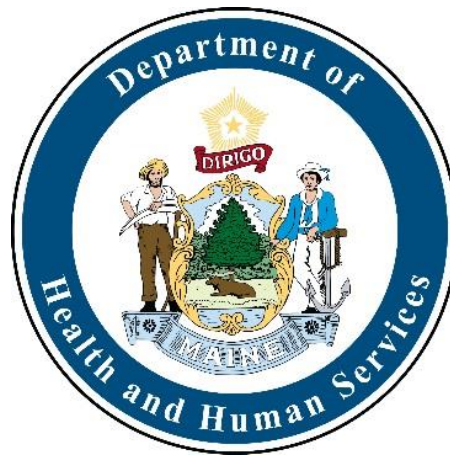


Preventive Health and Health Services
Block Grant
Advisory Committee (SCC)
December 18, 2025



Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Background

The PHHS Block Grant (Block Grant) provides:

- “Critically needed, flexible funding”
- “To address the unique preventative health needs”
- Linked to Healthy People 2030 objectives

Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Funding levels

- Non-competitive allocation to each state, plus territories and DC.
- Authorized in final federal budget.
 - Last year “F2024” ending 9/30/25: \$1,603,638
 - Current year “F2025” ending 9/30/25: \$1,603,638
 - F2026 funding is uncertain (in Senate bills, not in President’s budget or the House bill)

Note that this is a two-year grant and funding is spent in the second year.

F2024 spending

- Due to significant staff vacancies, we have some funds unspent for 2024
 - Appropriate expenses from our State funding have been transferred to the PHHS BG.
 - Approximately \$169,000 will not be spent (10.5%).

F2024 reporting - Accreditation

- PHAB feedback received.
 - 11 measures were “reopened” with requests for further documentation.
 - MCDC leadership opted for a further extension that was offered by PHAB.
- Internal performance management dashboard was developed.
- These activities are shifting to the Public Health Infrastructure Grant as of October 2025.

F2024 reporting - Informatics

- PHHS BG supported data systems for both internal and external use:
 - The Local Health Officers Registration Information System.
 - Health Inspection Program's Information System
 - Maine CDC's HR database.
 - HETL's financial information systems
 - The Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment dashboard
 - Data analyses for Health disparities.
 - Also supported TB epidemiology (contracted staff)
- These activities are shifting to the Public Health Infrastructure Grant as of October 2025.

F2024 reporting – Sexual Assault Prevention & Response

- Support for Survivors
 - 916 served with BG and other funds in the Western District
- Prevention:
 - 5165 students received sexual violence prevention education.
(94% of annual goal).
- The above activities are only partially funded via the PHHS BG
- In 2025, there will be a narrowed focus that we hope will allow for greater accountability of the use of PHHS BG funds.

F2024 reporting – Violence Prevention

- One out of three staff hired during the project period (started in September)
- Data hub planning is underway, with data sources identified and a platform identified.
- Firearm safety education work still not
- Ongoing work is shifting to the Public Health Infrastructure Grant as of October 2025.

F2024 reporting – Maine CDC Health and Safety

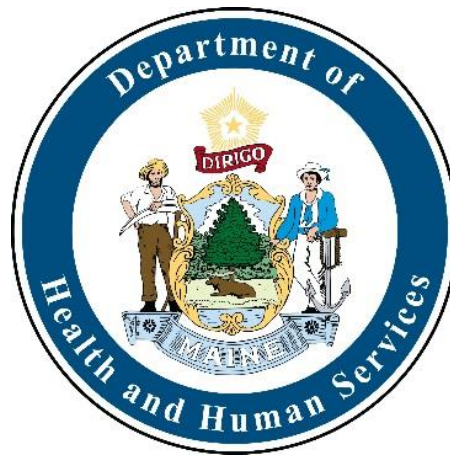
- Emergency Action Plans for Maine CDC facilities are in development
- Job activity-related hazards planning has been completed for field staff
- Facilities are general managed by DAFS, which has increased the complexity of planning and response to facility issues.
- All HETL safety manuals have been updated.
- HETL facility deficiencies identified in assessments have been addressed.
- Health and safety events are being addressed in a timely manner.
- Ongoing work is shifting to the Public Health Infrastructure Grant as of October 2025.

Questions?

