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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

District: Aroostook District	Date: June 14, 2022
<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/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district8/council-main.shtml</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ May 4, 2022 – Board Education Topic(s): Northern New England Poison Control Center presented by Victoria Frankl & Aging ME presented by Susan Wehry and Judy Metcalf, UNE ➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: August 3, 2022 • Next Steering Committee Meeting: July 6, 2022 • Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: July 19, 2022 • Next Public Health Emergency Planning Committee Meeting: July 7, 2022 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School Based Health Center information sharing ➤ Beginning compilation of LPHSA domain specific invitation lists 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Emergency Planning Committee continues to provide space for all four (4) hospitals and healthcare providers, schools (primary & higher education), Tribal and other partners to discuss Aroostook Emergency Planning efforts. In recent history we have been doing COVID-19 coordination. The committee has begun to discuss other Aroostook preparedness. ➤ The Healthy Aging Committee continues to provide space for Aroostook partners to coordinate services to the Older Adult populations. At the last meeting Age Friendly Community leads attended. ➤ The Homebound Population Workgroup continues to collaborate county-wide to vaccinate our homebound populations. To date they have given 250+ vaccines out to homebound individuals. ➤ The COVID-19 Messaging Workgroup did not meet this quarter 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2022 Annual update review and approval of the Orientation Packet, SOP Manual & crosswalk ➤ Membership Updates: Chase Labbe, Coordinator Region V EMS sector representative ➤ The Aroostook Electronic Roundtable continues to go out bi-weekly. 105+ recipients. Partner organizations continue to submit their organizations events/announcements/trainings. This collaboration allows members to learn what others are doing and coordinate between our quarterly meetings. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ AMHC in process of planning relocation of treatment services to a site which will eventually accommodate more individuals in need of that service. 	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: None at this time</p>	

District Name: Aroostook

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<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues: COVID-19 response, Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (SCHNA) and partner Implementation Planning support, PPE and testing supplies provision; vaccination clinic, appointment, and transportation assistance; assistance for and connection to organizations providing basic needs and resources. SBHC expansion grant outreach and assistance. Limited work on the Partners for Recovery (PFR/HRSA) Grant and hospital HRSA grants; Harm Reduction/Needle Exchange capacity building, and Naloxone distribution. ACEs-Resilience training coordination and resource sharing, educator/school support, and community pandemic recovery assistance.</p>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan (DPHIP): <i>Activities planned for completion during the quarter and whether activities are able to be completed on schedule</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Use Central District Public Health Unit updates to communicate important information to DCC, LHOs, chief municipal officials, and partners. Ongoing task. ▶ Workgroups have been less active this quarter (and year) to deal with COVID-19 pandemic response and infection prevention working conditions. <p><i>Successes achieved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The ACEs-Resilience Workgroup members are working on school and community supports for trauma and pandemic recovery. ▶ Interest in SBHC expansion to at least three schools in the district. <p><i>Barriers encountered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Disruption in usual way of doing business and lack of staff time for other DCC tasks due to COVID-19 pandemic response. ▶ Large amount of turnover in staffing at many organizations. 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership: none this quarter</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations: School Located Vaccine Clinic and small community clinic set up assistance; COVID-19 vaccination and testing information, assistance, and volunteer recruitment; COVID-19 response with County EMAs and regional EMS; prevention/basic needs assistance for organizations serving vulnerable populations; EMS service and non-profit organization testing assistance, transportation assistance; HRSA grant collaborations; PFAS and browntail moth information and workshops.</p>	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: Greatest need right now is for partner assistance with mainstreaming infection control practices, vaccination, and testing; and combatting vaccination hesitancy.</p>	

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District: Cumberland

Date: 06/16/22

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Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting:

MARCH:

CDPHC met on **March 18, 2022** with thirty-nine participants. The Council received an update from Aaron Geyer (City of Portland Social Services), on sheltering for unhoused persons. Portland has seen an increase of demand for sheltering; however, City-run shelter capacities have been reduced during the Covid-19 pandemic. The City has partnered with local hotels and organizations to provide housing, food, and additional aid on-site at 10 hotels across 5 municipalities. At the time of our meeting, there were 389 singles and 180 families (603 individuals) receiving shelter in hotels. (NOTE: Currently, there are some 1,200 persons for whom Portland is arranging/providing shelter – on May 6th they announced that they had no additional capacity to do so for people newly arriving in Portland. South Portland – where several of the hotels being used for sheltering - made a similar announcement shortly thereafter. Maine DHHS is assisting with shelter for those displaced from hotels, and with longer term temporary housing for others.)

