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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

District: Aroostook District	Date: September 1, 2022
<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/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district8/council-main.shtml</p> <p>➤ August 3, 2022 – Board Education Topic(s): University of Maine at Fort Kent – healthcare workforce pilot presented by Dr. Erin Soucy; Conversation with Maine CDC Leadership; Drs. Shah and Benowitz</p> <p>➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: November 2, 2022 • Next Steering Committee Meeting: September 7, 2022 • Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: October 18, 2022 • Next Public Health Emergency Planning Committee Meeting: October 6, 2022 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ LPHSA plsnning</p> <p>➤ Continued Statewide efforts at electronic maintenance of LHO information with municipalities</p>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <p>➤ The Emergency Planning Committee continues to provide space for all four (4) hospitals and healthcare providers, schools (primary & higher education), Tribal and other partners to discuss Aroostook Emergency Planning efforts. In recent history we have been doing COVID-19 coordination. The committee has begun to discuss other Aroostook preparedness.</p> <p>➤ The Healthy Aging Committee continues to provide space for Aroostook partners to coordinate services to the Older Adult populations. At the last meeting Age Friendly Community leads attended.</p>	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</p> <p>➤ 2022 Annual update review and approval of the Orientation Packet, SOP Manual & crosswalk</p> <p>➤ Membership Updates: Andrew Gagnon, Paramedicine Instructor, Coordinator Region V EMS sector representative</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <p>➤ Participation in research regarding improving critical access hospital connection to public health structures and networks</p>	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: None at this time</p>	

District Name: Aroostook

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District: Cumberland

Date: 09/15/22

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<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district2/council-main.shtml>

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JULY:

CDPHC met on **July 15th, 2022** with twenty-six participants. The focus of the meeting was the impact that inflation may be having on people's health and access to care. Kathy Kilrain del Rio from Maine Equal Justice Partners provided information on what they are hearing and seeing from low-income Mainers. The following briefings on several resources for support were provided by: Ellen Freedman (FindHelp.com); Nikki Williams (211); and healthcare partners (Maine Medical Center, Northern Light Home Care and Hospice, Mercy Hospital, and Bridgton Hospital) shared the supports and resources they make available when meeting with patients.

AUGUST:

CDPHC held a hybrid virtual/in-person special session on **August 10, 2022**, with forty-four participants. Maine CDC Director Shah, and other senior leadership from Maine CDC met with the Council, to kick off a day-long series of district site visits in greater Portland. Topics raised during the CDPHC special session and site visits included:

- The connection between nutrition insecurity and health (ways to connect with Hunger 2030?)
- Health impacts of extreme heat
- Concerns about unaccompanied immigrant minors in the community of people experiencing homelessness
- How can we connect the LPHSA, SPHSA, MSCHNA and other assessments
- Are there ways to disaggregate data so that it is easier for local partners to identify where help is needed
- What is Maine CDC's mission for the state
- The challenges of staffing for social support organizations and healthcare partners are great
- The pandemic created a perfect storm for those struggling with substance use and/or behavioral health issues

A second district visit by Director Shah and Maine CDC senior leadership, focused on the Lake Region of Cumberland County, took place on **August 31, 2022**. The team met with staff at Bridgton Hospital, Lakes Region Recovery Center, Crooked River Counselling, Tri-County Mental Health, and Harrison Food Bank. Additional topics touched upon were transportation challenges, rural isolation, and the benefits of working collaboratively with community partners for a whole care approach. Unfortunately, the recruiting and retention of qualified staff, particularly for working with people who have complex needs, was again identified as a challenge. Harrison Food Bank shared that they are seeing a steep increase in need for food supports across a wide range of communities and sectors – and increased challenges in sourcing rescued food.

SEPTEMBER: The next CDPHC meeting is scheduled for September 16th, 2022

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

- **Inza Ouattara** took a new position with Catholic Charities of Maine, and so stepped down as Vice Chair of CDPHC in July. An electronic vote was taken amongst CDPHC members, and **Bridget Rauscher**, of the City of Portland Public Health Department, was elected as Vice Chair.
- A member engagement survey was sent to all voting members in August, the results will be shared at the next CDPHC meeting and used for planning and member recruitment

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

Several long-time partners are moving to new positions, and will be missed: **Alex Hughes**, Clinical Manager for the City of Portland, is leaving her position, and vaccinating phenom **Peggy Akers**, is retiring from her position with the City of Portland and the Teen Shelter/Teen Clinic. **Heather Shattuck-Heidorn**, former and current State Refugee Health Coordinator for Catholic Charities announced that she will be leaving that position. All will be missed – but we hope they’ll both stay involved with CDPHC.

The City of Portland’s new Director of Public Health, **Dr. Alfredo Vergara** took up his post in late August.

The CDPHC Executive Committee is working on preparations and invitation lists for the upcoming LPHSA series of meetings.

