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Penquis Public Health Council Meeting

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Wednesday, May 13th, 2026
Penquis CAP
262 Harlow St, Bangor, ME 04401
9am – 11am
[Zoom](#) option available

Rebecca Boulos, Executive Director, ME Public Health; **Jane Danforth**, Director of Grants, Community Wellness, Regional Hospital; **Matt Donahue**, CEO, Heart of Maine; **Roxane Dubay**, Bangor Public Health, Tobacco Prevention and Treatment Specialist; **Jaeme Duggan**; **Jessica Fogg**, DL, Maine CDC; **Diana Furnkawa**, Dir. Governance Administration, Heart of Maine; **Cynthia Grass**, Supervisor, PHN, Maine CDC; **Nicole Hammar**, Mgr Community Health Improvement, Northern Light Health; **Jen Laferte-Carlson**, Community Health Mgr, NL Acadia; **James Markiewicz**, Director, Division of Public Health Systems; **Colleen McCorkell**, Public Health Nurse, Maine CDC; **Sue McAndrews**, Facilitator, Helping Hands; **Stacie Poulin**, Field Epidemiologist, Maine CDC; **Rachel Robbins**, PHE III, Maine CDC; **Brittany Schappach**, Entomologist, Maine Forest Service; **Jess Taylor**, Sr. Director Population Health, St. Joseph's Healthcare; **Georgia Underwood**, Recovery Wellness Community Center, Sangerville ME Piscataquis County; **Heidi Warman**, Katahdin Valley Health Center; **Jessica Whittsell**, Disease Intervention Specialist, Maine CDC

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Jennifer Laferte Carlson.

Public Health Priorities Presentation

Rebecca Boulos and/or Matt Wellington from the Maine Public Health Association provided an overview of recent legislative activity impacting public health in Maine. Discussion included current public health priorities, efforts to protect public health programs and funding, and opportunities for civic engagement.

Browntail Moth Presentation

Brittany Schappach, Entomologist with the Maine Forest Service, presented information on browntail moth biology, life cycle, identification, and evidence-based management strategies. The presentation also addressed environmental management approaches and common misconceptions related to browntail moth control.

Tickborne Disease Presentation

Stacie Poulin, Field Epidemiologist with Maine CDC, provided an overview of ticks and tickborne diseases in Maine. Topics included tick populations, disease trends, public health implications, at-risk populations, prevention strategies, and tick bite safety recommendations.

Member Updates

Council members shared updates and announcements.

ALICE summit – June Machias

Maternal Mobile Health - Penquis region.

These free events will offer support, resources, and supplies for families with infants and young children.

Families can access free diapers, car seats screenings, and connections to local services, including Public Health Nursing, Help Me Grow, MaineCare and SNAP support, the Penquis Prevention Council, and other community resources.

Dover-Foxcroft

Location: Thompson Free Library, 186 E. Main Street

Date: Wednesday, May 27

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Lincoln

Location: Lincoln Memorial Library, 21 W. Broadway

Date: Thursday, May 28

Time: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- August 5, 2026
- November 4, 2026

Notes:

Becca –Members want to hear more about adult use vs medical use. Bring back Becca for a future meeting.