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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

District: Aroostook District	Date: December 12, 2019
<p>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: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district8/council-main.shtml</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DCC Presentation: Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) Agency Transformation Presentation, Jason Parent, Executive Director, ACAP ➤ An introduction to District Public Health Systems Improvement Plan (DPHSIP) & Local Public Health Systems Assessment (LPHSA) ➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: February 5, 2020 • Next Steering Committee Meeting: January 1, 2020 • Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: January 22, 2020 • Next Healthy Aging Subcommittee Workforce Meeting: January 8, 2020 • Next Healthy Aging Subcommittee Housing Meeting: January 8, 2020 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DCC funded project Cardiovascular Health Among Seniors: Project completed reports received. ➤ In conjunction with Maine Youth Action network, a program of Opportunity Alliance. Aroostook DCC is seeking applications to conduct youth engagement work in Aroostook District. 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Local Public Health Systems Assessment in planning stages 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New Membership: Nick Archer, Department of Environmental Protection; Craig Rothfuss, Infectious Disease Epidemiologist, Aroostook; Sara Ennis, Executive Director, United Way; Melanie Bubar, Homeless Services of Aroostook. ➤ New Stakeholders: Gabe O’Brien, MYAN Youth Coordinator; Heidi Warman, Katahdin Valley Health Center 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Healthy Aging Committee; project group progress: Workforce Workgroup - collaboration between OADS, PHN, Primary Care MeCDC research potential standardized Wellbeing/Cognitive Competency assessment tool; Housing Workgroup– Research potential financial impacts of Accessory Dwelling Units from household income perspective. 	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: None to report at this time.</p>	

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<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues: District-Wide Prevention Messaging to priority populations; Partners for Recovery (PFR/HRSA) Grant and new hospital HRSA grants; Harm Reduction/Needle Exchange capacity building and Naloxone distribution; ACEs-Resilience training and resources; 2020 Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA); transportation services and volunteer efforts; participation in 211 and tracking issues in service coverage; recruiting/maintaining sector membership; coordinating with recipients of the Maine Prevention Services contracts; vulnerable populations HAN</p>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan (DPHIP): <i>Activities planned for completion during the quarter and whether activities are able to be completed on schedule</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Use Central District Public Health Unit updates and DCC website to communicate important information to DCC, LHOs, and partners – ongoing task with updates going out weekly as needed ▶ Establish and implement DCC Vaccination Workgroup and communication network – ongoing ▶ The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)-Resilience Workgroup drafted updated DPHIP strategies and focus areas 2020 implementation ▶ PFR Advisory Team met to continue progress on workplan; Stigma workgroup is using assessment results to draft messaging plan <p><i>Successes achieved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The Stigma Assessment results were presented to the DCC and MPHA ▶ The ACEs-Resilience Workgroup updated the district training and resources handout for distribution ▶ The District-Wide Prevention Messaging Workgroup developed the new playlist ▶ The DCC continues to advise the PFR/HRSA Grant and assist with workgroup recruitment <p><i>Barriers encountered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Volunteers for DCC and partner initiatives are reporting that they are increasingly being asked to serve on multiple boards and committees ▶ Loss of funding for our Oral Health Community Health Worker beyond year 5 ▶ Personnel turnover and transitions 	

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership: updated Committee and Workgroup charges and membership; started review of membership and adjusting to turnover/filling gaps in sector representation

In-district or multi-district collaborations: Harm Reduction/Needle Exchange Capacity Building; District-Wide Prevention Messaging/PICH Sustainability, PFR/HRSA Grants; Naloxone Distribution; Oral Health with Children’s Partnership for Oral Health and Maine CDC Oral Health Program; Transportation/Volunteer Driving; Poverty Action Coalition; UWMM and Drug-Free Communities Grant recipients collaboration on ACEs-Resilience; Hospital CHIP/implementation strategy collaboration; school flu vaccination

Other topics of interest for SCC members: Steadily building participation in and awareness of the DCC has led to more interest in using the DCC to recruit partners and ‘asks’ to take on work as a district – a good success, but one that highlights our lack of resources to complete some work identified by the DCC.

