



**Midcoast Public Health Council Steering Committee
Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2020
LincolnHealth Education Center, Damariscotta, Maine
DATED March 10, 2020**



Present: Cathy Kate Martin – Vice Chair, online- Connie Putnam, online- Melissa Fochesato, Julie Daigle, Marianne Pinkham, Christine Lyman, Susan Dupler, Rachael McCormick, Becky Dinces

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION(S)
Welcome/Introductions		
LPHSA 1. DL Updates 2. Participant List 3. Meeting Logistics (e.g., refreshments, equipment, etc.) 4. Next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drexell was unable to attend. • Julie provided some updates regarding planning progress for the meetings scheduled in the Midcoast PHD, and some information about how things had gone in other districts. • Participant list- Group discussed the categories and how to think about sector representatives and who to include. Suggestions not already on the list included some school health clinics. Weekly papers/media, libraries, law enforcement, safety net services like Meals on Wheels, island govts, medication access orgs, better selection of district staff (only PHNs attend the DCC meetings), YMCAs, faith communities, education, military, Rotary, youth orgs (Game Loft), The Landing Place, Coastal Weekly Women’s Midcoast Group, American Federation of Women, Restorative Justice groups, etc. • A lot of this information is already on the CHNA invitation list. CHNA list will be sent to Julie. • Bath is our urban area. • Discussion included the possibility of inviting more people than we actually want because not everyone will be able to attend. • Some organizations may really want to be present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julie will send invite list file to the SC members - CHNA list will get sent to Julie - Julie will pay attention to the organizations/counties on the LPHSA invitation list; they may need adjustment - Julie will reach out to Mary Turner about speaking at the June DCC meeting - Julie will follow up with policy recommendations for

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We may want to customize the language to provide a more robust/persuasive discussion about why our invitees have received the invite. • Part of the goal of the meetings is to bring all the system players together. • We should think about invitations specific to health equity organizations and health disparity organizations- LGBTQ, SES and ESL, race/ethnicity, veterans, aging, disability, homeless, civil rights teams, recovery population, agriculture/food insecurity, animal/human health. New Mainers is one. • Julie will send out the list in the afternoon; members will have until Thursday 8 am to update; another update will occur on Thursday and then it will be sent back out Thursday mid-day for a final check, with the finalized list sent out on Friday morning. • Important to avoid only having Route 1 orgs. 	<p>steering committee members, along with additional information as described in the notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kate may be contacted to provide a list of local food security efforts and contact information
<p>Planning for June 2020 Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. January 14 Meeting Evaluations 2. Speaker Suggestions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group decided to ask Mary Turner from GSFb to speak. Julie will reach out to her. mturner@gsfb.org • Other topics discussed included: Browntail moth and rabies and other vector- type illnesses. In particular who to go to to, how coordinate, what's the DCC members's role. Also tick-borne diseases. Some discussion about the browntail moth season having passed by then, and then that someone had just done a presentation about browntail moth in the district. • Risk communication came up as a possibility. How to do this effectively? This was a big part of the role of the HMPs. How do we encourage people in our communities to receive and get accurate information. It's important that people know about and trust a local source of information as being reliable, or they will turn elsewhere. This is happening already in some areas/organizations in the district- Belfast Area Council, Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission. Response to COVID 19 is/can be a model. For people who are self-quarantining- how do we support them? How do we take care of the elderly, who need daily assistance? What happens if we don't have enough hospital beds? Are the employers doing what they 	

	<p>need to be doing? Meals on Wheels delivers to 60 people- what do you do if drivers can't drive? What happens if supply chains are interrupted? What about people who need electricity for life-saving equipment?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just had Out Maine and MIYHS talk about youth results and risks. • There's a lot of work around food security happening in Knox, Waldo, and Lincoln County. In Lincoln County, there are two GSFb community developed strategies, intended to create transformation around food security. This year, the districts involved are Downeast, Waldo County (or Washington County?), and Lincoln County. Mary Turner may be able to speak to the group about GSFb/food security strategies. GSFb is also building an advocacy leadership program; working with people with lived experience to try to help them gain skills to be advocates. Also working with backpack programs and school pantries (Belfast schools have just started doing this). Small group of people delivering community food for children, partnering with Waldo CAP. Mobile summer meals; last year piloted a mobile unit drive to three rural (Lincoln county?) neighborhoods- USDA supported. Full plates full potential is also a source of funding/programming. This year, doing activities with LE, etc. Need is huge; try to highlight something going on locally, in particular, outside of the work that GSFb is doing. Gleaners- three different groups and some in Waldo; could discuss that groups are looking for volunteers. Kate could put together a list of local efforts with contact info. Normally have 50 minutes for a speaker. Mary could talk about Hunger Vital Signs initiatives. Could lead to additional presentations at another time. 	
<p>Administrative 1. Approve SC Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy recommendation is to identify and articulate a time frame in which follow up materials from a meeting are distributed. Agenda out a week a head of time. 	

2. Suggestions for meeting policy/policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide the SC members with a list of policy recommendations, along with some context- which are priorities? Which are optional? Which are mentioned elsewhere and where? 	
Sharing/Wrap-up/Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 11:56 am.	

Next Steering Committee Meeting: August 11, 2020
Next MPHCC Meeting: June 9, 2020