



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Project Update

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Template updated 03/2023

District: Aroostook	Date: June 14, 2023
** Division of Public Health Systems: District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics	
Agendas and minutes available on district's webpage: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district8/council-main.shtml Aroostook Public Health Council quarterly meeting: Wednesday May 3, 2023	
Topic: Hospice – An Option for Care at End OF Life	
Guest Presenter(s): Dr. David Jones, MD , Northern Light Health Homecare and Hospice & Hospice Medical Director	
Topic: Wastewater Surveillance in Aroostook County and Maine	
Guest Presenter: Yolanda M. Brooks, PhD , Wastewater Surveillance Epidemiologist, Maine Center for Disease Control	
➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: August 2, 2023 • Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: July 18, 2023 – Caregiver Support virtual mini-forum • Next Public Health Emergency Planning Committee Meeting: July 6, 2023 	
Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:	
➤ LPHSA report compilation; foundational prioritization work	
Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:	
➤ LHO mold training conducted. Recording and corresponding information will get posted to site	
➤ In process of recruiting Public Health Educator III position	
In-district or multi-district collaborations:	
➤ The Aroostook Agency on Aging received a Maine Rural Community Health Partnership Grant to act as the convener for the Aroostook Health Partnership, a newly formed effort to bring all county stakeholders together to plan how we can better address unmet social needs	
➤ Aroostook EMA sponsored Emergency Operations Plans for Rural Jurisdictions training	

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<p>** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program</p>
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues: ➤ https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/data.shtml Aroostook District has the highest case rate of COVID-19 per 10K people – cumulative data</p> <p>Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)</p>
<p>** Division of Public Health Nursing</p>
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ PHN successfully recruited and hired 3 new public health nurses for Aroostook District. Anticipated start dates last week of June through beginning of July</p>
<p>** Division of Environmental and Community Health: Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program</p>
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drinking Water is working to address an existing gap in laboratory coverage in Aroostook, particularly relating to environmental testing. Water samples get rejected by HETL with some regularity because they do not arrive within specified timeframes. And it is frequently not feasible to get them there sooner due to transport times and other constraints. Working with a local lab to increase options ➤ Drinking Water and Health Inspections will be conducting a joint inspection of a considerably remote North Woods sporting camp in the coming week ➤ Search has begun to find a drinking water engineer to fill anticipated vacancy post retirement. The position may or may not be physically located in Aroostook going forward ➤ Partnered with Aroostook EMA to conduct focus groups with District stakeholders regarding Extreme Temperature planning
<p>Division of Disease Prevention: Maternal Child Health Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Tobacco & Substance Use Prevention and Control, Women, Infants and Children</p>
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues: ➤ Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during April 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lion’s Quest curriculum delivered by ACAP to elementary schools in Hodgdon and Easton

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- Teen Center opened in Presque Isle resulting from Youth Engagement work conducted by ACAP
- Power of Prevention completed impairment training with the Boys and Girls Clubs; Prime for Life trainings at Fort Kent Community School and Wisdom; On-Premise Responsible Beverage Server training in Fort Fairfield; Narcan training to EMT class at Caribou Tech; and provided sharps containers to the MicMac Health Department

Maine CDC Administration: CDC Operations, Medical Epidemiology, Communications, Office of Health Equity

Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- The Office of Public Health Equity has identified Mano en Mano (Hand in Hand) as the community resiliency partner for Aroostook District and Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness as the community resiliency partner for the Tribal Public Health District

