Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health
District Coordinating Council Update

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District: Penquis District	Date: June 14, 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

- The DCC voted to endorse the hosting of the Penquis District Obesity Inventory on the 5-2-1-0 website.
- The CTG oversight committee voted to fund the Penquis District Farm to School Summit in June

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

- Development of the CTG work plan and budget. Completion of the CTG inventory
- Ongoing phone conference meetings of the obesity, flu & pneumococcal, and substance abuse workgroups between DCC meetings.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Obesity-Finalizing the collection of inventory items for the website. Working on website template
Flu & Pneumococcal- Working with MIP to prepare to assist in the Fall 2012 flu vaccination efforts in Penquis district schools.
Substance Abuse: Decision to hold joint meetings with the Bangor HMP to decrease duplication and maximize efforts in working on substance abuse efforts in the Penquis district. The Penquis DCC partners help to prompt the prescription take back day.

- Whether activities were able to be completed on schedule

Activities were completed on schedule, except the website that will host the obesity inventory was put on hold temporarily due to a DCC partner staff vacancy.

- Successes achieved

Obesity- Completed inventory ready to launch on a DCC partner website
Flu & Pneumococcal- Provided feedback to MIP on launching flu vaccination campaign in schools in Fall of 2012.
Substance Abuse-held first joint board meeting with Bangor HMP substance abuse taskforce.

- Barriers encountered

Obesity-Staffing vacancy has interrupted this work temporarily in terms of launching the webpage
Flu & Pneumococcal- waiting for further guidance from MIP before engaging with schools to prep for Fall 2012
Substance abuse- none at this time.

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Progress with Community Transformation Grant:

- Activities planned for completion during the quarter
  - District Inventory completed
  - CTG coordinator hired
  - Preliminary budget and work plan submitted
  - CTG Oversight committee formed (Steering Committee)
- Whether activities were able to be completed on schedule
  - Yes – all scheduled reporting is up to date and submitted
- Successes achieved
  - Action Institute attended by Jamie Comstock, Alexia Corbett, Kate Yerxa, and Robin Mayo as a Member of the State's CTG Leadership Team
  - District information currently being collected to aid in implementation and capacity building during Q4 and Year 2 of CTG
- Barriers encountered
  - Still lacking clarity on exact work to be carried out; waiting for more guidance from the state
  - Have not received work plan from state or baselines indicating where to start work from
  - Some confusion still exists around where CTG and HMP begin and end and which body should receive credit for work that is similar

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.

Lee Averill has left her position at EMHS. She served on several DCC committees and is being replaced with Nicole Hammer at EMHS.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Penquis District Farm to School Summit
- Community Transformation Grant
- Multidistrict Obesity Workgroup tool
- Drug Take Back Initiative
- Prescription Monitoring Program Targeted Providers in Penquis District
- Drug Diversion Alert Collaboration with Penquis and Aroostook PH Districts

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

- Branding of the district in light of CTG funding
- Local HMP funding

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