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**Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health Meeting
Minutes March 20, 2025
Held Virtually on Zoom
9:00am – 11:30am**

Attendees:

Seat	Roll Call	Name	Organization	Representing
1	X	Betsy Kelly	Southern Maine Health Care	York District
2	X	Courtney Kennedy	Good Shepherd Food Bank	Cumberland District
3	X	Corrie Brown	Healthy Androscoggin	Western District
4	X	Chris Lyman	Mid Coast Hospital	Mid Coast District
5	X	Denise Delorie	Mid Maine Substance Use Prevention	Central District
6		Matt Donahue	United Way	Penquis District
7	X (Alternate – Angela Fochesato)	Maria Donahue	Healthy Acadia	Downeast District
8	X	Sue Bouchard	Fish River Rural Health	Aroostook District
9	X	James Markiewicz	Maine CDC	State Government
10		Vacant		DHHS
11	X	Emily Poland	Maine Department of Education	Department of Education
12		Vacant	Department of Environmental Protection	DEP
13		Vacant	Waynflete School	Essential Public Health Services
14	X	Heather Drake	SCHNA	Essential Public Health Services
15		Vacant	University of Maine	Essential Public Health Services
16		Susan Kring	Maine Medical Association	Essential Public Health Services
17		Becky Bell	In Her Presence	Essential Public Health Services
18		Vacant		Essential Public Health Services
19	X	Sue Mackey-Andrews	Helping Hands with Heart	Essential Public Health Services
20	X	Joanne LeBrun	Tri County EMS	Essential Public Health Services
21		Vacant		Essential Public Health Services
22		Leona Alvarado	Tribal Liaison	Tribal District
23	X	Bethany Sanborn	Maine Health	Essential Public Health Services

Attending Members: 13; Attending by Phone 0: Zoom: 13; Planned Absent: 1; Absent: 4; Vacant Seat: 6; Abstaining: 0, Total Council Makeup: 18

Total Voting Members Attending: 13 out of 18 = 72%. Simple majority is defined as quorum. Quorum Achieved

Interested Parties and Stakeholders:

Adam Hartwig	Maine CDC
Al May	Maine CDC
Andrew Finch	Maine CDC
Allison Harvell	Maine CDC
Bill Jenkins	Maine CDC
Blair Tinkham	Maine CDC
Courtney Wall	Maine CDC
Dan Dent	Maine CDC
Drexell White	Maine CDC
Emilee Caradonna	Maine CDC
Isaac Benowitz	Maine CDC
Jen Gunderman	Bangor Public Health and Community Services
Jennifer Jamison	Maine CDC
Jessica Fogg	Maine CDC
Kate Martin	MCD Public Health
Kawther Mohamed	Maine CDC
Lane Simsarian	Maine CDC
Lauren Gauthier	Maine CDC
Lindsey O'Hara	Maine CDC
Meghan Richards	Maine CDC
Nancy Birkhimer	Maine CDC
Paula Thomson	Maine CDC
Rachel Robbins	Maine CDC
Sally Weiss	Maine Hospital Association
Stacy Boucher	Maine CDC
Yvonne Jonk	Maine Rural Health Research Center

Meeting Minutes

MEETING NOTES: James Markiewicz chaired and facilitated the meeting.		
Agenda:	Discussion:	Actions/Resources:
Federal and State Governance Update (Dr. Puthiery Va, Director)	<p>SCC Moving Forward –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we drive our priorities as a state? Priorities are shifting on the federal level, making government smaller and shifting responsibilities to the states. For example, domestic travel guidelines are determined by states. • The SCC will potentially be used as a resource as we determine guidelines moving forward. 	
Welcome (James Markiewicz)	<p>James welcomed the participants and shared an overview of the meeting.</p> <p>December 12th meeting minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion made and seconded to accept as written. 	<p>Email: james.markiewicz@maine.gov</p>
District Representative Report (Angela Fochesato, Downeast District Representative and Betsy Kelly, York District Representative)	<p>Link to Downeast District Report</p> <p>Link to York District Report</p>	<p>June 12: Aroostook and Cumberland September 18: Penquis and Western December 18: Midcoast and Central</p> <p>Email: angela@bethwrightcancercenter.org Betsy.Kelly@mainehealth.org</p>
Maine CDC Initiatives: Planning for 2025 (Nancy Birkhimer)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maine Reaccreditation, State Health Improvement Plan, and Maine PHHS Block Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Link to presentation 	<p>Email: nancy.birkhimer@maine.gov</p>
SCC Setting Goals for 2025	<p>Public Health Emergency Preparedness (Bill Jenkins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to presentation • DHHS/Maine CDC All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan <p>Membership Committee (Sue Mackey Andrews, Heather Drake, Susan Kring, Bethany Sanborn)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to presentation • Membership Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion made and seconded to accept as written. 	

	State Public Health Systems Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Postponed for now	
Evaluation and Adjourn	Motion made & seconded to close meeting at 11:30. Link to meeting evaluation.	Next meeting: June 12, 2025

The Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health, established under Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 14-G, is a representative statewide body of public health stakeholders for collaborative public health planning and coordination