



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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District: Penquis District	Date: September 11, 2015
<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>Dr. Daniel Onion, Director (emeritus), Maine-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency, Professor of Community and Family Medicine, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College presented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40⁺-year continuous effort to improve health in a rural Maine county, population 30K, with multiple community-wide interventions. • Tracked population participation, individuals risk factor improvements, and, where possible, prevalence changes, as well as hospitalizations per capita, and age-adjusted mortality rates stratified by household income. • Those outcomes improved contemporaneously with the interventions • “Downstream” improvements in clinical health care access • “Upstream” community prevention programs to decrease prevalence of <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. CV risk factors, and b. Unhealthy behaviors (Footnote 1.) 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DCC 2015-2016 Planning SHNAPP forum 	
<p>Progress Shared Health Needs Assessment Planning Process :</p> <p>The steering committee has identified themselves as the Community Engagement Committee along with other key healthcare partners to develop the District Forums.</p> <p>Action Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The committee has identified two dates for District Forums Nov. 12 in Dover-Foxcroft and Nov. 18 in Brewer. Those dates have been sent to Jayne Harper so a presenter can be assigned to present at each meeting. A third date will be identified for the Millinocket/Lincoln area. ➤ Market material is being prepared and was shared with the community engagement committee. The meeting invitations will be sent at the end of September. 	
<p>District Partner success story:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hoarding-Several district partners are working on a pilot project to help Local Health Officers and social service providers with hoarding cases. The Eastern Maine Hoarding Taskforce scheduled a training hosted by presenter Eric Grainger, MSW from the Shalom House. The “Hoarding 101” will be held on Monday, October 5th Bangor Housing Authority. Participants will learn about; the features that define compulsive hoarding; the impact hoarding has on our 	

1. Community-Wide Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Programs and Health Outcomes in a Rural County, 1970-2010
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community; expanding local resources, and case studies.

- **Marijuana in the New Millennium-** The Bangor Public Health Advisory Board's Substance Abuse Task Force in partnership with Bangor Public Health and Healthy Acadia hosted two events (daytime and evening) in the Greater Bangor Area on Wed September 23rd geared toward providing the community and key-leaders with up-to-date information about today's marijuana (trends, data, and policy). National expert provided the most current marijuana-related public health and safety data, and information on emerging trends. Local leaders outlined the current marijuana policy landscape in Maine, share Maine-specific data, and explore the role of community norms and values around these issues in our state.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.

New members:

Angel Gilberti – Wabanaki District- HMP
Nilda Cravers-University of Maine School of Nursing

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Partnership to Improve Community Health grant with EMHS
- Poverty/ ACEs
- Hoarding Taskforce
- Community Health Leadership Board
- Thriving in Place (MeHAF Grant Initiative)
- Healthy Communities (MeHAF Grant Initiative)

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

None at this time