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District: Cumberland

Date: 12/12/19

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Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting:

September DCC: Thirty-five people participated in the full Council meeting on September 20th, 2019, at Northern Light Homecare and Hospice in South Portland. We opened the meeting with an update on asylum seekers, many of whom have settled in Brunswick. **Mufalo Chitam** of Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition (MIRC), **Nsiona Nguizani** (Cultural Broker, Brunswick), **Melissa Fochesato** (Mid Coast Hospital), and **Clement Yombe** (ProsperityME) shared updates on their engagement with asylum seekers in Brunswick.

As part of the Council's advocacy efforts, a Youth Mental Health workgroup has been meeting. Workgroup member Chelsea Mancini shared a draft position paper. The Youth Mental Health position paper will be used to educate decision-makers and communicate the priorities of Cumberland District. The workgroup requested DCC members provide data points and feedback.

Jonathan Sahrbeck, Cumberland County District Attorney joined us to speak about the Cumberland County Coalition for Substance Use Prevention (CCCSUP) that he convenes. Jonathan shared that his approach as D.A. is prevention-based as many who enter the criminal justice system experience SUD, alcoholism, or have a history of trauma. Jonathan is serving on the Prevention and Recovery Cabinet that Gordon Smith is chairing. The 5 elements the Cabinet will address are: treatment, recovery support, primary prevention, overdose rescue, and leadership.

November DCC: Forty-three people participated in the full Council meeting on November 15th, at Northern Light Homecare and Hospice in South Portland. We were joined by **Maine CDC Director, Nirav Shah**, who spoke about several areas of focus areas for public health, including: electronic cigarette/vaping-related lung illness; childhood lead poisoning; and climate change in public health. To address these and other pressing public health needs in Maine, Director Shah discussed the need to fill public health positions and to make the Maine CDC a better place to work. He responded to questions around the role Maine's youth can play in public health; the use of telehealth for home-bound community members; how to address the "diseases of despair"; the future of Maine's public health infrastructure; public water management; the presence of the Maine CDC at the table.

Senator Cathy Breen and **Representative Drew Gattine** shared the work being done at the State Legislative level. Senator Breen shared an overview of recent legislative accomplishments including funding and bills passed around youth hunger, K-12 education, reproductive health care, Public Health Nursing and others.

Participants acknowledged the importance of transitioning from Youth to Adult to Older Adult mental health services, bridging mental health services, the need to build up the workforce, and MaineCare Reimbursement rates. The legislators noted that the Council could share the LD number and committee, track public hearings, and send alerts as ways to support their efforts.

Executive Committee: Members of the Executive Committee have met regularly with a Consultant to map out a communications and advocacy plan around Council priorities and roles, most recently on 11/1/2019 to finalize communication and advocacy protocols. For meeting minutes, archived newsletters, a calendar of events and other CDPHC related documents, visit: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district2/council-main.shtml>

The next full Council meeting will be held on January 17th, 2019 from 10am – 12 noon, location to be determined.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Dates for Cumberland District Local Public Health Systems Assessment (LPHSA) meetings are: March 11th and May 6th, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., locations to be determined. DL is working with a group of individuals to make arrangements for the LPHSA sessions, and members of the DCC will be briefed at the January full Council meeting.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

CDPHC is continuing to develop plans around the following Council Priorities: Sexual Health; Youth Mental Health and ACEs/Poverty.
DL has convened a series of conversations around asylum-seeker health and well-being, with a focus on the 70+ individuals who have settled in Brunswick.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

CDPHC has requested nominations for membership and several Executive Committee positions, including Chair, Vice-Chair and Advocacy co-Chair. Deadline for nominations is December 31st.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

N/A

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

City of Portland Director/Administrator of Public Health, Dr. Kolawole Bankole has taken a position in Florida, and will no longer serve as a DCC or SCC member, or as LHO for Portland. We wish him well!

