



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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<p>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</p>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successes: the Beh Health Committee was concerned with the DEA's discontinuation of medication collection events. We brought our concern up with our district law enforcement partners. Sagadahoc County Sheriff Joel Merry proposed that the Maine's Sheriffs' Association take over collections, which they agreed to do. The first statewide collection was held April 25 with 2,675.6 pounds collected in the Midcoast District. • Local Mental Health awareness activities, inspired by our regional ACEs Conference in August, 2014 continue to occur district wide, including two local ACEs training in Knox and Waldo counties. • Aging in Place Symposium co-hosted again with Spectrum Generations in May and promoted to the entire district. Keynote was Marilyn Gugliucci, Professor of Geriatrics from UNE. Biennial symposia continue to be well attended. 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <p>DPHIP priority subcommittees (Transportation and Behavioral Health) continue work on topic related issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Behavioral Health Committee will begin exploring Mental Health First Aid trainings as our next promotional mental health activity and the uptick in heroin use as a possible topic of education for our district. Waldo County held Mental Health First Aid training at the Waldo County Technical Center on Thursday March 26th from 8 am - 5p.m. 45 people attended. • The Transportation Committee forwarded information to regional coalition members about DOT strategic planning and opportunities for input. We continue to monitor state-level advocacy efforts through our coalition partners at CEI, Inc in Wiscasset. Healthy Waldo and community partners have created a Waldo County Transportation Committee. Reported on 4-county activities presented to June DCC meeting included info on EMDC Tiger grant project in Waldo and other counties that includes ride-share connections; info on local trolley service development in Lincoln Co. and networking in Sagadahoc Co. with Community Connections (Sarah Trafton) re: training for volunteer network drivers. Transportation continues to be a challenge in the Midcoast area that is really a public infrastructure issue offering few concrete opportunities that are workable for District wide activities. We continue to monitor for advocacy opportunities and will review this priority for continuation in our next District Public Health Improvement Plan in the fall. • "Emerging Issues" committee is ongoing to keep the DCC informed by way of speakers, trainings, communication and advocacy. This committee will allow us to flesh out some of the issues that need more data or strategies for the district to act, have other strong leaders and that we can support or advocate for at 	

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the local or state level, or may emerge and need a response outside our DPHIP process (e.g. vulnerable populations, tick borne disease).

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.

- The steering committee will conduct a gap analysis of the membership with the goal of rejuvenating membership. Analysis is planned for this summer with recruitment efforts beginning in the fall based on results of member review.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Medication Collections results for April 2015: Knox County 569 pounds collected, Lincoln County 700 pounds collected, Sagadahoc County 775.6 pounds collected, Waldo County 500 pounds collected.
- In support of ACES/childhood trauma education begun by our DCC last year, Knox County Community Health Coalition is working with Maine Behavioral Healthcare to provide education on the topic to home visitors, public health nurses, parents, guardians, caregivers, teachers and the community at large. To date, three educational presentations have been made; approximately 75 people have attended.
- Collaboration opportunities continue to be a standing DCC agenda item. At our last DCC meeting several community partners connected as a result of this agenda time. We have also been able to include Skype as a communication platform for our meeting allowing a staff person from Senator King's staff to present and participate in our full DCC meeting.
- Healthy Waldo County staff convened a planning committee to offer ACES training in Waldo County during the month of April at the Hutchinson Center – 62 people attended this event.

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

- Lincoln County HMP will be sharing results with District upon completion of a qualitative survey of community health needs among health disparity populations sponsored by MEHAF. (This supplements but does not supplant MAPP.)
- Healthy Waldo County has coordinated with the ACA navigators and assisters from Waldo CAP, Waldo County General Hospital, Seaport Community Health Center and the Maine Lobsterman Association to increase the number of ACA eligible residents to re-enroll or enroll in the ACA for the first time The Number of Waldo County residents as of April 15,2015 on ACA is 4,483.

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