**Downeast District Coordinating Council Update**

**District:** Down East  
**Date:** 14 June 2012

**Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting.** For agendas and copies of minutes, please see district’s website at:  

DCC Meeting was held at the Maine Sea Coast Mission Edge Center in Cherryfield on March 23 with fifteen participants.

- Eleody Libby of Washington County One Community and Doug Michael of Healthy Acadia were our speakers for our Downeast Deeper Dive and focused on Healthy Maine Partnership work in the two counties.
- We introduced a new session called Public Health Initiative, which links to a Maine CDC program. Today’s presentation was done by the Maine Diabetes Program and included information about diabetes and district/county data.
- A tribal health update was provided by Clarissa Webber, our tribal liaison.
- We inaugurated our newly elected co-chairs, Pam Gagnon of Child and Family Opportunities and Holly Gartmayer DeYoung of Eastport Health Care.
- We honored our outgoing co-chairs, Cheryl Zwingman-Bagley of Calais Regional Hospital and Doug Michael of Healthy Acadia, for their leadership.
- Short update on the progress of the DPHIP work teams was provided.
- SCC update and discussion provided by Al May.
- We have started to review proposed DCC bylaws changes.
- Next DCC meeting: June 29, 2012 in Cherryfield.

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

- Develop DCC benefits one pager to use as recruitment with district organizations.
- Draft of SCC Recommended DCC Structure and Bylaws to be reviewed.
- Community Transformation Grant ongoing deliverables and timeline.

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

Progress Report written at state level for submittal to Legislative Committee.

**Work Team Update**

- Health Indicators Team: Team has not met during this quarter.
- Health Gaps Team: Team has not met during this quarter.
- Communication Team: Team has not met during this quarter.
- Health Promotion Team: Team has not met during this quarter.
- Resource Development Team: Team has not met during this quarter.
- Workforce Development Team: Team has not met during this quarter.

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### Progress with Community Transformation Grant:
- Coordinator/Consultant was hired and started work at CTG Action Institute (May 14).
- CTG Coordinator and three district members participated at CTG Action Institute (May 14-15).
- Oversight Committee had overview and planning meeting on June 6.
- We started to develop work plan goals and milestones during June.
- We are looking to identify expert committee members in nutrition and physical activity to advise Oversight Committee.

### Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.
- Operating Structure and Bylaws document under review.
  - More discussion needed on demonstrating value of DCC to district partners.

### In-district or multi-district collaborations:
- Ongoing work in both counties on alcohol and drug abuse task forces.
- Coordinating work with Shared Youth Vision Council District Initiative.

### Other topics of interest for SCC members:
None at this submission.

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