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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

District: Aroostook District	Date: September 18, 2021
<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 5, 2021 – Greater Portland Council of Government’s Moving Maine Initiative Presenter: Zoe Miller and Will Parker, Greater Portland Council of Government & Aroostook Communities Opioid Response Program (ACORP) Strategic Action Plan Presenter: Eric Lamoreau, AMHC</p> <p>➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: February 2, 2022 • Next Steering Committee Meeting: October 6, 2021 • Next Shared Community Engagement Meeting: October 6, 2021 • Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: September 21, 2021 • Next Public Health Emergency Planning Committee Meeting: October 7, 2021 • Aroostook Shared Community Health Needs Assessment: November 3, 2021 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ The Aroostook Shared Community Engagement Committee has been planning the Aroostook Shared CHNA forum for Wednesday, November 3, 2021.</p> <p>➤ The State Public Health Systems assessment was completed in August. Results are expected by the end of the year.</p>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <p>➤ The Emergency Planning Committee continues to provide space for partners to discuss COVID-19 Vaccinations efforts throughout all of Aroostook County. Houlton Regional Hospital leadership shared a letter send from the Doctors and Administration to unvaccinated staff encouraging staff to get vaccinated. They shared it as an example for other hospitals would if they wanted to put out their own.</p> <p>➤ The Homebound Vaccination Workgroup has on-going collaborations happening weekly. This workgroup has administered 115 – 120 vaccines.</p> <p>➤ The COVID-19 Messaging Workgroup has come out with a “DON’T Wait, Vaccinate!” campaign is on to the second phase of their campaign working with the Youth Testimonials which will be for Radio, TV, Print & Social Media</p> <p>➤ The Healthy Aging Committee is hosting monthly drop-in RoundTable meeting to facilitate any Healthy Aging related barriers or supports needed by partners.</p>	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</p> <p>➤ Added Stakeholders: Karen G, Center for Advancement of Rural Living (CARL)</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <p>➤ ACAP & NL AR Gould collaborated to do a physical education and weight education at local splash pads called Party At the Pad they shared education and resources with Community Members, Families and Youth.</p>	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: None at this time</p>	

District Name: Aroostook

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<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues: COVID-19 response, infection prevention, PPE and testing supplies provision; vaccination clinic, appointment, and transportation assistance; assistance for organizations providing basic needs and connecting people to those resources. Limited work on the Partners for Recovery (PFR/HRSA) Grant and hospital HRSA grants; Harm Reduction/ Needle Exchange capacity building and Naloxone distribution; and ACEs-Resilience training and resources. Shared CHNA Community Engagement Forum dates set for November 16 and 18; browntail moth info and training.</p>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan (DPHIP): <i>Activities planned for completion during the quarter and whether activities are able to be completed on schedule</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Use Central District Public Health Unit updates to communicate important information to DCC, LHOs, chief municipal officials, and partners. Ongoing task. ▶ Workgroups have been less active this quarter to deal with COVID-19 pandemic response and infection prevention working conditions. <p><i>Successes achieved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The ACEs-Resilience Workgroup has met bi-monthly to share toolkits, training opportunities, and resources; and to advise the MaineGeneral HRSA Substance Use Prevention grants. Members are working on school and community supports for trauma and pandemic recovery. <p><i>Barriers encountered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Disruption in usual way of doing business and lack of staff time for other DCC tasks due to COVID-19 pandemic response. 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership: Filled vacant MaineGeneral Steering Committee member position.</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations: COVID-19 response with County EMAs and regional EMS; prevention/basic needs assistance for organizations serving vulnerable populations (e.g., shelters, long term care, congregate living, behavioral health providers, at-risk youth programs, food/meals programs, libraries, schools); COVID-19 vaccination information and assistance; transportation assistance; town vaccination clinics; HRSA grants and regional assessment; browntail moth information and workshops.</p>	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: Greatest need right now is for partner assistance with mainstreaming infection control practices and combatting vaccination hesitancy.</p>	

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District: Cumberland

Date: 9/16/21

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

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

CDPHC met on July 16th, 2021 with twenty-five participants.

Results of the electronic election of new CDPHC members and officers were shared:

Inza Ouattara, State Refugee Health Coordinator with Catholic Charities, Vice Chair
Courtney Kennedy, Good Shepard Food Bank, Statewide Coordinating Council Representative
New members: Peggy Akers, Northern Light Homecare and Hospice; Anna Bullett, The Opportunity Alliance; Allyssa Caron, All Clear Emergency Management Group; Janet Dosseva, Westbrook Partners for Prevention; Kirsten Goodrich, Portland Public Health; Ron Jones, Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency; Laura Morris, Be the Influence Coalition; Bridget O'Connor, The Opportunity Alliance; Hannah Ruhl, Maine SNAP-Ed; Marianne Sensale-Guerin, Portland Public Library; Rachel Talbot-Ross, Legislator; Andy Turcotte, Fire Chief and Local Health Officer, Westbrook; and an open seat for Cumberland County Government.

Anna Bullett, WIC Program Director at the Opportunity Alliance presented on the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program. **Helen Hemminger** of Maine Children's Alliance/Kids Count shared data for Cumberland County, noting the exacerbated existing health inequities due to COVID-19.

The next CDPHC meeting is scheduled for September 24th, and will feature a presentation on the M-DASH project of MCOA by Jess Maurer and Effie Rorke. The second half of the meeting will serve as an orientation to CDPHC for newly elected members.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

The CDPHC Executive Committee and membership are closely involved in the Covid-19 Many members of response.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Election results are shared above. Inza Ouattara, State Refugee Health Coordinator, is the newly elected Vice Chair of CDPHC.

Courtney Kennedy of Good Shepherd Food Bank was elected for a second term as SCC Representative.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Within Cumberland District, Maine Immunization Program, Public Health Nursing and District Public Health continue to convene bi-weekly Covid-19 vaccination coordination meetings with local community partners and healthcare providers- with the major goal of ensuring vaccination equity, highlighting and addressing gaps collectively.

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

At the July CDPHC meeting, Ellen Freedman, Program Manager with MaineHealth, shared the most recent updates of the Maine Shared CHNA process. The two virtual forums will be held on: * Tuesday, October 5, 2021 4:00pm-6:00pm for Cumberland County/Portland area and * Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:30pm-6:30pm for Cumberland County/Lake's Region. Please register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XPk5JXQ> Planning groups for both fora have been meeting regularly, and 18 volunteers have been recruited as scribes and facilitators.

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District: Downeast

Date: September 16, 2021

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>.

District Public Health Council Meetings

July 16, 2021 all Virtual Meeting: **twenty-nine (29) attendees**

Key Action:

- Deeper Dive: Maine's Opioid Response and Prevention, Presenter: Gordon Smith, Director of Opioid Response, Governor's Office of Policy Innovation, and the Future
- Topic: Statewide Initiatives, Presenter: Al May, Maine CDC Downeast District Liaison
 - End Hunger in Maine by 2030
 - State Public Health Systems Assessment
 - Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia State Plan
- District Updates: Prevention Services – Maria Donahue, Healthy Acadia; Immunization – Al May, Maine CDC; Passamaquoddy/WPHW – Sandra Yarmel, WPHW, Passamaquoddy Sipayik (Given by Al May); Statewide Coordinating Council – Maria Donahue
- Committee Update: Palliative Care and Hospice - Resources and Information
Presenter: Melanie Feinberg, Maine CDC Comprehensive Cancer

2021 Meetings: 1/15, 3/19, 5/21, 7/16, 9/17 and 11/19

Executive Committee Meetings

June 25, 2021

- Committee Work- The Health Literacy committee is working on a Shared Decision-Making project
- July DEPHC meeting planning

