



**Executive Committee
2023**

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Mission: *Promote the health of all our communities by providing public health information, coordination, collaboration, and advocacy.*

**Downeast Public Health Council
Friday, March 17, 2023: 9:00 – 11:00 am
Virtual Meeting**

Minutes

Participants at Meeting:

Name	Organization	Meeting Site
Tracy Parker	CHCS	19 all virtual via zoom
Rob't Groesbeck	Brooklin Fire Dept.	
Rebekah Sousa	Maine DOE	
Nicole Garcia	CHCS Home Care	
Nick Kojetin	CBHS	
Maria Donahue	Healthy Acadia	
Lois-Ann Kuntz	UMaine Machias	
Kristin Cyr	NL Blue Hill Hospital	
Janet Lewis	NL Health	
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Cynthia Grass	PHN Supervisor Penobscot	
Catherine MacDonald	PHN 1 District 6	
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Kory Pow Haggerty	MIYHS Maine CDC	
Al May	Maine CDC	
Abby van Ham	Maine CDC	
Elaine Ouellette	DOE	
Mia Petrini	Healthy Acadia	



Executive Summary

Welcome – Al May

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Maine Legislative Agenda Update, Becca Boulos, PhD, Maine Public Health Association

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Business Updates

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- Council Coordinator Update
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 - [Meeting Evaluation Link for March 17 2023](#)
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 - Motion Passed accepted.

Behavioral Health Research Project Update

Lois-Ann Kuntz, PhD UMM and Jeff Hecker, PhD, UMO

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District Planning

New format explored

Al May

[Presentation on SDOH](#)

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Evaluation/Meeting Adjourns



Full Meeting Minutes

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Survey given to grades 5-12, responses voluntary and anonymous. Examines Mental Health, Substance Use, Unintentional injuries and violence, Nutrition and physical activity, and supports.

Typically administered every other year. Voluntary for schools and for students, and parents can opt their child out. Though in Maine, normally ~ 70-80% of schools participate.

Data analyzed at State, PHD, and County levels.

2021 data

Hancock County did not have enough data to create a high school or middle school report.

Washington County did not get a middle school report because of lack of data.

No Downeast Middle school report.

Generally, Downeast is on par with Maine.

- In Maine, twice as many HS girls are experiencing mental health issues compared to boys. This number is increasing.
- 1 in 4 Maine students report 4 or more ACEs

2023 Date still being collected, through first week of April

Washington County, 88% of HSs signed up, only 2% of MSs and likely won't yield county report

Hancock County, 57% of HSs, and 55% MSs have signed up likely not enough to yield county reports

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Legislature still accepting testimony virtually and in person. This makes it more accessible.

MPHSA starts setting yearly priorities around June. Consults with partners throughout the summer, examine current political climate. The MPHSA Board Policy Committee proposes usually 5 priorities and is voted on by the board. The agenda is then set.

Current Priorities:

- Public Health Funding, mainly protecting tobacco master settlement money
 - As e-cigarette sales increase, money from this source decreases, expected to drop from ~55million to ~35million. Currently, around 70% of funds goes to treating



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tobacco caused illness. It is expected that prevention efforts increasingly be cut to continue this service at the CDC recommended level.

- Supporting Local Public Health
- Supporting the State’s Recognition of Wabanaki Sovereignty
- Ending the Sale of all Flavored Tobacco Products
- Preventing Youth and High Risk Adult Use of Cannabis and Alcohol Use

Cannabis and Alcohol bills are not hear in front of health and human services committee, instead, it is presented to the veterans and legal affairs committee. Public health perspective would be appreciated.

The current focus is on a bill that would create a process and commission to examine other funding models for public health, as in Maine funding can fluctuate by several million dollars every two years.

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CUT: Infrastructure Building

District Planning

A New Format will be used for Discussion on Shared CHNA Priorities:

- Social Determinants of Health;
- Mental Health;
- Alcohol and Drug Misuse;
- Access to Care

Groups will discuss the following:

- Define the priority
- Define any metrics or measures



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- What organizations are working in the priority
- What are current strengths and weaknesses

Moving forwards, and IdeaBoardz may be used to compile thoughts

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Evaluation Link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8lelO04HYvhurIA-HRMsVs3kAFZUWFxalqKKSqWifBVG9kQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Membership Form Link:

<https://forms.gle/PkU8JBFwTyyLi4Fj7>

2023 Meetings: *Third Friday of month: January 20, **March 17**, May 19, July 21, September 15, and November 17.*

From May 19 and Onwards, meeting will be held hybrid at the Eagle Hill Institute.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Abby van Ham