

Aroostook District Coordinating Council for Public Health (DCC)

Quarterly Meeting

August 1, 2018

9:00 am – 11:30am

Northern Maine Development Commission 11 West Presque Isle Road, Caribou, Maine 04736

The mission of the Aroostook DCC is to be the district-wide representative body for collaborative public health infrastructure development in Aroostook County by:

- ensuring the effective and efficient delivery of the 10 EPHS in Aroostook County
- creating and sustaining partnerships and shared public health resources
- promoting county-wide collaboration in public health assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation;
- continually enhancing the quality of public health services provided

MINUTES

In Attendance: Laura Turner, The Aroostook Medical Center; Jason Parent, ACAP; Norm Fournier, County; Michael Gahagan, Caribou Police; Chris Bennett, HIS; Donald J. Ardell, HIS-Houlton; Shawn D. Gillen, Aroostook SO; Craig Holder, MDEA; Lawrence Lowery, CBP-Houlton; Jerry Renner, USBP - Houlton; Todd Collins, District Attorney; Darrell Crandall, MDEA; Kim Parent, Power of Prevention, Cary Medical Center; Maura Lockwood, Maine CDC; Greg Disy, AMHC; Shery Locke, United Way of Aroostook; Dale Carratura, USBP-Van Buren; Carol Bell, Community Member; Lisa Fishman, University of Maine Cooperative Extension; Stacy Boucher, Maine CDC **On Adobe/Phone:** Esther Mitchell, Wabanaki Public Health

Welcome and Introduction

Chair and vice chair both out of town, duties assumed by District Liaison, Stacy Boucher. Agenda adjusted to accommodate speaker and guests.

Guest Presenter(s): Monica St. Clair, Public Health Analyst, New England HIDTA

Topic: New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas & the Heroin Response Strategy

Discussion: We would like the tools and resources that a HIDTA designation can bring to a district. How do we make this happen? The Federal grant application must come from Law Enforcement sectors. Money typically funds initiatives and task forces. Aroostook DCC would like to assist partners in any way possibly but not limited to a letter of support. Esther asked if HIDTA had worked with Tribal entities yet. Monica said she had not yet.

Law Enforcement Roundtable Regarding Law Enforcement Needs: US Customs Northbound often sees unintended arrivals. MDEA is very busy and sees intended arrivals of Heroin, but Methamphetamine is more prevalent and rising. Homeland Security Investigations said the equipment to analyze the drugs is extremely expensive. The District Attorney believes that Public health needs to remain focused on prevention since that is where the greatest good could be done, likened to seat belt use. Todd Collins, the District Attorney, explained a pilot program similar to 'drug court' that they have had much success with and is much less taxing on limited resources. (break)

Review of Minutes (no quorum – vote could not happen) No mistakes apparent upon review.

Statewide Coordinating Council (SCC) Update (two presentation)

- Presentation: HIDTA - drug trafficking and Opioid Issues.
- Prescription Monitoring Program; updates/presentation.

District Operations Updates: Partnership Self-Assessment (Progress Report)

- Vision: *Inspiring Leadership, Engaging Communities, Improving Health* – Created to help communicate our purpose more clearly to the public.
- New Orientation Packets complete. – Extra copies available at meetings
- Maura has been hired to fulfill Council support duties; should address some concerns raised in the partnership self-assessment.

ACTION: Looking for the next project. Feedback is sought.

District Operations Updates: Committee Updates

- Membership – Continued to recruit under-represented sectors.
- Standard Operating Procedures (five draft protocols were included)
ACTION: Please give feedback, we will vote next meeting.
- Access to Care – Due to significant organizational structural changes we are taking the summer off and we will reengage membership this fall.
- Healthy Aging –A survey of interested topic areas has just been completed. A next steps meeting will be held, further information will be provided as it becomes available.

District Public Health Improvement Plan: Review of Funded Prevention Services Work:

- See attached reports Substance Use Prevention Services (SUPS)
 - ♦ **Kim Parent** – Maine grantee:
Prime for Life program has been in the jail for 6+ months

District Public Health Improvement Plan: Shared CHNA – Monday, September 17, 2018

Round Table – Partner Updates

Lisa Fishman, University of Maine Cooperative Extension

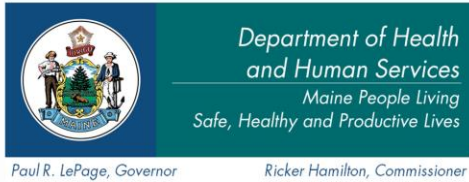
<https://calendar.umaine.edu/events/category/cooperative-extension/>

- Three Food Safety Classes – Cooking for Crowds (Madawaska 8/14, Van Buren 8/16, Fort Kent 8/21) Targeting populations that cook for churches, harvest, reunions, funerals in order to reduce the number of food poisoning incidents.

Laura Turner, The Aroostook Medical Center

- 15th Annual Crown of Maine Balloon Festival – August 23 -26th - Chamber of Commerce
- TAMC summer in full swing.





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- Healthy Aging begins September

Greg Disy, Aroostook Mental Health Center

- In coordination with NMMC providing Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Madawaska office

Sherry Locke, United Way of Aroostook

- Familywise prescription assistance cards for people with and without insurance. Cards can reduce cost of insurance AND copays at participating pharmacies.

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 7, 2018



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