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# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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<b>District: Aroostook District</b>	<b>Date: December 17, 2020</b>
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<p><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Aroostook Electronic Roundtable included an Aroostook County Flu Shot Clinic Calendar in the October 3, 2020 distribution.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Aroostook DCC Public Health Emergency Preparedness has almost completed its draft of the Aroostook Alternate Care Site Plan.</li> <li>➤ The Healthy Aging Committee is hosting monthly drop-in RoundTable meeting to facilitate any related barriers or supports needed by partners.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Changes in membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric Lamoreaux, AMHC</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Aroostook DCC continues to offer Disability Rights Maine's Relay Conference Captioning (RCC) during full council meetings for people with Hearing and Speech difficulties.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Attendance at the Aroostook Band of Micmac Drug Task Force Meeting(s) – November 16, 2020</li> <li>➤ ACAP created a 24/7 Community Closet in Presque Isle for community members to donate and/or take gently used clothing</li> <li>➤ Aroostook Agency on Aging offering Virtual Classes in November: Tai Chi, Falls Prevention Information and Brain Health</li> <li>➤ Aroostook County Homeless Stakeholder group convened on November 23, 2020</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</b> None to report at this time.</p>	

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<p><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b> COVID-19 response, 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. 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.</p>	
<p><b>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan (DPHIP):</b> <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"> <li>▶ Use Central District Public Health Unit updates to communicate important information to DCC, LHOs, chief municipal officials, and partners. Ongoing task.</li> <li>▶ Workgroups have been less active this quarter (and year) to deal with COVID-19 pandemic response and infection prevention working conditions.</li> </ul> <p><i>Successes achieved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The ACEs-Resilience Workgroup met in November to share toolkits, training opportunities, and resources; and to identify priority issues to address in 2022. 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.</li> </ul> <p><i>Barriers encountered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Disruption in usual way of doing business and lack of staff time for other DCC tasks due to COVID-19 pandemic response.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:</b> none this quarter</p>	
<p><b>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</b> COVID-19 vaccination clinic with Waterville McDonalds; School Located Vaccine Clinic set up assistance; COVID-19 vaccination information, assistance, and volunteer recruitment; 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, homebound individuals); EMS service and non-profit organization testing assistance, transportation assistance; HRSA grant collaborations; browntail moth information and workshops.</p>	
<p><b>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</b> 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: 12/16/21**

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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 September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021** with thirty participants. Jess Maurer presented on the M-DASH project of Maine Council On Aging, which included 2 towns in Cumberland District, Gray and South Portland.

**CDPHC New Member Orientation:** Following the September meeting, 9 newly-elected members participated in an orientation to the Council, by-laws, and history.

## *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.

The Cumberland Shared CHNA forums were held on October 5<sup>th</sup> for greater Portland, and October 26<sup>th</sup> for the Lakes Region.

## *Other topics of interest for SCC members:*

- Welcoming.... On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Council Coordinator Emilee Winn Caradonna brought a healthy baby into the world, and is on maternity leave. CDPHC Vice-Chair, Inza Ouattara recently welcomed his second child, and is currently on paternity leave.
- Liz Blackwell-Moore was hired as Cumberland County Government's Public Health Manager.

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<b>District: Downeast</b>	<b>Date: December 16, 2021</b>
<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 <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district7/council-main.shtml">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district7/council-main.shtml</a>.</p> <p><b>District Public Health Council Meetings</b>  <b>September 17, 2021:</b> Meeting date was used for Washington County Shared CHNA Forum  <b>November 16, 2021</b> all Virtual Meeting: twenty-six (26) attendees  Key Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deeper Dive: Public Health Meets Economic Development – <i>Connecting with Opportunities</i> Initiative. Doug Dunbar and Tiffany Linscott, Eastern Maine Development Corporation</li> <li>• Downeast Youth Engagement: Gabe O’Brien, MYAN and Corrie Hunkler, Healthy Acadia</li> <li>• Tribal Public Health: Welcome Leona Alvarado, Tribal Liaison; Maine Prevention Services: Tobacco, Let’s Go, and Substance Use Prevention – Maria Donahue</li> <li>• Health Literacy Committee: Shared Decision-Making Project presented by Angela Fochesato, Healthy Acadia and Lois-Ann Kuntz, UMM</li> </ul> <p><i>2021 Meetings: 1/15, 3/19, 5/21, 7/16, 9/17 and 11/19</i>  <b>Proposed 2022 Meetings:</b> <i>Third Friday of month: January 21, March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18.</i></p> <p><b>Executive Committee Meetings</b>  <b>October 15, 2021</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Slate of 2022 Executive Committee Members for January DEPHC Meeting.</li> <li>• Committee Updates: Health Literacy (Angela), Palliative Care and Hospice (Helen), Hancock County Triad (by Maura for Kelly).</li> <li>• November 19 DEPHC Meeting Agenda Review and Planning.</li> <li>• District Planning Overview.</li> <li>• COVID-19 Update</li> </ul> <p><i>2021 Meetings: 2/19, 4/16, 6/18, 8/20, 10/15, and 12/17</i></p>	

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## **Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:**

- Shared Community Health Needs Assessment Forums: The Washington County SCHNA Forum occurred virtually on Friday 9/17/21 and had 75 attendees. The Hancock County SCHNA Forum occurred virtually on Thursday 9/30/21 and had 69 attendees. Four priorities received the most votes at both forums: Access to Care, Mental Health, Social Determinants of Health, and Substance and Alcohol Use.

