Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health
District Coordinating Council Update

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District: Aroostook District	Date: March 13, 2015

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

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

DCC Board Education conducted 2/04/15:
Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) Energy Programs, including Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) program parameters and usage statistics for Aroostook District reviewed

Upcoming Aroostook DCC dates of interest:

DCC Meeting 5/06/15 9:00-12:00
Steering Committee 3/26/15 1:00p-3:00p
Coordinated Approach to Care Management Subcommittee 3/17/15
Topic: Review of changes in MaineCare coverage beginning January 2015
Health and Risk Communications Subcommittee 5/06/15
Q2 Priority Messaging: Mental Health Awareness

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

- Activities planned for completion during the quarter –
- *Continue to research funding opportunities to move district public health priorities along, particularly where gaps or disparities have been identified*
- *Development of a Health and Risk Communications Activities Collaboration Survey in order to better align and maximize quarterly prevention/treatment messaging*

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.

- The DCC voted to dissolve the CTG Oversight Committee resulting from grant termination as well as successful completion of outstanding grant related goals and activities
- Annual review of DCC membership as well as request to designate member organization alternates
- The DCC has expressed an interest in developing a Board and Community Education Subcommittee
- Clarissa Sabattis has been added to the DCC Stakeholder list representing the long term care sector

In-district or multi-district collaborations:
Continued partnership with Aroostook Regional Transportation System regarding disbursement of emergency travel funds to medical appointments for eligible populations.

Other topics of interest for SCC members: *None this quarter*

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22 M.R.S.§412 (2011).
A. A district coordinating council for public health shall:
(1) Participate as appropriate in district-level activities to help ensure the state public health system in each district is ready and maintained for accreditation; and
(4) Ensure that the essential public health services and resources are provided for in each district in the most efficient, effective and evidence-based manner possible.

A-1. The tribal district coordinating council shall:
(1) Participate as appropriate in department district-level activities to help ensure the tribal public health system in the tribal district is ready and maintained for tribal public health accreditation; and
(2) Ensure that the national goals and strategies for health in tribal lands and the tribal district health goals and strategies are aligned and that tribal district health goals and strategies are appropriately tailored for each tribe and tribal health department or health clinic