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District: Central	Date: June 15, 2023
<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 This quarter, the District Coordinating Council (DCC) met on April 27 in-person (19 attendees, low turnout for us) where we heard updates from our district Field Epidemiologist, PHN Supervisor, SCC Representative, workgroup Chairs, Maine CDC Oral Health, and meeting attendees. Matt L’Italien from Somerset Public Health brought copies of the new Maine Prevention Network (MPN) Contract strategies for their work in the district, and discussed adding the Advisory Board required in their contract as a new committee of the DCC. Maija Dyke and Courtney Roderick from Healthy Living for ME® then presented on the new Rural Community Health Improvement Partnership Grant (R-CHIP) and Project to plan for better meeting and coordinating health-related social needs in the district. KCEMA highlighted CPR training now available to schedule through their office.</p>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues: Avian Influenza; Browntail Moth; DCC membership updates; District Oral Health Profile; Community Health Improvement Plan information and support; new Maine Prevention Network contract implementation consultation; PPE and testing supplies navigation; vaccination clinic, appointment, and transportation assistance; assistance for and connection to organizations providing basic needs and resources; PFAS and lead testing and remediation assistance. Harm Reduction capacity building, and Naloxone distribution support. Increasing housing and utility needs.</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. ▶ Vaccination Coordination Workgroup has met monthly to address district needs and coordinate efforts ▶ District Oral Health Profile started by Partnership for Children’s Oral Health <p><i>Successes achieved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The ACEs-Resilience (now PCEs) Workgroup members are working on school and community supports for trauma and recovery, evaluating available tools, and collaborating on training <p><i>Barriers encountered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Large amount of turnover in staffing at many organizations. ▶ End of financial supports due to federal funding running out and end of declared emergency in May 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership: Updating Workgroup charges and membership for 2023; considering addition of Maine Prevention Network (MPN) Contract Advisory Board</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations: Rural Community Health Improvement Partnership (R-CHIP) grant awarded to Spectrum Generations; COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination and testing information and assistance; COVID-19 response and prevention/basic needs assistance for organizations serving vulnerable populations; EMS service and non-profit organization testing assistance; transportation assistance; HRSA grant collaborations; Avian Influenza, PFAS, rabies, and browntail moth information and workshops.</p>	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: Pressing district needs right now for affordable housing, including recovery/supported housing, heating/utility assistance, and transportation services; along with respiratory illness prevention and supports for essential workers and their families.</p>	

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**Statewide Coordinating Council for Cumberland District
Public Health Council Update**



District: Cumberland

Date: 06/2023

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

January:

CDPHC met on January 20th, 2023 with thirty-eight participants. **Dr. Brendan Prast, Marin Johnson, and Dr. Christina Holt** represented the **Project ECHO** team of **MaineHealth**, presenting a 15-minute-long pre-recorded presentation by **Dr. Nadi Nina Kaonga**, PGY-4, MMC Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, PGY-4, addressing maternal, newborn and child health concerns specifically highlighting the lived circumstances of immigrants and BIPOC persons, and its impact on pregnancy-related health, the importance of cultural sensitivity, and the role of the Community Health Workers (CHWs). **Grace Lapika**, a Community Health Worker, followed up with a case-study of an immigrant to Maine's journey, and the challenges she faces regarding health for herself and her family- with a focus on the critical role of Community Health Workers in addressing these.

March:

The CDPHC met on March 17th, 2023 with thirty-two participants. Our scheduled speaker, **Catholic Charities' State Refugee Health Coordinator, Danielle Rodriguez** did not attend the meeting, and so the time was used for partner updates and then an early adjournment. **Emilee Winn Caradonna** has accepted a role of Public Health Educator for York within Maine CDC, and was thanked for her many years of service as Council Coordinator. **Leesah Patt** was introduced as Cumberland District Public Health Educator with Maine CDC, and will work to support the Maine CDC Public Health Unit, CDPHC, and external partners, on a range of public health issues.

May:

CDPHC met on May 19th, 2023 with forty participants. Recent graduates of the **Hanley Center for Health Leadership XVI** cohort presented a final project, that focused on increasing access to doula care, for better birthing outcomes and greater health equity in Maine. Group project participants were: **Christina Booth** (Stephens Memorial Hospital), **Kristine Jenkins** (Maine CDC), **Dr. Grace Price** (Maine Medical Center), **Jennifer Patterson** (Maine DHHS/MaineCare), and **Lauren Stevens** (Wabanaki Public Health). **Leesah Patt**, Public Health Educator, presented a working document of the Maine CDC organizational structure, as part of what will be on-going efforts to illustrate and explain the State public health infrastructure, and will be incorporated into our periodic CDPHC new member (and others) orientation presentations. **Alfredo Vergara** reported that Portland Public Health has completed health screenings at the Expo with approximately 309 people receiving screenings. 159 people have been vaccinated, with a total of 336 vaccines administered.

The next CDPHC meeting is July 21, 2023 from 10am-2pm, likely hybrid, location tbd

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

-CDPHC working group established on public health threats related to housing crisis in Cumberland District created a position paper, which was approved at the January meeting.