## **Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:**

- DEPHC Health Literacy Committee is creating a Shared Decision-Making Curriculum with a focus on building provider to patient communication. A community survey is being developed by the UMM Research Methods Students to collect valuable data. The next meeting will be 1/7/22.
- Hancock County Triad had its first official meeting on 10/13/21. They are working on a leadership structure and by-laws. The next meeting is 1/12/22.
- Downeast Cancer Navigators are working on sharable messaging to help synchronize the Cancer messages. The next meeting will be 12/6/21.
- The Downeast Cancer Conference was held on 11/04 as a collaboration by the Beth C. Wright Cancer Foundation, Christine B. Foundation, Healthy Acadia and others.
- DEPHC Emergency Planning Committee – 10/5/21 MRC: Well-being Check had 35 attendees.

## **Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:**

- Leona Alvarado has been named the Tribal Liaison based at the Houlton Band of Maliseet and working with all the tribal jurisdictions.
- Membership Updates: changes in representatives of member organizations.
- District websites being managed to provide meeting information for Executive Committee and Council Members.
- Newsletters: 2,900+ subscribers – September (9/7/21) Healthy Aging, Emergency Preparedness and Women in Science; October (10/18/21) Breast Cancer Awareness, National Farm to School Month and Women in Science.

## **In-district or multi-district collaborations:**

- MECDC and collaborators have established a testing and vaccine site in Calais, open Mondays, and Tuesdays from November 1 through December 28. Extension of this clinic into 2022 will be determined based on need.
- Maine Council on Aging hosted a virtual listening session that had twenty-two (22) attendees on 10/01/2021.

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## District Coordinating Council Update



District: Midcoast	Date: December 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"> <li>Two community partners gave presentations on November 9's district council meeting. Cherie Merrill, executive director of the Belfast Soup Kitchen, discussed the various roles of the organization in reducing stigma and fighting food insecurity in Waldo County. The second presenter, Brittany Gill of the Community Housing Improvement Project, detailed the housing improvements they offered around Lincoln county.</li> <li>The 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) were completed for Knox, Waldo, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln counties.</li> </ul>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccination efforts have also been a high priority within the District.</li> </ul>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID 19 response has been the highest priority for district members.</li> </ul>	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Steering Committee began the annual membership review at its August 2021 meeting. Membership and membership gaps were discussed at the September MPHIC meeting with a request to Council members to identify potential Council members for consideration at the Council's February 2022 annual elections.</li> </ul>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	



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### District Coordinating Council Update



<b>District: Penquis</b>	<b>Date: December 16, 2021</b>
<p><b>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.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The December 3 Council meeting had multiple speakers: Gabe O’Brien from the Maine Youth Action Network gave a short presentation on empowering youth and minority community voices; Courtney Lanham from the Maine Youth Action Network brought a local student to share a successful personal hygiene pantry initiative adopted by her school; Brianna Bryant of Bangor Public Health gave a presentation on inclusivity and education for SupportME’S LGBTQ+ Support Network; Dee Kerry of Maine American Academy of Pediatrics gave a presentation on a new website that offers vaccine information for Maine residents.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Housing, heating oil, and ongoing transportation needs/other SDOH initiatives</li> <li>Rising overdose rates and mental health supports</li> <li>Engagement of youth and workforce development needs, including the need for better broadband access</li> <li>Shared CHNA implementation</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID 19 response is the highest priority for district members. Shared CHNA forums will help to provide data for future DPHIP efforts.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The membership crosswalk process will be initiated in the upcoming January Steering committee meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Piscataquis County Shared CHNA virtual forum occurred on September 7; the Penobscot County Forum occurred on September 23.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steering Committee members discuss vaccination clinic logistics and progress at every meeting.</li> </ul>	



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**District: Western**

**December 16, 2021**

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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 and we have not had capacity to bring this group together. The council coordinator has sent out polls seeking availability and we will resume sending another poll for availability at the beginning of the year.

***Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:***

Community Health Needs Assessment Virtual Forums were 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. Erin Guay has resigned from her position at Healthy Androscoggin on 10/22/2021 and Lindsay Gannon is the new interim Androscoggin representative for the Western DCC. The DCC will need to replace our SCC representative.

***In-district or multi-district collaborations:***

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

*The executive committee continue to meet to look at new approaches to the council work. The dedication of the executive committee has been an asset through this difficult stretch.*

***Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:***

The council finished the Maine Shared CHNA process and is working to review the district reports.

**Other 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:***

Bethany Fortier from the University of New England has joined the executive committee, as has Jennifer Quimby Director of the WIC program for York County Community Action.

***In-district or multi-district collaborations:***

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