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Downeast District

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December 5, 2019

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Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:

- Local Public Health Systems Assessment Planning in process
- Health Literacy
- Cancer Prevention

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

- Cardiovascular Health; Drug and Alcohol Use; Mental Health: work being done outside of district council in each county.
- Cancer==pilot projects around breast cancer screening, radon air testing, arsenic and water testing, libraries and health information.

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

- Newsletters: October 2019 and December 2019 went out
- Ongoing update of stakeholders, members, and orientation
- Online Meeting RSVP and Evaluations offered for tracking meetings

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Palliative Care Summit October 2019
- Downeast Cancer Conference October 2019
- Ongoing substance use work in both counties by collaborative partners, with focus on opioid treatment and recovery, expansion of MAT services, umbrella services for patients in and out of correctional facilities and creating support mechanisms for patients during treatment and recovery.

Questions/Comments for SCC:

Please clarify the district reports on their meaning, especially around these sections:

- Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues
- Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan
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District: Midcoast	Date: December 12, 2019
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and District Coordinating Council (DCC) meetings held since last SCC meeting.</p> <p>At the November 12, 2019, Midcoast Public Health Council (MPHC) meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristen McAuley, Director of Prevention and Training for the Center for Tobacco Independence, spoke about Year 4 Maine Prevention Services (MPS) services including services to be implemented from additional funding, vaping-associated lung injury, and upcoming legislation. She answered questions from the audience, and agreed to take back a suggestion about using some of the additional funding for working with pediatricians to improve their capacity to work with adolescents struggling with vaping-related nicotine addiction. • A presentation from MPHC Chair Cathy Cole about hospital Community Healthy Improvement Plans (CHIPS), based on the shared Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) results from the process conducted last fall, showed that most counties statewide are working on the same things. • District Liaison Drexell White spoke about the upcoming Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA) process, providing some history, planning and scheduling options, and describing overall goals of the process. Steering Committee members will continue planning at their January 2020 meeting. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Steering Committee is working on Standard Operating Procedures and Policies (SOPPs) for DCC review; the current policy up for consideration concerns weather-related meeting cancellations. 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current LPHSA process, which is slated to begin in January 2020, temporarily took the place of DPHIP discussion. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The membership crosswalk and Steering Committee-approved bylaws updates were sent to MPHC members for review; Council members will vote on a slate of candidates and revised bylaws at the February 2020 meeting. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the upcoming census process and the identification of inaccurate or misleading information about what purpose census results serve, there is an effort, both locally and statewide to assess the role that public health can play during the census process. 	



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District: Penquis	Date: December 12, 2019
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and DCC (District Coordinating Council) meetings held since last SCC (State Coordinating Council) meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Penquis District DCC meeting will be held on December 13, 2019. Agenda items are focused on transportation as a priority area of interest, as indicated in the last DCC report, and on the upcoming Local Public Health System Assessment process. There will be two presenters- Zoe Miller, Director of Community Engagement, Greater Portland Council of Governments; and Paula Thomson, Maine CDC District Liaison for the Central Public Health District, a neighboring PHD. Jessica Fogg, Maine CDC District Liaison for the Penquis PHD will be discussing the LPHSA process with attendees. The Penquis DCC Steering Committee continues to work on reviewing DCC policies (procedures for minutes and meeting convening and cancellation policies) 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobility Management- Engagement with Statewide project work LPHSA process at the local/district level Oral Health Community Conversation in Piscataquis County 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The upcoming LPHSA process, which is slated to begin in January 2020, will temporarily replace discussions about DPHIP work. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica Taylor, St. Joseph Healthcare Marj Droppa, Bangor Y 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The invitation list for the transportation discussion at the next DCC meeting is going out cross-district, as we look to build support regionally for sharing information and resources about transportation successes and challenges, in alignment with the model proposed by Moving Maine. Oral health project- Penquis DCC, Partnership for Children’s Oral Health, Helping Hand with Heart, and University of Maine Maine Prevention Service Grant- Maine CDC Thriving in Place (MeHAF Grant Initiative), Millinocket, Old Town, Orono, Veazie, Dover-Foxcroft Save-a-Life Coalition in the greater Lincoln Region Helping Hands with Heart 	

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

- Shared Community Health Needs Assessment Penquis DCC Committee is continuing to meet and has developed a planning document that includes participating hospitals' implementation strategies, FQHCs, community groups, DCC, and public health coalitions strategies for the next three years.

**Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health
District Coordinating Council Update**

District: Western

December 12, 2019

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Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting:

Western DCC new vision statement was voted in. It is: ***The Western District Coordinating Council envisions a district in which population health needs are met quickly and efficiently through a coordinated network of healthcare organizations, social service agencies, community stakeholders and other entities invested in a healthy Western Maine.***

Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plans:

St Mary's Hospital **will be focusing on substance use and mental health, food insecurity (efforts through the Nutrition Center for emergency food pantry, community gardens, and mobile farmer's market). They will also be partnering with Central Maine Medical Center to address youth vaping and partnering with the Androscoggin Community Stakeholder Coalition to work on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).**

Central Maine Medical Center **will be focusing on social determinants of health, specifically transportation. CMMC will be working on researching the extent of the transportation problem in Androscoggin county, building capacity, advocating for an improved statewide non-emergency transportation system, and will create a pilot program. CMMC will also be working on building capacity.**

Franklin Memorial Hospital **will be focusing on social determinants of health, specifically poverty and food insecurity, mental health (expanding services), substance use, obesity (targeting high school students) and access to care (transportation).**

Rumford Hospital **will be focusing on behavioral health to improve ACEs education, provide education on Mental Health First Aid, and suicide prevention. They will also be focusing specifically on ACEs, to train hospital staff & patients, as well as, embed ACEs screenings in the HER and ER screenings.**

Maine Prevention Services Presentation **by Nicholas Beverage.**

Maine CDC STD Update **was cancelled.**

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

The Western DCC will be voting on dates and locations for the upcoming Western District Local Public Health System Assessment at the next DCC meeting on 12/13/2019. The Steering Committee is proposing:

2/28/2020 9-1pm Community Concepts (Lewiston)

3/27/2020 9-1pm Franklin Memorial Hospital (Farmington)

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5/1/2020 9-1pm Stephens Memorial Hospital (Norway)

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Vice Chair/ Statewide Coordinating Council Nominations: **Michael Hatch was voted in as the vice chair and Erin Guay was voted in to serve as the Statewide Coordinating Council representative.**

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

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Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting:

The Executive Committee continues to meet regularly.

Due to weather the December 2nd meeting has been postponed until December 23rd. The meeting will focus on recognizing volunteers and the impact on public health. Also, an overview of the Local Public Health Systems Assessment will be conducted.

An overview of the meeting will be provided on the next report. If anyone would like to attend, please reach out to either York District Public Health Liaison adam.hartwig@maine.gov or Council Coordinator Emilee.winn@maine.gov

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Healthy Living Collaborative:

- **Adam Hartwig shared information on the Life-Course Perspective and Public Health Roles in relation to the Healthy Brain Initiative- and the role nutrition plays. Healthy Brain Initiative Task Force meets once a month on Fridays: If interested in more information you can contact Adam.**
- **Jeanne MacDonald-Johnson shared what her work looks like as a Community Builder in Sanford They offer a Provider Support Group for anyone supporting and working with families- for more information contact Jeanne. Goals are to: help people in Sanford, peer support center, connect to resources, and more!**

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

York County Shelter Programs, York County Community Action, and Maine CDC have been working together to try an address the homeless issue in Sanford.

The Executive Committee continues to work with ME CDC on convening the Local Public Health Systems Assessment in 2020.

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

The York County District Liaison in partnership with the Alzheimer's association is convening a task force to work on Alzheimer's and Dementia issues within the district. A know the 10 signs training for local health officers is being planned for there week of January 13th

The York District Hoarding work continues to meet and provide education despite the loss of funding. Currently the District Liaison, Executive Directors from Fair Tide and York Community Service Association, and York Director of Code Enforcement are meeting to look for funding opportunities to ensure the work continues.

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