- At 5/19 meeting, it was suggested that the CDPHC establish a data sub-group, based on input shared by stakeholders during the Local Public Health Systems Assessment (final report forthcoming)

Maine CDC Cumberland Public Health Unit Updates:

- Public Health Educator for Cumberland District, Leesah Patt joined the public health unit on 2/22/23
- The MeCDC Cumberland District Public Health Unit** toured the new Homeless Services Center in Portland on 3/27. 7 members of the PHU attended, including staff from **Infectious Disease Division, Drinking Water Program, Public Health Nursing, the Disease Intervention Specialist, the District Liaison, and Public Health Educator**
- Public Health Nursing** has completed childhood catch-up vaccination clinics in Brunswick; have continued Maternal Child Health visits; responded to TB cases, including one active case amongst unhoused youth; and provided Varicella vaccinations at the Cumberland County Jail, in response to a confirmed case amongst the incarcerated population.
- Health Inspections** will have 6 inspectors, plus 2 administrators, and the DL, present at the 2023 Villain Arts Conference in Portland on 6/16. Nearly 200 tattoo artists will undergo inspections with the Maine CDC team at the event.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

New CDPHC members **Alfredo Vergara, Barbara Hanley, and Andrew Volkens** were added in March. **Andrew Volkens** joined the Executive Committee in May, and **Naomi Schucker** stepped down.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Maine CDC convened a stakeholder group to assist Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition with organizing health screenings for the 72 people staying at the shelter they run at the Portland Salvation Army. Mercy Hospital will conduct the screenings, assisted by Dr. Heidi Larson, and with supplies from MaineHealth.
- Initial work for the next round of the Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment has begun

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

Nearly 800 persons housed in hotels as emergency shelter in greater Portland area hotels are facing eviction as of June 30th.

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District: Downeast **Date: June 15, 2023**

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District Public Health Council Meetings

March 17, 2023: meeting was virtual via zoom and had nineteen (19) attendees.

- Deeper Dive: Maine Integrated Youth Survey, Korey Pow Haggerty, Maine CDC
- Approved 2023 Executive Committee Slate
- Maine 2022-2023 Legislative Update, Becca Boulos, Maine Public Health Association
- Behavioral Health Research Project Update, Lois-Ann Kuntz, University of Maine Machias
- District Planning: Priorities, Metrics, Mapping Organization Work.

May 19, 2023: meeting was hybrid via zoom and at Eagle Hill Institute, Steuben and had thirty-nine (38) attendees (14 in person and 24 virtual)

- Deeper Dive: Annual Infectious Disease Report, Maura Lockwood, Maine CDC
- Emergency Management-Severe Summer Storm Planning, Andrew Sankey, Hancock EMA
- District Infrastructure Plan: data types, mapping organizations to committees..

Executive Committee Meetings

April 21, 2023: meeting was hybrid via zoom and at Eagle Hill Institute, Steuben

- Start meeting with Vision and Mission of DEPHC
- Introduce new Executive Committee Members
- Assessment of Washington County Maternal and Child Health Project
- New Council Meeting Format for May, July, September, and November Meetings
- More participation in district planning through mapping of organizational work
- Discuss deeper dive topics for rest of 2023 council meetings.

Downeast Public Health Council 2023 Meetings	Downeast PHC Executive Committee 2023 Meetings
Friday, January 20, 2023	Friday, February 17, 2023
Friday, March 17, 2023	Friday, April 21, 2023
Friday, May 19, 2023	Friday, June 16, 2023
Friday, July 21, 2023	Friday, August 18, 2023
Friday, September 15, 2023	Friday, October 20, 2023
Friday, November 17, 2023	Friday, December 15, 2023

Downeast District

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Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:

- Maternal and Child Health System Assessment: bring partners together in Washington County to assess existing work and discuss how to improve and collaborate on services.

Progress with District Priorities:

- District Infrastructure Improvement Plan process is considering data sources, mapping member organizations to district priorities and committees, developing short- and long-term objectives (2030), and linking to statewide measures and initiatives.
- Data sources include Shared Community Health Needs Assessment, Local Public Health Systems Assessment, and County Health Rankings.
- Existing district committees include Health Literacy , Healthy Aging and HC Triad, Cancer, Palliative Care and Hospice, and DEPHC Emergency Preparedness

Structural and Operational Changes

- Membership Updates: Ongoing membership updates
- Communications: Public Health Educator and Council Coordinator are updating Communications Plan and evaluating how district messaging and communications are disseminated and utilized by district partners.
- New council meeting format focusing on infrastructure planning and committee work

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Substance Use (opioids) treatment centers, recovery homes and resource centers have provided benefits to the population needing these supports.
- Poverty: Washington County multi-partner project on reducing child poverty by 2030.
- Food Security: using the End Hunger by 2030 Plan, multiple partners in Washington County mapping out food security resources and gaps at the community and regional levels.
- Housing: ongoing discussions about affordable housing shortages and suggested temporary housing and warming centers during winter for those in need.

