



**Downeast Public Health Council  
January 16, 2026  
10:00 am to 12:00 pm**



Zoom: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82876412360?pwd=3LKtULhHasZxVUGTtheiDlnKSnXclk.1>  
Meeting ID: 828 7641 2360 Passcode: 69514447

**Agenda**

**Executive Committee  
2026**

**Angela Fochesato, Chair**  
Executive Director,  
*Beth C. Wright Cancer Center*

**Tracy Parker, Vice Chair**  
Nurse Care Manager  
*CHCS-ACFS Behavioral Health Home Program*

**Maria Donahue, SCC Rep**  
Community Health Director  
*Healthy Acadia*

**Helen Burlock**  
Maine Hospice Council  
*President*

**Andrew Sankey**  
Director  
*Hancock County Emergency Management Agency*

**Alfred May**  
District Liaison  
*Maine CDC*

**Kawther Mohamed**  
Public Health Educator  
*Maine CDC*

**Mission: Promote the health of all our communities by providing public health information, coordination, collaboration, and advocacy**

10:00	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Angela Fochesato, Chair
10:05	<b>Council Business/Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minutes of November 21, 2025 Meeting</li> <li>Public Health Educator Report</li> <li>Executive Committee Recruitment/Nominations</li> </ul>
10:15	<b>Home Care &amp; Hospice Services in Downeast</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief Presentations                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NL Home Care and Hospice</li> <li>Hospice Volunteers of Hancock County</li> <li>Mount Desert Nursing Association</li> <li>Community Health and Counseling Services</li> <li>Down East Hospice Volunteers of Washington County</li> <li>Sunrise County Home Care (RMCL)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Facilitated Discussion</li> <li>DEPHC Older Adult Health and Safety Committee Objectives</li> </ul>
11:30	<b>DEPHC Infrastructure Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Finalized Committee Work Plans</li> <li>Recruit Partners to Support Committee Work</li> <li>Determine Committee Meeting Schedule</li> </ul>
11:55	<b>Action Steps</b>
12:00	<b>Adjourn</b>

<b>January 16</b>	<b>March 20</b>	<b>May 15</b>
<b>July 17</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>November 20</b>

**Current DEPHC Membership (2025)**

<b>Organizations</b>		
Aroostook Mental Health Center	Eastport Healthcare	
Beth C. Wright Cancer Center	Emergency Medical Services – HC & HC	Mano en Mano
Brookline FD	Hancock County Emergency Management Agency	Medical Care Development
Bucksport Bay Healthy Communities	Hancock County Planning Commission	Mount Desert Island Hospital
Bucksport Regional Health Center	Harrington Family Health Center	Next Step Domestic Violence Project
Calais Community Hospital	Healthy Acadia	Northern Light Blue Hill & Maine Coast Hospital
Caring Hands of Maine	Healthy Equity Alliance (Downeast AIDS Network)	Public Health Liaison for the Wabanaki Tribes
CHCS/Home Care and Hospice	Healthy Peninsula	Regional Medical Center at Lubec
CHCS/Homeless Response Service	Jackson Lab	School District HC
Community Caring Collaborative	LOCAL Health Officer/City of Ellsworth	School District WC
Community Health and Counseling Services (CHCS)/ Behavioral Health	LOCAL Health Officer/City of Calais	St. Croix Regional Family Health Center
Down East Community Hospital	Maine CDC	Sunrise County Economic Council
Downeast Coastal Conservatory	Maine CDC Field Epidemiology	United Way of Eastern Maine
Eastern Area Agency on Aging	Maine CDC - Public Health Nursing	Washington County Community College
East Grand Health Center	Maine Hospice Council	Washington County Council of Governments
	Maine Mobile Health Program	Washington County Emergency Management Agency
Eastern Maine Development Corporation	Maine Youth Action Network	

**Interested Parties (2025)**

<b>Organizations</b>	
Tri-County CAP (Downeast Community Partners)	Maine Seacoast Mission
Strategic Wisdom Partners	University of Maine- Machias
Northern Light Hospital System	