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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

District: Aroostook District

Date: March 17, 2022

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>

➤ February 2, 2022 – Board Education Topic: **ACAP & Maine Cancer Foundation Collaboration Grant** presented by **Andrea White**, ACAP & **Youth Engagement** presented by **Gabe O'Brian**, MYAN and **Julia Miller**, AMHC

➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District:

- Next DCC Meeting: May 4, 2022
- Next Steering Committee Meeting: April 6, 2022
- Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: April 19, 2022
- Next Public Health Emergency Planning Committee Meeting: April 7, 2022

Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:

➤ The Aroostook Shared Community Engagement committee has reviewed and approved the Aroostook SHNA report draft that they were given. The committee is looking forward to when the SCHNA reports will be finalized and disseminated.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

➤ 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.

➤ 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.

➤ The Homebound Population Workgroup continues to collaborate county-wide to vaccinate our homebound populations. To date they have given 250+ vaccines out to homebound individuals.

➤ The COVID-19 Messaging Workgroup met this quarter to discuss the next phase of the Don't Wait, Vaccinate! Campaign. ACAP purchased a WAGM called *A Path Forward*. This is talking about Aroostook resiliency. Topics are coming from this workgroup. The workgroup is also working to focus messaging on getting back to basics as far as COVID-19 mitigation practices.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.

➤ 2022 Annual update review and approval of the Orientation Packet, SOP Manual & crosswalk

➤ Membership Updates: The Northern Light House – Stakeholder added; ACAP – nominated a new representative.

➤ The Aroostook Electronic Roundtable continues to go out bi-weekly. 105+ recipients. Partner organizations continue to submit their organizations events/announcements/trainings. This collaboration allows members to learn what others are doing and coordinate between our quarterly meetings.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

➤ APHC continues to attend and participate in the Aroostook Drug Taskforce meetings. 12/14/22

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Connected the Houlton Band of Maliseets to the Aroostook Drug Task Force.

➤ APHC and the Aroostook County Action Program met 2/8/22 to collaborate on on-going projects.

Other topics of interest for SCC members: None at this time

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<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues: COVID-19 response, Shared Community Health Needs Assessment Program support, PPE and testing supplies provision; vaccination clinic, appointment, and transportation assistance; assistance for and connection to organizations providing basic needs and resources. Limited work on the Partners for Recovery (PFR/HRSA) Grant and hospital HRSA grants; Harm Reduction/Needle Exchange capacity building, and Naloxone distribution. District site(s) for ACEs-Resilience training with the Maine CDC Substance Use Prevention Program and the Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN); how to provide educator/school support and community pandemic recovery assistance.</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 (and year) 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 members are working on school and community supports for trauma and pandemic recovery, and with the Maine CDC Substance Use Prevention Program and the Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN) on training locations for 2022. <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. ▶ Large amount of turnover in staffing at many organizations. 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership: none this quarter</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations: Augusta Armory COVID-19 vaccination and testing clinics, School Located Vaccine Clinic and small community clinic set up assistance; COVID-19 vaccination and testing information, assistance, and volunteer recruitment; COVID-19 response with County EMAs and regional EMS; prevention/basic needs assistance for organizations serving vulnerable populations; EMS service and non-profit organization testing assistance, transportation assistance; HRSA grant collaborations; PFAS and 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, vaccination, and testing; and combatting vaccination hesitancy.</p>	

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District: Cumberland

Date: 03/17/22

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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 January 21, 2022 with twenty-nine participants. Liz Blackwell-Moore, Cumberland County Government, shared an overview of the County's plan to create a Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Cities of Portland and South Portland are creating CHIPS as well. Josh Pobrislo, Firefighter/Paramedic and Local Health Officer with the City of South Portland provided a briefing on work of "Project Outreach" to support the community of people living at South Portland hotels. Using local data, they identified needs and developed a public health focused response to address needs around substance misuse (opioids), homelessness, newly arriving immigrants/ communication barriers, STD's, food insecurity/ nutritional needs, health care access, COVID-19, and more. A mobile unit was established within South Portland with support from local leaders to distribute resources and basic health care items. City of Portland has a Paramedicine program and that there are efforts in Freeport as well around Community Paramedicine.

The next Council meeting is March 18, 2022. There will be a presentation on workforce development and oral health efforts of the Office of Rural Health, by Nicole Breton; a briefing from the City of Portland about the situation for people sheltering in local hotels; an update on partner CHIP efforts and CHNA reports; and a report out on the SPHSA by Maine CDC DL's Al May and Stacy Boucher.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

The CDPHC Executive Committee has resumed a regular schedule of meetings, as members are less engaged in Covid-19 response.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

A membership committee will be re-established, and will review membership lists, with possible electronic election of new members by May Council meeting.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Final reports from the CHNA sessions in Greater Portland and Lakes Region are being reviewed, with publication expected in April.