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District: Downeast	Date: September 15, 2022
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting. SCC meeting materials and general information can be found at http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district7/council-main.shtml.</p> <p>District Public Health Council Meetings July 15, 2022 – All virtual meeting; Zoom. Thirty attendees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper Dive: Disability Inclusion in Worksites: Emily Birdsall, Hanley Undergraduate Intern for Downeast Public Health District and Downeast Community Partners • Emergency Preparedness Committee: Resiliency at Personal, Family, Organization, and Community Levels: Andrew Sankey, Hancock County EMA Director • Mental Health in School Aged Children • District Planning: County Health Rankings. LPHSA, and Maine Shared CHNA Data • District Updates: Prevention Services; Passamaquoddy Tribe <p>2022 Meetings: Third Friday of month: January 21, March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18.</p> <p>Executive Committee Meetings June 17, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is role of district council? Convenor, bring people together, link what is happening and investigate what is not, and response to data. • Health Aging Committee: consider it not only about older adults but consider the aging continuum and bring youth to the committee; consider intergenerational discussions about health and aging. • Should we consider the newly revised Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process at the county and district level in 2023-2024? <p>August 19, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss Maine CDC Leadership Visit of August 15 and 16 • LPHSA Logistics and Participation • MAPP or District Plan: how to bring better coordination between partners, healthcare, and public health? <p>2022 Meetings: Third Friday of the month: February 18, April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, December 16</p>	

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Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:

- District Infrastructure Improvement Plan: ongoing discussions at Executive Committee and Public Health Council Meetings.

Progress with District Priorities:

- All committees have been on break during the summer.
 - Health Literacy Committee
 - Healthy Aging Committee.
 - DEPHC Cancer
 - Palliative Care and Hospice Committee
 - DEPHC Emergency Preparedness

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

- Membership Updates.
 - Ongoing membership updates
- Council Coordinator
 - Position has been posted.
- Communications
 - Work has decreased on our websites, Facebook without council coordinator
 - Renew work on these in October

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Substance Use (opioids) treatment centers, recovery homes and resource centers have provided benefits to the population needing these supports.
- Poverty: Washington County multi-partner project on reducing child poverty by 2030.
- Food Security: using the End Hunger by 2030 Plan, multiple partners in Washington County mapping out food security resources and gaps at the community and regional levels.

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District: Midcoast	Date: September 15, 2022
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and District Coordinating Council (DCC) meetings held since last SCC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The June 14th meeting featured discussions the public health priorities identified in the most recent Shared Community Health Needs Assessments: Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), Mental Health, Substance and Alcohol Abuse, and Access to Care. The Council shared a list of potential activities for implementation in each priority area, discussed and evaluated each potential activity, and decided on priorities and general strategy. The September 13th meeting had participants join SDOH, Mental Health, and Access to Care committees and develop goals for the DCC to work on for the next two years. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Local Public Health Systems Assessment is taking place September-November with the first scheduled in Midcoast on September 26th Vaccination efforts have been a high priority within the District. 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Steering committee is focusing on developing goals and objectives based on the 2022 SCHNA. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an ongoing call for new council members. The annual membership crosswalk was presented to the Steering Committee at its August meeting. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Via the newsletter and notes and resources publications, the Council has been providing regular updates on public health initiatives in the community as well as helping to promote COVID 19 vaccination efforts. Director Shah and members of the Maine CDC Leadership Team completed a successful round of visits to organizations in the Midcoast District on September 7th & 8th . As part of the visit the Midcoast Public Health Council hosted a special session attended by over 40 persons (virtual and in-person). 	



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District Coordinating Council Update



District: Penquis	Date: September 15, 2022
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and DCC (District Coordinating Council/Public Health Council) meetings held since last SCC (State Coordinating Council) meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director Shah visited Bangor for a special session of the Penquis Public Health Council on August 24th. The Council was given the opportunity to share its goals and past collaborations. Participants shared community work and opportunities with the director. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Public Health System Assessments are September-November • COVID 19 vaccination encouragement • Housing, heating oil, and ongoing transportation needs/other SDOH initiatives • Rising overdose rates and mental health supports • Engagement of youth and workforce development needs, including the need for better broadband access • Shared CHNA implementation 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID 19 response is the highest priority for district members. Shared CHNA reports also encouraged renewed efforts in social determinants of health, mental health, access to care, and substance and alcohol abuse. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Piscataquis and Penobscot County Shared CHNA data reports were released and encouraged renewed efforts in social determinants of health, mental health, access to care, and substance and alcohol abuse. 	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee members discuss vaccination clinic logistics and progress at every meeting. 	

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District: Western District

Date: 09/15/2022

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Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting:

The DCC executive committee continues to meet, focusing on the LPHSA, which will begin shortly. We have identified people for each sector and are working on engagement to ensure a good turnout.

The DCC will be holding a special council meeting with members or ME CDC Senior Leadership team, as part of the focus on reengagement within the districts. The meeting will provide a welcome platform for sharing information, opportunities for collaboration, and challenges to come.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

None currently, council work on a hold pattern as work of ME CDC and its partners focus on the upcoming LPHSA.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

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Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Jamie Paul has left her position as Western District Public Health Liaison. Adam Hartwig ME CDC York District Liaison will provide coverage during the recruitment process.

Also, the Western District Public Health Council is excited to welcome the following individuals as new members or taking on new leadership roles.

New Officers:

Chair: Leeanna Lavoie, *Healthy Community Coalition*

Vice Chair: Lindsay Gannon, *Healthy Androscoggin*

Statewide Coordinating Council Representative: Corrie Brown, *Healthy Androscoggin*

New Members:

Androscoggin County Representative: Stacey Wheeler, *Community Concepts*

Franklin County Representative: Katherine Lemieux, *Healthy Community Coalition*

Oxford County Representatives: Stephanie LeBlanc, *Oxford County Mental Health*

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

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Other topics of interest for SCC members:

The DCC encourages you to check out all our local partners webpages and subscribe to their newsletters, as there are many exciting things happening within the district.

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Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

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