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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

District: Aroostook District	Date: March 19, 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ November 6, 2021 – Board Education Topic: Drug Impairment Detection Training by Sergeant Chad Cochran, Caribou Police Department ➤ February 3, 2021 – Board Education Topic: Building Resilience by Maine Frontline Warmline (Susan Peixotto, Edward Pontius and Richard Lewis) ➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: May 5, 2021 • Next Steering Committee Meeting: April 7, 2021 • Next Shared Community Engagement Meeting: April 7, 2021 • Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: April 13, 2021 • Next Public Health Emergency Planning Committee Meeting: March 25, 2021 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Aroostook Shared Community Engagement Committee has met and is in the planning stages of the Aroostook Shared CHNA ➤ The State Public Health Systems assessment is meeting regarding Invitees and Technology 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opioids – Eric Lamoreau, AMHC presented to the Aroostook DCC in February, his work on the Aroostook Communities Opioid Response Program (ACORP) ➤ The Healthy Aging Committee is hosting monthly drop-in RoundTable meeting to facilitate any related barriers or supports needed by partners. 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aroostook DCC has named a new SCC Representative, Sue Bouchard, Director, Clinical Quality & Risk Management, Fish River Rural Health ➤ Changes in membership: David Dionne, Aroostook Regional Transportation System – Member; Eric Lamoreaux, AMHC - Stakeholder ➤ Aroostook DCC continues to offer Disability Rights Maine’s Relay Conference Captioning (RCC) during full council meetings for people with Hearing and Speech difficulties. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Aroostook DCC facilitated introductions for Aroostook’s Agency on Aging and Downeast’s Maine Seacoast Mission for Vaccine Registration Assistance best practices discussion. 	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: Nothing to report 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 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. Starting to discuss next round Shared CHNA.</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 ‘You Matter to Us’ materials and information initiative for schools. <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: none this quarter</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; dental kit distribution with Partnership for Children’s Oral Health.</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 (flu and COVID-19).</p>	

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District: Cumberland

Date: 03/16/20

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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:

December DCC Meeting:

The November CDPHC meeting was postponed until December 4th, as many of the Council are engaged in the Covid-19 response. Fifty-two persons took part in the meeting, which was held via Zoom. The focus of the meeting was Covid-19 vaccine preparations, with Amanda Luciano of the Maine Immigration Program, and Vaccine Hesitancy in the immigrant community with Inza Ouattara, State Refugee Health Coordinator.

No meeting took place in January. March meeting is anticipated for March 26th, which will help bring the Council back to the usual schedule of bi-monthly meetings.

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:

Along with the Vice Chair role, there are additional openings for members. Elections originally planned to take place in January will take place at a future date, currently tbd.

The position for SCC Representative is open too, and current SCC Representative has indicated that she will stand again for the position.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Within Cumberland District, Maine Immunization Program, Public Health Nursing and District Public Health continue to convene 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:

Initial conversations around the upcoming Shared Community Health Needs Assessment have begun – with a particular focus on inclusive planning and participation.

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District: Downeast

Date: March 18, 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

January 15, 2021 all Virtual Meeting: **34 Attendees**

Key Action:

- Deeper Dive: Health Equity and Public Health with Al May, Maine CDC Downeast District Liaison
- Racial Equity Work with Petty Officer Christine Hemphill, US Coast Guard and David Feldman, MDI Racial Equity Workgroup
- Maine 211 with Nikki Busmanis, United Way of Maine
- Sector Updates (Immunization, Emergency Management, Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness update)

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

Executive Committee Meetings

December 12, 2020

- Healthy Acadia would like to engage the DEPHC members in a Stimulant & Opioid Needs Assessment Survey
- Committee Work (Health Literacy, Palliative Care & Hospice, Healthy Aging, Cancer and Emergency Preparedness)

February 19, 2021

- Requested development of COVID-19 Vaccine Posters for Hancock and Washington
- District Council Business (Annual Updates, SOP manual, Member Crosswalk, meeting evaluations review)
- Committee Work (Cancer, Health Literacy, MRC Volunteers, Palliative Care & Hospice and Healthy Aging)

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

Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:

- The Connection Initiative Continue to meet weekly. This committee was founded from needs identified early March 2019 during COVID19. Looking to soft open the helpline in the next few months.