Other topics of interest for SCC members:



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District: Downeast	Date: March 17, 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 January 21, 2022 – All virtual meeting; Zoom. Twenty-Nine attendees. Key Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper Dive: Maine Climate Council, Becca Boulos, Maine Public Health Association and Climate and Health, Rebecca Lincoln, Maine CDC • Redux: Youth Engagement and Public Health & Economic Development • District Updates: Prevention Services; Passamaquoddy Sipayik Drinking Water; District Health Planning, Committee Updates & State Initiatives <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 December 17, 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Council Business: November’s meeting evaluations, 2022 Slate & Annual Operational Updates • District Committee Updates • DEPHC Meetings: January – Structure of meeting discussion <p>February 18, 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEPHC Council Business: January’s meeting evaluation discussion • District Committees Updates • DEPHC Meetings: March Topic – Agism with the Maine Council on Aging; May Topic – Mental Health – Youth/Local <p>2022 Meetings: Third Friday of the month: February 18, April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, December 16</p>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Downeast Shared Community Health Needs Assessment: Post- SCHNA follow up meetings in both counties. 	

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Progress with District Priorities:

- Health Literacy Committee is collaborating with NDEC & UMM Psychology Research Methods Class: 12/7/22 – Survey sent to DEPHC distribution list as a pilot is to assess the health literacy of providers (Survey 1) and patients/community members (Survey 2).
- Healthy Aging Committee.
 - The Hancock County Triad Coalition now meets quarterly; bylaws approved 2/1/22.
 - The Healthy Aging Committee plans to reconvene to discuss the next activity. TBD
- Cancer - Downeast Cancer Patient Navigation Steering Committee focuses on cancer as a priority in Downeast and Statewide.
- Palliative Care and Hospice Committee hosted Washington County Listening Session on March 8, 2022 in collaboration with Maine Hospice Council.
- Emergency Planning: through collaboration with both County EMA Offices, committee meets monthly to coordinate and plan partner, local, and regional emergency preparedness exercises for 2022 and the three-year cycle of preparedness planning.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

- Membership Updates.
 - Community Health Counseling Services: Home Care and Hospice, NL Blue Hill & Maine Coast Hospitals, Eastern Area Agency on Aging
- Communication:
 - District websites being managed to provide meeting information for Executive Committee and Council Members.
 - Newsletters: 12/10/21: Topics: Native American Heritage Month, Safe Toys and Gifts, Women in Science, Caregivers Awareness and Cancer, 2,968 recipients. 1/31/22: Topics: Radon, Lung Cancer and Heart Disease, 2,994 recipients.
 - Facebook is up to date and active. As of 2/16/22 the DEPHC FB page has 559 Follows & Nine (9) engagements last month
 - Newspaper: 1/3/22 & 3/4/22 Newspaper meeting notices: Quoddy Tides, Machias Valley News Observer, Calais Advertiser and the Ellsworth American.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Substance Use Recovery and Supports
- Maine Prevention Services Ongoing Work
- Working Communities Challenge (Washington County and Passamaquoddy Tribe Project)
- County Health Rankings Funded Project on Data Usage and Local/Regional Planning

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<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"> Representatives from Sagadahoc, Knox, Lincoln, and Waldo county dental clinics participated in a forum on dental health in the Midcoast area. Courtney Vannah of Medical Care Development gave a presentation on a community dental health profile that she completed for the district. The presentations and ensuing discussion focused on identifying needs specific to the area, resource sharing, and what actions should be taken to help the community. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Steering committee is focusing on resources and needs addressed during the SCHNA forums. 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"> Annual elections were held in February and Kelsey Robinson was welcomed to the council. 	
<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: Penquis	Date: March 17, 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"> The March 11 Council meeting spotlighted The Maine Resilience Building Network and hosted a community conversation about the power of building community resilience to support our fellow community members. This interactive conversation provided an overview of resilience-building strategies, resilience during recovery, and ways to support community connections that foster healing. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 election slate has been discussed at steering meetings and incumbents are deciding to stay on in their roles 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Piscataquis and Penobscot County Shared CHNA data evaluations are in process and final reports will be available soon 	
<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

March 17, 2022

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

Last DCC Meeting was on 6/25/2021. Western DCC has been unable to meet as multiple partners are working in several roles regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and we have not had capacity to bring this group together. The council coordinator has sent out polls seeking availability for a DCC meeting and one is scheduled for March 25, 2022 from 9:30-11:30am. The focus will be on filling the steering committee, staffing representatives for the SCC, and assuring representation from all three counties and various sectors. The DCC will also set meeting dates/times for the remainder of 2022.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford counties all held virtual community forums to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment in November 2021. Since that time groups have been working with hospital partners to work on an implementation plan to address the findings of these forums. All of the counties are at various stages in this planning process and the DCC meeting will allow partners the opportunity to provide an update on where each county is in the process.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

This has been on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic/response.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Membership will be a key focus of our upcoming March meeting as there has been a turnover in many partners over the past couple of years, some have changed roles and others have left all together. The DCC will focus on assembling a steering committee, representation to the SCC, and various sectors to represent all three counties on the DCC.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Western district is currently working on a HRSA grant to reduce hesitancy and increase vaccination rates for COVID-19.

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The executive committee is meeting and planning a meeting for the end of March on the 21st. Meeting will focus on the York County Shelter Program and other ME CDC District initiatives.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

We are working on confirmed new officers for the council. The council is also working towards planning for the upcoming LPHSA.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

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