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State Health Improvement Plan Implementation December 18, 2025



Selective Implementation

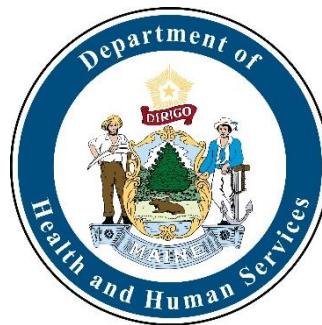
- Based on:
 - available resources/champions
 - Assessment of “value added”
- Access to Care Action Team
 - led by the Maine CDC Diabetes Program
- NEW goal on Health Equity
 - Led by the Maine CDC Health Equity Advisory Council

2026 Implementation

- Continue:
 - Access to Care Action Team
 - Development of Health Equity objectives and strategies and some implementation
- Initial meetings of key stakeholders in early 2026 for the other goals to determine next steps.
 - Substance Use
 - Mental Health
 - Housing

SHIP Access to Care Action Team

December 18, 2025



Background on Maine CDC's Diabetes Program

- Aims to reduce death, disability, and healthcare costs associated with diabetes in Maine by improving access, enrollment, retention in diabetes prevention, care and self-management programs.
- Funded by cooperative agreement with USCDC ([DP23-2320](#)).
- Required to spearhead a project that focuses on addressing upstream SDOH barriers for individuals living with or at risk for diabetes.
- DPCP has aligned its SDOH project with the SHIP Access to Care Priority Area and is providing support with convening an Action Team

Action Team Purpose & Scope

Purpose: Identify and implement collaboration activities that add value to programs and initiatives that improve access to care.

In-Scope:

- Identify current and planned programs and initiatives that increase access to care.
- Provide guidance and/or resources that amplify programs and initiatives aimed at increasing access to care.

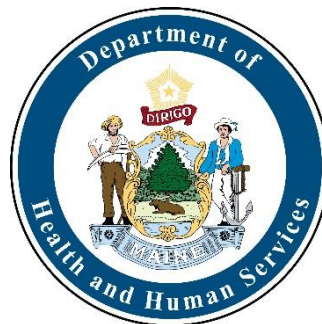
Out of Scope: Funding programs or initiatives.

Steps (taken and coming)

- Created an inventory of initiatives and programs focused on improving access to care through integration of public health, health care and community-based organizations
- We welcome your feedback!
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/542cf1c5e0974a0e9de69d35d25dfb9b>
- Next: Maine CDC Diabetes Program is creating project proposal for improving access to diabetes care through integration of primary care and community paramedicine
 - To present proposal to Action Team in January

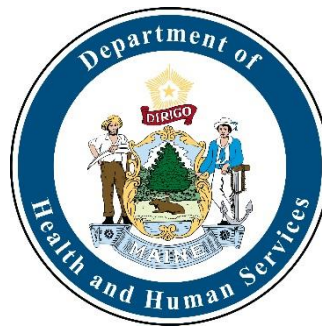
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Health Equity Advisory Council & SHIP Goal 5

December 18, 2025



Health Equity Advisory Council (HEAC)

- The HEAC was launched as a 2-year pilot initiative in August 2022 as part of a set of efforts led by the Maine CDC Division of Population Health Equity (DPHE) to advance health equity across Maine.
- The Council seeks to ensure that DPHE's programming and strategy are responsive to community needs, with an explicit focus on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color ("BIPOC") communities.
- The Council's current and future work prioritizes integrating a health equity focus into the State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP).

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HEAC & SHIP

- **April 2025:** HEAC drafted a *proposed* SHIP Goal 5 with 4 objectives to be integrated into the SHIP and ensure that Maine has an infrastructure to advance health equity for communities of color that centers their experiences.
- **May 2025:** HEAC presented proposed goal and objectives to Nancy Birkhimer, who expressed support.
- **June 2025:** HEAC accepted Dr. Va and Nancy Birkhimer's proposed vision that:
 1. HEAC formalizes Goal #5 as a Racial Health Equity goal and develops S.M.A.R.T. strategies to accompany each objective.
 2. HEAC serves as an advisory body to other SHIP working groups to operationalize other SHIP priority areas is considerate of all priority populations in Maine.

HEAC & SHIP: Past, Present & Future

- **June 2025 – present:**
 - HEAC has established (5) S.M.A.R.T. strategies for SHIP Goal 5, Objective 1 and continues to work towards establishing strategies for Objectives 2 – 4.
 - HEAC has had introductory engagement with SHIP Access to Care Action Group.
 - HEAC has developed “Accountability Tracker” to monitor progress related to SHIP and other priority areas.
- **2026 and beyond:** HEAC work will center around SHIP Goal 5 and include increased engagement with programs across Maine CDC.

Proposed SHIP Goal 5

GOAL 5: Maine has an infrastructure to advance health equity for communities of color that centers their experiences.

The HEAC has developed 4 Objectives to accompany Goal 5 and has finalized 5 strategies to accompany Objective 1. The HEAC is in the process of developing strategies for remaining Objectives 2-4.

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