



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

District: Penquis	Date: 12/08/11
<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 -The next Penquis DCC meeting is scheduled for 12/09/11</p>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues: -ongoing phone conference meetings of the obesity, flu & pneumococcal, and substance abuse workgroups between DCC meetings. -Ramping up for Community Transformation Grant activities -Flu vaccination clinics at food pantries sponsored through the Medical Reserve Corps and the Penquis DCC Flu & Pneumococcal Vaccination workgroup</p>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities planned for completion during the quarter Flu and Pneumococcal- At least two flu clinics at food pantry settings free to the public. Medical Reserve Corps to staff clinics. Obesity-Penquis DL and Aroostook DL developing prototype for the multi-district obesity work group to help show how district wide initiatives fit together and can be used at the same time to enhance effectiveness among populations Substance Abuse- Continued work on sustainability of "Take Back" initiative through safe disposal, continued exploration of drug diversion alerts in Penobscot County, & District HMP Prescription Monitoring Program grant. Consolidation of multiple substance abuse workgroups into one the Penquis DCC workgroup. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether activities were able to be completed on schedule Flu and Pneumococcal-The workgroup has been successful in engaging at least two large food pantries Crossroads and Seeds of Hope in vaccination efforts. Clinics to be completed in December. Obesity-The multi-district workgroup members have drafted an initial version of the obesity tools which will be shared with the DCC workgroup in January. Substance Abuse- The coordinated "Take Back" efforts in Penquis District took place on schedule. The first meeting of the consolidated substance abuse workgroup took place in Oct. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successes achieved Flu and Pneumococcal-Two food pantry, free flu clinics have been scheduled serving 40- 100 families. Working with the Medical Reserve Corps to staff and carry out the clinics is very positive. The City of Bangor has been able to offer the vaccine for free as a public health department. Results are pending clinic completions which are scheduled in Dec. Obesity- moving forward with a multi-district approach to coordinating and disseminating obesity initiatives in the district. Additional member recruited to the multi-district workgroup from the PAN Healthy Weight program. 	



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Substance Abuse- Completion of another successful “Take Back” in the Penquis District

- Barriers encountered

Flu and Pneumococcal- many places to seek vaccine in the community. Reaching out to vulnerable populations is more time and resource intensive than a large scale clinic

Obesity-developing a sustainable list of initiatives of programs and keeping it current

Substance Abuse- Disposal of drugs from collection sites is still an issue for sustainability at police departments who collect scheduled drugs year round versus just on Take Back days. Identified need for improved consistent drug disposal within the District as well as State-wide.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.

-None at this time

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

-Oct. 29 Prescription Take Back Initiative, working with all interested partners at the District level.

-Multi-district obesity workgroup working on a tool to offer to Aroostook, Penquis, and York Districts.

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

-Increase rates of pertussis in Penobscot County