance Abuse- Working to create a common goal among diverse substance abuse groups meeting in the district. An attempt to consolidate efforts to the extent possible to be more efficient with time and resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether activities were able to be completed on schedule <p>Activities were completed on schedule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successes achieved <p>Obesity- A final draft tool was created and submitted to the workgroup and multidistrict workgroup. Partner offered to host the entire district obesity tool when they are all complete.</p> <p>Flu & Pneumococcal- New partner engaged in flu vaccination efforts, EMCC students. Two flu clinics held at food pantries. Received a letter from the food pantry director thanking the group for its service.</p> <p>Substance Abuse-held a joint board retreat with the Bangor HMP substance abuse committee. Working on a possible joint communication effort for the district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barriers encountered <p>Obesity-technology issues sharing a document among multiple districts. Finding a place to host the working draft has been a challenge.</p> <p>Flu & Pneumococcal- vaccinating at food pantries could have been more successful if started earlier in the season. Also seems that the population had a lot of access to vaccine and the group may need to consider other vulnerable population.</p> <p>Substance abuse- struggle with multiple groups meeting on similar issues, trying to coordinate efforts with the partners that are willing to work together.</p>	
<p>Progress with Community Transformation Grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities planned for completion during the quarter 	



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The District is working on the two required nutrition and obesity objectives. The district also selected the ACET objective because the oversight committee felt there is some infrastructure in place.

The district will hire a contractor to help develop the work plan, budget and staffing plan. The CTG contractor will also help the district perform a more in depth assessment of district level activities.

Oversight committee members are planning to participate in the statewide CTG training.

- Whether activities were able to be completed on schedule

The CTG oversight committee has met all deadlines thus far.

- Successes achieved

An ad has been placed by the lead agency to recruit a CTG contractor.

The CTG oversight team has drafted a work plan and staffing plan so the CTG coordinator will have a framework to start from.

The district has three volunteers who will to attend the statewide CTG training.

Successfully recruited new oversight committee members.

The District has a written draft work plan.

- Barriers encountered

The CTG position is only being hired for three months as the lead agency does not want to commit beyond the June 30 State budget as its own budget is in jeopardy. This could impact recruitment for the position.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.

CTG Oversight Committee recruitments: Cheri Snow from Penquis CAP, Jean Mellett from EMHS, Janet Sawyer from Piscataquis County Economic Development Council

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Community Transformation Grant

Multidistrict Obesity Workgroup tool

Prescription Monitoring Program Grant

Other topics of interest for SCC members: