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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council¹ Update

District: CUMBERLAND

Date: 09/20/10

Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas):

The Council met on July 16 and September 17, 2010; the next meeting is November 19, 2010.

The July meeting focused primarily on the ongoing development of the District Public Health Improvement Plan. The Council provided feedback and gave informal endorsement of the work to date by the DPHIP Planning group, which included use of a formal prioritization process to identify population health priorities for the plan. A survey monkey then followed in August to reach beyond current DCC membership to gather broader input on the identified priorities and assess support for a proposed workgroup process. The Executive Committee met in August, discussed the survey monkey feedback, and considered various options for how to best complete the DPHIP planning process. The EC decided on the following recommendation to the council:

- Start with one workgroup (on Flu & Pneumococcal Vaccine) for completion of the DPHIP this fall
- Work through the planning process with this first workgroup in Oct & Nov, developing detailed strategies and logic model for inclusion in the DPHIP
- Use the first workgroup to test the workgroup process and tools, then replicate the process (adapting as needed) with the other priorities over the course of 2011, adding detailed strategies and logic models on those priorities to the DPHIP as supplements.
- Include in the DPHIP a goal of building capacity on EPHS 3 & 4, through the development of a communications plan.

At the Sept meeting the Council considered the recommendations of the Executive Committee, and then took a formal vote to approve the District Public Health Improvement Plan priorities and the recommendations. The September agenda also included a presentation on the Dental Access Bond Issue, a presentation on KeepME Well, and amendments to the Council By-laws.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

The District Public Health Improvement Plan will focus on the following two sets of priorities:

Public Health System priorities:

EPHS 3. Inform, Educate, And Empower People about Health Issues

EPHS 4. Mobilize Community Partnerships to Identify and Solve Health Problems

EPHS 7. Link People to Needed Personal Health Services and Assure the Provision of Health Care when Otherwise Unavailable

Population Health Priorities:

Flu & Pneumococcal Vaccine

High Blood Pressure & High Cholesterol

Tobacco

Access to Primary Care

Public Health Preparedness



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Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:

The LPHSA has been completed, still waiting for final report. The LPHSA results were used by the DPHIP planning group to identify system priorities for the District Public Health Improvement Plan.

Organizations represented at meeting(s):

July 16, 2010

AccessHealth; Bridgton Hospital; CarePartners/MedAccess; City of Portland, Health and Human Services, Public Health Division; Greater Portland Council of Governments; Healthy Casco Bay; Healthy Portland; Home Health Visiting Nurses; Local Health Officers; Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention; MaineHealth; Maine State Legislative Representative (Portland); Medical Care Development; Mercy Health System; Municipalities; People's Regional Opportunity Program; Pfizer; Southern Maine Agency on Aging; Tipton Enterprizes [sic]; University of New England; Westbrook Coordinated School Health Program; Woodfords Family Services

September 17, 2010

AccessHealth; City of Portland, Health and Human Services, Public Health Division; Cumberland County; Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency; Healthy Casco Bay; Healthy Portland; Home Health Visiting Nurses; Interested Community Members; Local Health Officers; Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention; Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Oral Health Program; MaineHealth; Maine State Legislative Representative (Portland); Medical Care Development; Mercy Health System; Municipalities; Patient Centered Medical Home Consumer Group; People's Regional Opportunity Program; Pfizer; South Portland Fire Department; Southern Maine Agency on Aging; Southern Maine Regional Resource Center; Tipton Enterprizes [sic]; University of New England; University of Southern Maine School of Nursing; Westbrook Coordinated School Health Program.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

For the District Public Health Improvement Plan we are convening both a Flu & Pneumococcal Vaccine Workgroup and a Communications Committee in October.

The four Cumberland HMPs work very closely together, and are exploring a coordinated advisory group structure through the DCC's Healthy Cumberland Committee.

Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:

Other district issues (external to the DCC) that impact public health

Dental Access bond issue on November ballot (Question 2)

¹Sec. 5. 22 MRSA c. 152

A district coordinating council for public health shall:

1. Participate as appropriate in district-level activities to help ensure the state public health system in each district is ready and maintained for accreditation;
2. Provide a mechanism for district-wide input to the state health plan under Title 2, section 103;
3. Ensure that the goals and strategies of the state health plan are addressed in the district; and
4. Ensure that the essential public health services and resources are provided for in each district in the most efficient, effective and evidence-based manner possible.