Healthcare Workforce Development and Oral Health Initiatives: Nicole Breton, Maine CDC, Office of Rural Health presented on workforce development and oral health efforts of the Office of Rural Health.

Partner Community Health Improvement Plans: Several partners/communities are conducting health improvement plans and health needs assessments, and presented at the meeting:

CHNA/Hospital partners

- Maine Medical Center
- Mercy Hospital
- Bridgton Hospital

Municipal partners CHIPS

- Cumberland County Government
- Portland
- South Portland

State Public Health Systems Assessment (SPHSA)

Al May and Stacy Boucher presented on the recently completed SPHSA

MAY:

CDPHC met on **May 20th, 2022** with 35 participants. We received a reproductive health and abortion access update from Maura Graff, Planned Parenthood of Northern New England and Mariessa Weil, Maine Family Planning.

We received updates on several innovative public health interventions:

- Wayside Food Programs Community Meals

- Southern Maine Agency on Aging “Simply Ordered for Me” program
- Northern Light Home Care and Hospice Tele-Health program
- Maine State Library Tele-Health program
- Preble Street Post-Vaccination Care Kits program

Maine Immunization Program provided an update on the anticipated Covid-19 vaccine for children under 5.

CDPHC’s next full council meeting is July 15, 2022

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

The CDPHC Executive Committee met on April 13th and May 9th.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Two new members were elected to the Council by electronic ballot in May: Katie Kerr of Mercy Hospital/Northern Light and Joseph Zamboni, Maine Office of Aging and Disability Services

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

Several long-time partners are moving to new positions, and will be missed: Jemma Penberthy left her position with Maine CDC PHN; Elizabeth Jackson will leave her position with Greater Portland Health; Tarlan Ahmadov will leave his position with Catholic Charities. Our CDPHC Vice-Chair, Inza Ouattara will move into the position of State Refugee Coordinator with Catholic Charities.

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<p>District Public Health Council Meetings</p>	
<p>March 18, 2022 – All virtual meeting; Zoom. Twenty-Nine attendees.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper Dive: Aging in Maine and Ageism: Jess Maurer, Maine Council on Aging • Redux: Climate and Health, Rebecca Lincoln, Maine CDC • District Planning: County Health Rankings and Maine Shared CHNA Data • District Updates: Prevention Services; Passamaquoddy Tribe; DEPHC Committees creating objectives; SCC Update, and Avian Influenza. 	
<p>May 20, 2022 – All virtual meeting; Zoom. Twenty-Five attendees.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper Dive: Mental health services for school-aged children: Lori Wilson, Community Health and Counseling Services; Clem Deveau, Aroostook Mental Health Center • Redux: Ageism • District Planning: Health Literacy Committee Creating Objectives • District Updates: Prevention Services; SCC Update; Passamaquoddy and Wabanaki Tribal Update. 	
<p>2022 Meetings: <i>Third Friday of month: January 21, March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18.</i></p>	
<p>Executive Committee Meetings</p>	
<p>April 15, 2022</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does committee work align with District Plan and County Data Priorities? • Communication Plan: how do we communicate and disseminate health information? • How do we focus district health planning that integrates all of the ‘health-related’ initiatives at the county and community level? 	
<p>2022 Meetings: <i>Third Friday of the month: February 18, April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, December 16</i></p>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Infrastructure Improvement Plan: using five existing district committees, align committee objectives with data indicators from Maine Shared CHNA and County Health Rankings into short (one to two year) and long (> five years) work plans. 	

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Progress with District Priorities:

- DEPHC Health Literacy Committee reviewed national reports to review national objectives and create three to four priorities.
- Healthy Aging Committee.
 - The Hancock County Triad Coalition is organized and meeting quarterly,
 - The Healthy Aging Committee will review state aging plans for priorities.
- DEPHC Cancer: Downeast Cancer Patient Navigation Committee continues to meet under specific objectives and plans to review state cancer plans for additional objectives.
- Palliative Care and Hospice Committee: planning listening session in Washington County; reviewing national palliative care clinical plan for possible district objectives.
- DEPHC Emergency Planning– DEPHC is collaborating monthly with the Washington County LEPC and Hancock County LEPC.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