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- Disability Rights Maine’s Relay Conference Calling (RCC) was offered to people with Hearing and Speech difficulties at the full council meetings in January.
- The Downeast Maine Shared CHNA has begun in the planning stages. (Meetings: 1/14/21, 1/19/21)
- The State Public Health Systems assessment is in the planning stages. (Meetings: 1/20/21)

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

- The DEPHC convened a focus group after the 1/15/21 meeting on behalf of the Maine Seacoast Mission. The topic was Washington County basic needs/gaps in service. There were seven attendees.
- Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to work on the development of a Downeast MRC Volunteers unit. (Meetings: 1/28, 2/12 & 2/11)
- Palliative Care/Hospice and Healthy Aging Committees have two subcommittees—one focusing on education/awareness- of the benefits of palliative care and developing resources in the two counties; and the second one is focusing on establishing a Triad model in both counties.
- Health Literacy Committee is investigating appropriate trainings for different audiences; working on cancer outreach and education for patients’ knowledge and asking the right questions.
- Cancer Committee has talked about merging efforts with the Cancer Patient Navigation Project to optimize time by members and keep focus on strategies.
- The DEPHC has begun a Breast Cancer initiative at a second site, Mount Desert Island Hospital looking to make environmental (policy) changes that would allow for female employees to get screened at work. Meeting on 1/4 had six attendees.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

- Newsletters completed and disseminated: December 2020 Building Resiliency and Holiday Stress, February 2021 COVID19 Vaccination in Maine and National Cancer Prevention Awareness Month
- Facebook: Social Media daily checked and kept up to date with Downeast Public Health related issues that follow our newsletters topically.
- Websites being managed to provide meeting information for Executive Committee and Council Members.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Downeast COVID-19 Vaccine Posters were created for Hancock and Washington County. Posters were widely distributed directly to partners who had requested the creation of the

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flyers, to our Stakeholders and interested parties via Gov.Delivery, and via social media on Facebook and both our Downeast Websites.

- The DEPHC convened the Hancock County Island Vaccination Distribution Planning meeting on 2/22 with 24 attendees
- The DEPHC convened a Washington County Vaccination Distribution Planning meeting on 1/27 with 34 attendees

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District Coordinating Council Update



District: Midcoast	Date: March 18, 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"> At the February 9, 2021 meeting, district council members and community partners met (via Zoom) as a large group for networking, collaboration, and for two presentations: one, <i>Vaccine Hesitancy: Misinformation and Strategies to Address This</i>-by Jen Gunderman, MPH, Maine AHEC Network Director, Asst. Clinical Professor, UNE; and another, <i>MaineHealth’s COVID Vaccination Plans</i>– Dora Anne Mills, MD, MPH, Chief Health Improvement Officer, MaineHealth. Downeast District Liaison Al May provided an update on the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Act- authored by Senator Collins- building a public health infrastructure around Alzheimer’s. Relay Conference Captioning, free to Maine residents, continues to be offered to increase inclusivity. At its March 9th meeting, the Steering Committee began initial planning for the 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the most recent steering committee meeting, members discussed the possibility of having two future presentations around climate change impacts on public health. A subcommittee will likely be formed to help plan the best approach to dividing up possible topics and securing speakers. The next Council meeting will feature a speaker on mental health and another on upcoming public health legislation. The Council will be producing a third newsletter next month and has continued publishing “notes and resources” documents, which are short, simple documents that allow the Council to distribute more time-sensitive information to MPHIC mailing list subscribers. 	
<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. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seven existing members of the Council were re-elected to seats on the Council, along with one new member, Donna Kelly, President and Chief Executive Officer of Waldo CAP, for a period of three years, along with re-elections for two existing members of the Steering Committee for two years, and a new chair (two years), Kate Martin, Executive Director of Healthy Lincoln County, and a new vice chair (one year), Susan Dupler, RN, Belfast Public Health Nursing Association. 	
<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: March 18, 2021
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and DCC (District Coordinating Council) meetings held since last SCC (State Coordinating Council) meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last Penquis DCC meeting will be held on March 12, 2021 (it has not occurred yet as of the production of this report). Agenda items include a presentation on the Overdose Response Team & SUD Liaison Collaboration Project, Penobscot County, from Sara Yasner, Bangor Public Health and Community Services, and Adam Perkins, Community Health and Counseling Services; a presentation on the equivalent project occurring in Piscataquis County, from Brian Moynihan, supervisor, CHCS; and a presentation on Vaccine Hesitancy: Misinformation and Strategies to Address This, by Jen Gunderman, Maine AHEC/UNE • Relay Conference Captioning, a free service for Maine residents, continues to be offered to increase participant inclusivity. • The next DCC meeting will be held on June 4, 2021. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID 19 vaccination and clinic logistics challenges • 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 	
<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. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt Donahue, Chief Impact Officer for United Way, joined the Steering Committee and the DCC to replace Meredith Alexander. • Ed Molleo, Northern Maine Chapter Coordinator for the Healthcare Coalition of Maine, Maine CDC, All Clear Emergency Management Group joined the DCC. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation funding: Several DCC members continue to meet to examine further funding opportunities and best approaches for funders in COVID 19 times, when funders are prioritizing direct services over planning initiatives. • Shared CHNA: Local level planning has begun; the first objective has been to set dates for the planned virtual forums. To reflect the work that has been done at the state level to assure equity in this initiative, decisions will be made about how to best include groups which have 	

