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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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District: Down East

Date: 18 December 2014

Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting. For agendas and copies of minutes, please see district's website at: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml>

District Public Health Council Meetings

September 26 at Mano en Mano in Milbridge with twenty-one participants (Adobe Connect was utilized).

The agenda action items:

- Preparedness Exercise: our two county EMA Directors provided a short exercise to get organizations thinking how to react to the situation internally and externally.
- DPHIP Priority Work Groups meet for one hour during meeting.
- CTG Presentation: Georgie Kendall provided a summary of the amazing outcomes of the three year initiative.
- Utilized facilitated exercise breaks and fresh foods.

November 21 at Mano en Mano in Milbridge with twenty-two participants (Adobe Connect was utilized).

The agenda action items:

- Hospice Care: Helen Burlock of Community Health & Counseling Services provided an overview of hospice care and how it meets a person/family needs.
- DPHIP Priority Work Groups meet for more than one hour during meeting.
- Utilized facilitated exercise breaks and fresh foods.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2015 (9:00 am to 12:00 pm) at Mano en Mano in Milbridge.

Meetings in 2015: January 23, March 27, May 22, July 24, September 25, & November 20.

Executive Committee Meetings

October 24 via Conference Call.

- DPHIP Work Groups: how to move from planning and reorganizing to implementation; should they focus on changing policies and procedures; what about resources?
- Emergency Preparedness: how to follow up September meeting in 2015; do we have county based or locally based partner exercises; how to get participants to the table?
- Meeting Schedule for 2015.
- Tobacco needs to be brought up again and talked about.
- Next call is scheduled for December 19 (9:30 – 11:00 am)

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December 12, 2014

¹Section 5. 22 MRSA c. 152

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<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well Water Awareness and Testing. • Brownfields Grant Task Force. • Food Access Issues, Anti-Hunger Campaign, and Supporting Pantries. • County or local partner emergency preparedness exercises. • Vulnerable Population Communication Plan.
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Health=focus on implementation of well water testing grant. • Food Access and Policy=collecting information on existing nutrition activities; invite ‘food’ experts to the meeting for input. • Clinical Health Care System==district wide screenings; develop check list tool and kit for conducting screenings; coordinate consistent information collection form/device.
<p>Progress with Community Transformation Grant: Summary of Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECE: 45 sites (exceed three-year goal) reaching more than 500 children. • Schools: 21 schools (met three-year goal) reaching more than 2,000 children. • Two ECE provider conferences; Over forty trainings; Ten food demonstrations • Funding to schools for physical activity equipment; Funding to ECE for gardening and books.
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership needs to be addressed; membership committee to be formed. • Ongoing work from recommendations coming from Value Report (Valerie Landry).
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing Behavioral Health Integration Project in Washington County. • Down East AIDS Network Needs Assessment and Strategic Planning: Data Collection • Maine Health Foundation has active funding projects in Achieving Better Health in Communities, Thriving in Place, and Health Care for the Uninsured.
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication and coordination of efforts between District and State Coordinating Councils: is there a defined process for this to occur?

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