

Western District Coordinating Council for Public Health

Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 13th, 2019

River Valley Healthy Community Coalition

Present: Allie Burke, Mike Burke, Michael Hatch, Steven Johndro, Katherine Lary, Holly Lasagna, Stephanie Leblanc, Kat Lemieux, Sabrina LoPizzo, Nate Miller, Mary Moran, Cecilia Natale, Jamie Paul, Andrea Richards and Emilee Winn.

Phone: Michelle Couillard and Shawn Yardley

Introductions and Deepening Connections: The group shared their introductions and what the last movie they saw in the theater was.

Maine Youth Action Network (MYAN) Grant and Annual Leadership Conference Update: Sabrina LoPizzo shared an update on the annual youth leadership conference for middle and high schoolers that was held in Bangor, ME. Focused on the importance of the youth voice, students from Rangeley Lakes Regional, Mt. Blue High, Mt. Valley High, and Lewiston Middle Schools represented Western District. Some of the attendees presented on topics such as - navigating conversations around coming out, the Yellow Tulip Project, and the power of youth voices among others. Feel free to contact Sabrina at slopizzo@fchn.org for more information regarding MYAN trainings, resources and support, or visit them online at: www.myan.org.

Western DCC 2020 Meeting Dates and Locations: Jamie Paul lead the discussion around upcoming Western DCC Meetings; sharing details of the Local Public Health Systems Assessments (LPHSA) for logistical considerations. **The LPHSA dates are as follows:**

**2/28/2020 at Community Concepts Inc., Lewiston, ME from 9am – 1pm,
3/27/2020 at Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington, ME from 9am – 1pm, and
5/1/2020 at Stevens Memorial Hospital, Norway, ME from 9am – 1pm.**

Details around the LPHSA meetings were discussed, including the target audience, the state's efforts in the [State Public Health Systems Assessment \(SPHSA\)](#), the [10 Essential Public Health Services](#) and how the LPHSA differs from the Maine Shared CHNA. Members were asked to volunteer on a subcommittee; please email Jamie at Jamie.L.Paul@Maine.gov if you would like to participate. Members are encouraged to attend the LPHSA meetings.

The group agreed that the frequency and timing of the DCC meetings worked well. Members agreed that the **March DCC Meeting should be held in conjunction with March LPHSA meeting on the 27th.**

The remainder of the 2020 DCC Meetings were agreed to be held quarterly from 9am – 11am:

6/26/2020 at Community Concepts Inc. Lewiston, ME

9/25/2020 at The Crosby Room, Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington, ME and

12/18/2020 at The Harper Conference Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, ME.

Legislative Update: Ned Claxton, Maine Senate District 20, shared updates on public health bills and answered questions from around the table. He discussed bills around the Medicaid expansion, paid leave, immunizations, marijuana, mental health, long-term care systems, and early childhood intervention among others. He highlighted the historic passing of four bills in one day regarding reducing the cost of medications and noted that his bill was carried over involving medication donation and redistribution. The next legislative session starts January 8th. To reach Ned, please email: Ned.Claxton@Legislature.Maine.gov or visit: www.legislature.maine.gov/senate. Members discussed interest in having Ned back for a future meeting.

Local Public Health Systems Assessment: Many questions and comments regarding the LPHSA were addressed earlier in the agenda. It was shared that the intended workload for the subcommittee includes connecting with potential participants. A preliminary list of volunteers was noted as Mike H., Steve, Nate and Andrea. Others wanted to confirm their participation later. A Doodle Poll will be shared to set up calls for the subcommittee.

Next DCC Meeting, in conjunction with an LPHSA meeting, is on 3/27/2020 at Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington from 9am – 1pm

Upcoming Western District Meetings are:

LPHSA: 2/28/2020 at Community Concepts Inc., Lewiston, ME from 9am – 1pm,

DCC and LPHSA: 3/27/2020 at Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington, ME from 9am – 1pm,

LPHSA: 5/1/2020 at Stevens Memorial Hospital, Norway, ME from 9am – 1pm,

DCC: 6/26/2020 at Community Concepts Inc. Lewiston, ME from 9am – 11am,

DCC: 9/25/2020 at Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington, ME from 9am – 11am,

DCC: 12/18/2020 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, ME from 9am – 11am.