



# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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<b>District: York</b>	<b>Date: December 18, 2014</b>
<p><b>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since the last SCC meeting. For agendas and copies of minutes, please see district's website at: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml</a></b></p> <p>Two Executive Committee (EC) meetings and meetings and one full Council meeting were held by the York District Public Health Council (YDPHC) since the last SCC meeting. The EC meetings were held on 10/6/2014 and 11/3/2014.</p> <p>The Full Council meeting held on 12/1/2014 focused on Alzheimer's Disease, and updates on the Affordable Care Act. With Open Enrollment in the ACA Marketplace currently taking place insurers offering products in Maine Beth O'Hara-Miklovic of Maine Community Health Options provided information and updates. To mark the end of National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month (NADAM), Bill Kirkpatrick, Program Director of the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association presented The 10 Early Signs and Symptoms of Alzheimer's. Bill also shared the relevant policy priorities regarding Alzheimer's in Maine and the nation.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued Recruitment of faith-based, business and private sector membership</li> <li>• Working on actionable items from the emergency preparedness table top exercise</li> <li>• Continued development of the Council's strategic work plan</li> <li>• Revisiting &amp; Strengthening the Council's Governance &amp; Structure</li> <li>• Continue meeting of the hoarding task force and reconvening of the hoarding support group.</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities planned for completion during the quarter: All three DPHIP focus areas work groups continue to meet to guide the work outlined in the DPHIP's focus areas work plans.</li> <li>• DPHIP's work group was formed and created a draft plan</li> </ul>	

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June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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## Successes Achieved

- **Physical Activity Nutrition and Obesity Workgroup** have met twice during this quarter and has merged with the York Let's Go 5210 workgroup. This represents an alignment of forces reduces duplication of work, and makes both groups more effective as they work towards common goals.
- **Membership Review Committee** has not met this quarter but, membership is discussed at the executive meetings. Efforts to recruit members to the executive committee are underway.
- **Public Health Preparedness work group** met once and is continuing to work on items that arose from the Table Top Exercise. Currently members are looking at developing training on emergency preparedness for Local Health Officers. An After Action Report for the exercise was created, and provided to Katie Marone to assist in the efforts of accreditation for the Maine Center for Disease Control.
- **Hoarding Task Force** continues to meet monthly and now has a support group for those affected by hoarding and volunteers to work with hoarders in their recovery process. A subcommittee has been formed to help organize a presentation to be offered state wide. The Task Force would like to bring in Lee Shuer who has spoken around the world in regards to his recovery hoarding.

## Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.

The DCC membership list is being evaluated and consolidated. This should help the DCC see where holes in representation are, so targeted recruitment can begin.

## In-district or multi-district collaborations:

YDPHC members who also serve as members of the Cumberland District Council provide linkages between district efforts to streamline our work and identify additional opportunities where both DCCs can collaborate. York is working with Aroostook and Penquis Districts on a multidistrict obesity effort.

## Other topics of interest for SCC members:

The DCC is looking towards grant opportunities to help replace the loss of CTG funds.

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