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District Coordinating Council Update



District: Midcoast	Date: June 15 th , 2023
<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 11th, Midcoast Public Health Council (MPHC) meeting featured a presentation by Melissa Fochesato, who gave an overview of the Maine Prevention Network’s (MPN) plan for the Midcoast District. Our second presentation was from Karyn Butts, Manager of Maine CDC’s Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Unit. Karyn shared data that showed increased pediatric lead screening and testing in the District attributable, in part, to a collaboration by the Council’s Childhood Lead Committee with District hospitals and practice partners. The Social Determinants of Health, Access to Care, and Mental Health workgroups within the MPHC were given time to go into breakout rooms and meet with attendees, give updates on goals and objectives, and discuss other projects and opportunities. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maine CDC staff are in-process of completing the Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA) reports. 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Committees will continue to meet and work on strategies for Social Determinants of Health, Access to Care, and Mental Health priorities. Goals and objectives for the priorities were approved at the November 15, 2022, MPHC meeting. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MPHC Steering Committee reviewed its membership and will be making recommendations for additional members. The annual elections process begins each August with the MPHC Steering Committee’s membership crosswalk and call for candidates. 	
<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. 	



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District Coordinating Council Update



District: Penquis	Date: June 15, 2023
<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 2nd meeting featured a presentation from Hillary Starbird from Northern Light Mayo on the Piscataquis County Positive Action Team. Maine CDC’s Rebecca Lincoln reported on Maine weather tracking systems and heat safety awareness. • Jamie Comstock from Bangor Public Health gave a Maine Prevention Network update and their goals for their new funding. • Matt Donahue was confirmed as the Penquis District SCC representative. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Public Health System Assessments reports are currently underway. • 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"> • SCHNA reports 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"> • New members are added to the council on an ongoing basis. • Currently recruiting for new Steering Committee members. 	
<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. • The Local Public Health System Assessments are due to be released this summer. 	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee members discuss new concerns and progress at monthly meetings. 	

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District: Western District

Date: 06/15/2023

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

The DCC executive committee met and has completed the LPHSA.

2023 Meetings: Full Council Meetings have been scheduled through the rest of the calendar year. Ongoing efforts to increase representation from organizations in the district.

Steering Committee Meetings: The Steering Committee has a meeting next week. Solidifying dissemination plan and structure for upcoming newly developed quarterly newsletter.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Steering Committee is actively engaged in the future of the Council.

Action group around youth mental health/suicide rates among young females is in effect.

Developing a district newsletter. (phase: planning/logistics.)

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

There are no subcommittees at this time.

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Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Looking to hire a PHE III to support this district work. Interviewing in near future.

Steering Committee Officers:

Chair: Leeanna Lavoie, *Healthy Community Coalition*

Vice Chair: Lindsay Gannon, *Healthy Androscoggin*

Statewide Coordinating Council Representative: Corrie Brown, *Healthy Androscoggin*

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

None at this time.

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

The DCC encourages SCC members to check out all our local partners webpages and subscribe to their newsletters, as there are many things happening within the district.

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

The DCC executive committee continues to meet and will be looking to expand on the findings of the Local Public Health Systems Assessment. The DCC will also work to formalize meeting structure and incorporate the work of the Maine Prevention Network.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

The council held a full meeting on June 12th focusing on the arrival of Refugees, Asylum Seekers, or Immigrants to York County. What towns and organizations can expect and what they can do to prepare. The council was fortunate to have Eden Silverthorne from the Maine Center for Disease Control and Preventions Office of Population Health Equity as well as Mufalo Chitam Director of Maine Immigrants Rights Coalition. This was a timely meeting based on the arrivals of new families in York County Maine. The Council will continue to work to meet the public health challenges of York County.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

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The district continues to welcome new interested parties to the council.

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