August 20, 2021

- Subcommittee Updates: Health Literacy Committee (Angela) is working on a Shared Decision-Making project.; Hancock County Triad (Kelly) First meeting is scheduled for October – Quarterly; Emergency Planning Committee (Andrew) The committee continues to work on Organizational Preparedness and what that means for Downeast

2020 Meetings: 2/19, 4/16, 6/18, 8/20, 10/15, and 12/17

Downeast District

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Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:

- The Connection Initiative meets weekly. TCI is working on the design and layout of the forward-facing website & customer support resource. The Connection Initiative has been facilitating resource connections & is getting ready to do a full launch.
- Washington County and Hancock County Shared CHNA Forums are being planned for this month (9/17 in Washington and 9/30 in Hancock).
- Newsletters: 2,800+ subscribers - July (Browntail Moths, Downeast Syringe Service Programs & Women in Science); August (Back to School – COVID-19 Guidance for Parents, National Immunization Awareness Month & Women in Science)

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

- Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to work on the development of a Downeast MRC Volunteers unit.
- Palliative Care/Hospice Committee is creating a Downeast Palliative Care resource which they are making available to our partners with *The Connection Initiative* as part of the resource sharing goal of the committee.
- Hancock County Triad is moving to a Committee outside the DEPHC. The DEPHC will continue to administratively support the Hancock County Triad in the first year or as the developing leadership of the Triad feels necessary.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

- We took one electronic vote during the quarter – The Steering committee voted to approve the April and June meeting minutes.
- Membership: Addition/changes to four members information.
- Websites being managed to provide meeting information for Executive Committee and Council Members.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- The DEPHC is a founding member of the Hancock County Triad a partnership between law enforcement, community support organizations, and older adults. Cooperative agreements are being signed by founding members at this time.

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District Coordinating Council Update



District: Midcoast	Date: September 16, 2021
<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">• Upcoming on September 14 is the second of two panel presentations and group discussions about climate change and public health. Presenting will be Senator Chloe Maxmin and Maine Toxicologist Rebecca Lincoln, offering a state level look at climate change action opportunities for community members; and Belfast Climate Crisis Committee Chair Jon Beal and Youth Representative Jonah Lovejoy; Rockland Fire Chief Chris Whytock; Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission Strategic Project Manager Sandy Gilbreath; and West Bath Town Administrator Kristine Poland, offering hyperlocal perspectives on this. The moderator will again be Becca Boulos, Executive Director of the Maine Public Health Association, and member of the Maine Climate Council's Community Resilience Planning, Public Health and Emergency Management Working Group and Health Equity Subcommittee.• Planning for the 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) is ongoing. Dates have been identified: Knox- 10/27; Waldo- 11/04; Sagadahoc - 11/16; and Lincoln – 11/17. The upcoming September 14 Council meeting will also feature an update on Shared CHNA progress for attendees.	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council has produced another newsletter over the summer and has continued publishing “notes and resources” documents, which are short, simple documents that allow the Council to distribute more time-sensitive information to MPHC mailing list subscribers.• Vaccination efforts have also been a high priority within the District.	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• COVID 19 response has been the highest priority for district members.	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Steering Committee began the annual membership review at its August 2021 meeting. Membership and membership gaps will be discussed at the September MPHC meeting with a request to Council members to identify potential Council members for consideration at the Council’s February 2022 annual elections.	
<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 ongoing, COVID 19-impacted mental health and food security challenges, as well as helping to promote COVID 19 vaccination efforts.	



