

The Central Public Health District Coordinating Council (DCC)



is a representative, district-wide body formed in partnership with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Maine CDC) to engage in collaborative planning and decision-making for essential public health services at the district level. The Central DCC serves to mobilize working partnerships in order to combine efforts and resources within the district to produce results that no one community, organization, or sector could achieve effectively or efficiently alone.

We were formed in 2008 as part of the new Statewide Public Health System Development Initiative called for in the 2007 Public Health Work Group Recommendations and 22 MRS §412. The establishment of the nine Districts was designed to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of public health services and resources. **Our District includes Kennebec and Somerset Counties.**

Our responsibilities

- Identify District public health issues, concerns, and resources
- Bring needed health services to our communities
- Address health disparities to meet the specific public health needs of our District
- Coordinate public health activities and planning in the District
- Convene non-traditional public health partners
- Advise public health policy and allocation of funding
- Prepare and maintain the public health system for public health accreditation

Over the next few months, we will be

- ▶ Joining with district health systems, hospitals, and the district community action agency (KVCAP) to start the Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (SCHNA) process
- ▶ Assisting Maine CDC with Public Health Re-Accreditation
- ▶ Researching potential grant resources to help partners fund projects we were not able to award with the 2023 district health equity funding
- ▶ Updating our public health sector membership, our municipal Local Health Officer (LHO) roster, our contact lists, and district 211 resources

To get involved . . . or for more information

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**& attend our next Central DCC Meeting on April 25
at Educare Central Maine, 56 Drummond Avenue, Waterville**

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Our Vision:

A healthy population served by comprehensive, well-coordinated public health services

Our Mission:

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Maine Department of Health & Human Services District Offices and Maine Tribal Health Geographic Area