- Membership Updates.
 - Quarterly review of membership; created new meeting agenda that also lists current member organizations and representative.
- Our Council Coordinator Maura Goss is leaving to become the field epidemiologist for Aroostook District. Thank you Maura for all your great work for Downeast.
- Communications:
 - District websites being managed to provide meeting information for Executive Committee and Council Members.
 - Newsletters: monthly newsletters are created to provide current health topic information and any district priorities.
 - Facebook is up to date and active.
 - Newspaper: Outreach to newspapers to post DEPHC meeting- Quoddy Tides, Machias Valley News Observer, Calais Advertiser and the Ellsworth American.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Multi-partner activities and supports around substance use, including treatment and recovery services, continue to grow and work toward reducing stigma and more importantly, striving to support individuals.

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<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and District Coordinating Council (DCC) meetings held since last SCC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The April 12th meeting featured discussions on the four main issues identified in the most recent Shared Community Health Needs Assessments: Social Determinants of Health, Mental Health, Substance and Alcohol Abuse, and Access to Care. Using IdeaBoardz, the group identified current gaps and resources in each county and next steps. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Steering committee is focusing on resources and needs addressed during the SCHNA forums. Vaccination efforts have also been a high priority within the District. 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID 19 response has been the highest priority for district members. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Becky Dinces retires in June and Mark Glovin has agreed to take over her position. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Via the newsletter and notes and resources publications, the Council has been providing regular updates on public health initiatives in the community as well as helping to promote COVID 19 vaccination efforts. 	



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District Coordinating Council Update



District: Penquis	Date: June 16, 2022
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and DCC (District Coordinating Council/Public Health Council) meetings held since last SCC (State Coordinating Council) meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The June 3 Council meeting spotlighted the Maine Working Communities Challenge. The Council invited representatives from the Greater Bangor, Katahdin Region, Lewiston-Auburn, Maine Highlands, Sagadahoc County, and Washington County & Passamaquoddy Tribe projects to share how their teams are working together to improve economic outcomes for all people in Maine’s towns, cities, and rural communities. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID 19 vaccination encouragement Housing, heating oil, and ongoing transportation needs/other SDOH initiatives Rising overdose rates and mental health supports Engagement of youth and workforce development needs, including the need for better broadband access Shared CHNA implementation 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID 19 response is the highest priority for district members. Shared CHNA reports also encouraged renewed efforts in social determinants of health, mental health, access to care, and substance and alcohol abuse. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incumbents were re-elected to their roles at the last council meeting. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Piscataquis and Penobscot County Shared CHNA data reports were released and encouraged renewed efforts in social determinants of health, mental health, access to care, and substance and alcohol abuse. 	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steering Committee members discuss vaccination clinic logistics and progress at every meeting. 	

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District Coordinating Council Update**

District: Western

June 16, 2022

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Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting:

DCC met on June 10, 2022. There was a membership overview to assess where the DCC is at with current membership and who needs to be included in future meetings. DCC collaborated on organizations and individuals to invite. DCC also discussed future priorities and focus of the DCC. There was discussion on using data from SCHNA and local CHIPs to assist with developing priorities. There was an overview presentation of the 10 Essential Public Health Services, and it was explained to the group that they may be invited to participate in the LPHSA to provide their expertise. Some areas of focus the DCC discussed working on were homelessness, mental health, and access to care. Given that there are so many new members to this group, in the fall the group may start convening bi-monthly. The group then did a round robin of member updates.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties all held virtual community forums to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment in November 2021. Since that time groups have been working with hospital partners to work on an implementation plan to address the findings of these forums. All of the counties are at various stages in this planning process and the DCC meeting will allow partners the opportunity to provide an update on where each county is in the process.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

This has been on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic/response.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

DCC Executive committee is fully staffed at this time.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Western district is currently working on a HRSA grant to reduce hesitancy and increase vaccination rates for COVID-19.

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

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District: York District

Date: 06/16/2022

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Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting:

The executive committee is meeting on a regular basis. Currently we are working to ensure readiness for conducting the Local Public Health Systems Assessment once further guidance from the state is finalized.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

None currently, council work on a hold pattern as work of ME CDC focuses on Covid-19 response, and local partners focus on covid work and regular prevention work.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Any planning activity will be based off of the Local Public Health Systems Assessment and Community Health Needs Assessment.

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Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

The Executive Committee is working with community partners to plan for the SHARED CHNA in September. More information to follow

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