historically not participated in the Shared CHNA forums, or have not participated to a great extent.

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

- An effort to coordinate vaccination clinics and their promotion so that vulnerable populations receive equitable access to vaccination opportunities is underway in both counties.
- Concerns about inadequate education access has led to concerns about this exacerbating an existing workforce shortage.

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District Coordinating Council Update**

District: Western

March 15, 2021

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

12/16/2020 DCC Meeting:

Introductions and Deepening Connections: The group shared their introductions and their pets.

Participant Check-In: Nate Miller, Chair, opened the floor to participants to share their updates. Shawn Yardley shared the updates around the Wellness Shelter at the Ramada for Covid-19 positive community members who need to isolate away from home as well as information around a working group to continue discussions around public health, infrastructure and economics. Please contact Shawn at: syardley@community-concepts.org for more information.

Many participants acknowledged the demands around food insecurity during Covid-19 and shared their work to satisfy this need within the community. Participants on behalf of River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition, Catholic Charities, Spectrum Generations, Franklin Community Health Network, and SNAP-Ed all shared updates around their programs and the increasing food demands. Non-food needs such as diapers and wipes may be made available through WIC and Community Concepts Inc.

Seniors Plus' Meals on Wheels program has doubled, and is expanding outreach to Mainers over 60, and under 60 with disabilities or a high-risk of exposure. For more information, please reach out to Laure at: ljohnson@seniorsplus.org.

WIC has moved fully virtual except for the distribution and activation of the new cards. Please contact Katherine Lary for more information on WIC eligibility and outreach collaborations: klary@wmca.org.

As shared by Androscoggin Home Healthcare and Hospice, health checks are being done at the Covid-19 housing support, including a Covid-19 negative Winter Wellness Center that supports the homeless in the Lewison area.

Jamie is supporting the Maine CDC's Covid-19 efforts distributing PPE and test kits, outbreaks, and participating in a strike group with Public Health Nursing, the Maine Immunization Program, and others. For more information, please contact Jamie at: Jamie.L.Paul@Maine.gov.

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Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

The Chair and the three County Representatives positions will be accepting nominations. Please look for a Doodle Poll from Emilee regarding nominations. Voting will be held electronically, and the new Officers will be welcomed at the next DCC meeting.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

All meetings are anticipated to be held virtually at this time. Participants agreed to schedule upcoming meetings as they come due to the ever-changing nature of Covid-19. Keep an eye out for a Doodle Poll from Emilee regarding upcoming meeting times. Ideas for upcoming speakers and topics, please contact Jamie at: Jamie.L.Paul@Maine.gov

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Date: 03/18/2021

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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. On March 15th the DCC held a full council meeting.

The topic was Pandemic: Progress and Challenges in York County.

We will have special guest speakers from York District Public Health including

- ***Adam Hartwig, Maine CDC District Liaison;***
- ***Dora Ann Mills, MD, MPH, Chief Health Improvement Officer for MaineHealth; and,***
- ***Dr. Evangeline Thibodeau, York Hospital Infectious Disease Physician to help answer your questions.***

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.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

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Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Council Chair Dr. Clay Graybeal of the University of New England will be retiring in May of 2021 and will be stepping down from the council, we all thank Clay for the years of service he has put in to making York County a healthier place. Thank you, Clay, and have a happy retirement.

Council Co-Chair Sarah Bruel resigned from Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition and the council as she is expecting another child and has started a family business. We wish Sarah all the best with her family and her new business.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

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