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District Coordinating Council Update**



District: Penquis	Date: September 16, 2021
<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"> • The September Council meeting was cancelled due to having two Shared Community Health Needs Assessment virtual forums scheduled for this month. • The next DCC meeting will be held on December 3, 2021. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to last quarter: • COVID 19 vaccination encouragement and ongoing clinic logistics challenges; the Steering Committee has been discussing upcoming vaccination drives for hospital personnel and anticipated booster shot clinics. • 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 planning- and now, 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 at the moment. Shared CHNA forums will help to provide data for future DPHIP efforts. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The membership crosswalk process will be initiated in the upcoming December meeting. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Piscataquis County Shared CHNA virtual forum occurred on September 7; the Penobscot County Forum will occur on September 23, 2021, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (noon), Zoom Meeting. The Piscataquis County forum was the first forum for the state and a number of technical issues were addressed, including lack of live captioning availability for those who were interested in it; difficulty accessing the Ideaboardz “sticky note” function; and some process questions, to name a few. 	
<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

September 16, 2021

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

DCC Meeting 6/25/2021

Introductions and Deepening Connections: Jamie welcomed participants and opened the floor for introductions.

Participant Check-In: Safe Voices shared their upcoming opportunities for connecting and outreach. They have a resource center with direct services. Their free, confidential, and anonymous 24-hour helpline is: 1-800-559-2927.

Healthy Androscoggin is starting to shift from Covid-19 vaccination efforts. They are now starting to focus on regaining normalcy including work around the Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) planning process and vaccine hesitancy.

Healthcare Coalition of Maine is a state-wide coalition. More information can be found at:
<https://www.maineccs.com/> Will be scheduling in-person meetings for the future.

WIC is happy to share that many participants are enjoying the new EBT Cards instead of the former paper checks. Paper checks are still used for the Farmer's Market program. There is an increased amount of funds on the cards of \$35/person for fruits and vegetables for the time being.

Healthy Oxford Hills has hired Hollie as their new Director, and they are hiring a new SNAP-Ed. Healthy Oxford Hills is also starting the Shared CHNA process. They are supporting a hospital food pantry 5 days/week – starting with client/patient-only access and planning to move public. Also discussed a MaineHealth/Statewide initiative to train providers with the necessary skills to address behavioral health needs of patients.

Community Concepts has finished their work with the emergency/Covid-19 shelter, and that is now being supported by Preble Street. Discussed their ongoing efforts around social determinants of health, retroactive rent relief and mortgage relief. They were awarded grant funding to support 190 new safe housing units. Community Concepts is hiring with a focus on employing those in marginalized communities. Highlighted the importance of the Alternative Response Program: <https://www.ccimaine.org/child-welfare>

River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition identified a gap in food access as a local church had closed. They are organizing a food pantry and are starting outreach for community feedback regarding days and times for the pantry.

Healthy Community Coalition of Greater Franklin County is starting to get back to their normal work as they have transitioned from vaccine clinics 5 days/week down to 1 day/week. The Mobile Health Unit is back, and they will have a food pantry next to HCC. They are also focusing on Narcan/Naloxone distribution and education.

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Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice is supporting homebound individuals with wellness checks and Covid-19 vaccines.

Public Health Nursing is supporting home visits as well as hosting pop-up clinics with both Pfizer and Johnson and Johnson vaccines. School-aged childhood vaccination catch-up clinics are being offered during the summer and PHN is highlighting the importance of establishing primary care providers for those without one. Please email Cherrie or Jamie if your community is noticing any vaccine gaps:
Cheryl.Annis@maine.gov or Jamie.L.Paul@Maine.gov

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Community Health Needs Assessment Virtual Forums will be held on the following dates:

Franklin – 11/03/2021
Oxford – 11/09/2021
Androscoggin – 11/10/2021

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic response this work has been on hold.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

DCC has put out request for new DCC chair nominations.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

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District: York District

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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 Shared CHNA.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

None currently, council work on a hold pattern as work of ME CDC focuses on Covid-19 response, and local partners focus on covid work and regular prevention work.

All work not focused COVID has been towards York Shared CHNA on 9/27. Please reach out to adam.hartwig@maine.gov or blkelley@smhc.org

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

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