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Aroostook District Coordinating Council for Public Health (DCC)

Quarterly Meeting

May 5, 2021

9:00 am – 11:30am

Virtual Meeting

The mission of the Aroostook DCC is to be the district-wide representative body for collaborative public health infrastructure development in Aroostook County by:

- ensuring the effective and efficient delivery of the 10 EPHS in Aroostook County
- creating and sustaining partnerships and shared public health resources
- promoting county-wide collaboration in public health assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation;
- continually enhancing the quality of public health services provided

Minutes

In attendance: Abby Pooler, Aroostook Mental Health Center; Alain Bois, Northern Maine Medical Center; Bill Greaves, Houlton Band of Maliseets; Carol Bell, Community Member; Dawn Roberts, NL AR Gould; Desiree Chase, Hope & Justice Project; Dr. Rachel Albert, University of Maine, Fort Kent; Ed Molle, HCCME-North; Erik Lamoreau, Aroostook Mental Health Center; Gabe O'Brian, Maine Youth Action Network; Gina Brown, Houlton Regional Hospital; Heather Mazorow, Organizaion; Jason Parent, Aroostook County Action Program; John Dennis, Aroostook Band of Micmacs; Jonathan Cote, Decon Strike Team 1; Joy Barresi Saucier, Aroostook Agency on Aging; Kim Parent, Power of Prevention; Laura Turner, NL AR Gould Hospital; Leah Buck, NMCC & Northern Maine AHEC; Nichole Francis, Aroostook Band of Micmacs; Norman Fournier, Aroostook County Commissioner; Peter Johnson, Maine DEA; Sherry Locke, Aroostook County Action Program; Stacy Boucher, Maine CDC Aroostook District Lainson; Sue Bouchard, FRRH; Susan Corbitt, National Digital Equity Center; Tammy Hatch, PHN Supervisor Aroostook County; Trisha House, Aroostook County State Office Representative for Senator Collins; Maura Goss, Maine CDC

Minutes

Welcome – Dr. Rachael Albert, Chair

- Housekeeping

Presentation: Cultural Sensitivity

Presenter: John (S'an) Dennis, Cultural Coordinator, Aroostook Band of Micmacs

- [PowerPoint](#)
- Contact: jdennis@micmac-nsn.gov
- Discussion: (John, Stacy, Rachel & Erik)

District Operations Update

- **Aroostook Public Health Council.**
 - Discussion

ACTION: A formal electronic vote will be taken after the meeting to approve the name change.



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- **Review Minutes**
 - Meeting minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting were approved as written. Motion to approve, Norm. Seconded, Carol. No discussion. All in favor
- **Maine CDC Update.** Stacy
 - Aroostook Epidemiologist position open, coverage from other areas of the state
 - Shared Community Health Needs Assessment
 - Dates: November 3, 2021
 - Planning committee meeting monthly

ACTION: Please save this date on your calendar to attend.

- [Council Coordinator Update](#)

Presentation: National Digital Equity Center & Maine Digital Inclusion Initiative

Presenter: Susan Corbitt, National Digital Equity Center

- [PowerPoint](#)
- National Digital Equity Center's Website: <https://digitalequitycenter.org/>
- Contact: susan@digitalequitycenter.org
- Discussion: (Susan, Rachel, Joy, Stacy, Maura)

Current Digital Equity work happening in Aroostook

- Aroostook Agency on Aging, Joy
 - Coordinating with NDEC
 - iPad Lending Program, Friendly Volunteer Program – Friendly Techy Program

Committees

- **Healthy Aging Committee,** Joy
 - Meets monthly in a roundtable networking format
 - Age Friendly Communities Informational Session for May 13th
 - Fall: Age Friendly County work

ACTION: If you would like more information please contact Joy or Maura

- **PH Emergency Planning Committee,** Stacy
 - Routinely meet to discuss COVID-19 Vaccination efforts
 - FEMA MVU. Scheduled for Madawaska, First week in June with the J&J vaccine
 - Change: Loosening in Residency Requirement restrictions (Students & Seasonal)
 - Awaiting emergency use authorization for the Pfizer for 12 – 18-year old's
- **Homebound Vaccination Workgroup** Update, Tammy
 - Routinely meets to discuss the homebound populations and to identify and coordinate vaccinations of these groups
 - NL Homecare and Hospice doing the vaccinations
 - Prior to the J&J shut down 80 people vaccinated
 - They have begun to vaccinate again.



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- **COVID-19 Messaging Workgroup**, Sherry
 - Vaccine Equity Grant
 - [Aroostook County Vaccination Survey Link](#)
 - Marketing Campaign – Television, Social Media, Print
 - Campaign: Don't Wait, Vaccinate!

RoundTable Updates

Laura, NL AR Gould - Vaccines

- Vaccine Efforts
 - First in-school vaccination clinic at Washburn HS

Leah, AHEC

- Hosting 5 UNE Students are coming up and Leah is going to showcase the county -May 17th
ACTION: If you are interested in participation please reach out to Laura

Dawn, NL AR Gould – Community Health

- In March they did a four-week program in Easton that promoted Healthy Eating and Physical Activity
- Last week PI Rec partnership for Bike Safety Program and a Bike Rodeo last weekend
- This month they are doing Garden Kits again
- Historic PI Promenade and Picnic at the end of this month

Jason, ACAP

- ACAP is beginning the three-year Comprehensive Community Assessment 2021 process (Jamie Chandler head of this effort); Looking to coordinate with the SCHNA in 2024
- Extended Contract with Maine Housing to run the overflow shelter, local PI hotel – families and individuals – until the end of June
- Rental Assistance Program through Maine Housing is running (Rent and Utilities)

Sherry, ACAP

- Maine Housing joint award to Shaw House & ACAP – youth homeless demonstration project.
 - Prevention and a Housing First model (12 – 24 yrs. old)

Stacy, Maine CDC-Aroostook

- Thank you for vaccine related issues
 - Hebert Rexall – J&J & Support at a UMPI clinic at the end of this week.
 - Gina & HRH partnership with Aroostook County jail.

Trisha, State office Representative from Senator Collins

- Email address: Trisha_house@collins.senate.gov
- Offered federal level support



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Maine Prevention Services Updates

- [Aroostook MPS Obesity Y5Q1](#)
- [Statewide Data MPS Tobacco 2020](#)

Motion to adjourn – Heather, motion, Norm, seconded. Meeting Adjourn.

Next Meeting - **Wednesday, May 5, 2021.**



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