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**Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health**  
Meeting Minutes for March 22, 2012, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Augusta Armory, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 179 Western Avenue, Augusta, ME

**In attendance:**

Members

Shawn Yardley, Joanne Joy, Carl Toney, Connie Putnam, Emily van Eegan, Geoff Miller, Clarissa Webber, Andrew Coburn, Stacy Boucher alternate for Jim Davis, Joel Kase, Stephen Fox, Sharon Leahy-Lind, Martha Webster for Melanie Loyzim, Robin Mayo, Jessica Maurer, Al May for Kathi Norwood, Lorrie Potvin, Connie Putnam, Ted Trainer for Megan Rochelo, Jerry Whalen

Stakeholders

Deb Wigand, Nancy Birkhimer, Jessa Barnard, Nancy Beardsley, Lee Gilman, George Mueller for Becky Harkema, Leticia Huttman, Sandy Parker, Kate Perkins, Lisa Sockabasin, Angela Westhoff, Laurie Trenholm

Interested Parties

Amy Wagner, Joe Mando, Jessica Fogg, Paula Thomson, Becca Matusovich, Lisa Miller, Len Bartel, Morgan Floyd, Barbara Sorrondo, Dr. Gail Dana-Saco, Lisa Miller, Heather Davis, Katie Woodbury

**SCC meeting convenes.** Shawn Yardley brought the meeting to order at 11:00 AM, followed by introductions of meeting attendees.

**Statewide survey work for health systems** – Shawn Yardley did a brief description regarding needs assessments and expressed hopes for the SCC to help move this effort forward. He then introduced Jerry Whalen who did the background for Opportunity for Joint Public/Private partnership on future community health needs assessments (CHNA).

**Beacon Project Update** - Dr. Barbara Sorrondo did a power point presentation explaining the history of Beacon.

ONC = Office of the National Coordinator – Jim Leonard is the coordinator for Maine.

- Preliminary results of cost savings for asthma and COPD
- Guidance on how we can approach significant cost drivers.

**The State Health Assessment & State Health Improvement Plan Update** Sharon Leahy-Lind did an overview of the State Health Assessment Plan and referred people to the handout including background information.

Nancy Birkhimer did an overview of the State Health Improvement Plan. She will forward the handout she brought to the meeting to Katie Woodbury who will distribute by email to SCC membership after the meeting.

**Health Disparities-Health Equity** – Sharon Leahy Lind explained that people wanted more information about Health Disparities evidence based practice being done in Maine so the following people were invited here today inform you of this work.

Dr. Tim Ford, Dean of Graduate Studies of Public Health, UNE –

Dr. Gail Dana-Saco - UNE Assistant Professor of Public Health and Director Maine AHAP

Clarissa Webber, Tribal District Liaison and SCC Member

Dr. Tim Ford – did a brief history on program they are proposing and then introduced -

Dr. Gail Dana-Saco Network Community-Based Participatory Research model on health disparities.

Pat Knox

Pat Knox did a tribal power point presentation explaining development of a Needs Assessment Survey for tracking accurate race and ethnicity data in Maine. The survey was conducted in all 5 communities (a total of 1134 surveys completed). The National BRFSS information was used and adapted to create a survey with 29 sections.

We are very pleased that we are meeting or exceeding the 2020 Healthy People Objective.

**Election of Executive Committee Member and Vice Chair** - Sharon Leahy Lind announced that the Nominating subcommittee proposed Andy Coburn as Executive Committee member, and Geoff Miller as vice chair. Members voted and by unanimous vote Andrew Coburn was elected to the Committee and Geoff Miller was elected vice chair.

**Remote Meeting Access Option** Joanne Joy explained how to utilize

**State Public Health System Assessment** Steve Fox did an update – he explained they are one of 3 subcommittees that split off the SCC. He following work has been completed up to March

- Identify 1 – 2 priorities that can be accomplished within a year to reengage the SCC into the State Public Health System Assessment
- Evaluated scores from SPHSA conducted at the Muskie School
- Reviewed data from 8 Local Public Health System Assessments
- Looked at 2009 District Health Priorities

At the June SCC meeting they will do a presentation Statewide and District Priorities. The goal is to identify two of our high priority actions for the SCC to discuss.

**CTG Updates** – Shawn Yardley gave s Statewide update and reminded people that the SCC is the advisory body for this grant.

The following people did regional updates:

Joel Kase – York

Al May – Downeast

Stacy Boucher – Aroostook

Jamie Comstock - Penquis

Lori Potvin – Western

Paula Thomson – Central

Steve Fox - Cumberland

**SCC & District Guidance and Operating Principles** - Shawn Yardley explained the reasoning that went into the creation of this document. Shawn asked where do we go from here? How do we proceed?

Sharon thanked Jessica and Paula for the work they did with this document. Sharon asked if people would be willing to take the document back to their Steering and Executive Committees to find out what works in their District. What areas need work and what needs to be changed?

It was decided to put this on the next Agenda for the next SCC meeting to report back with changes.

There has to be uniformity and consistency within the document.

**Evaluation** forms were filled out and collected.

**Adjourn** at 2:40

**Next meeting:** June 14, 2012