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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council¹ Update

District: Down East	Date: March 12, 2010
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas): Down East DCC meeting held via videoconference on January 6, 2010 in Ellsworth, Machias, and Calais with 27 participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Local Public Health Systems Assessment • Brainstorm on priorities • Have district liaison review lists of stakeholders and current members to analyze who is represented on the DCC and where there are opportunities for recruitment • The steering committee had a face to face planning meeting on February 5—review draft work plan, review governance issues, and develop a method for how to move forward on the LPHSA. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H1N1 and Seasonal Flu: Mid Course Review Regional Meetings. • MAPP process. • District Co-Chairs have taken a lead role in leadership of steering committee and DCC. • Inventory research, funding, and community opportunities—existing and potential. • State Health Plan District Forum discussion of Prevention Quality Indicators. 	
<p>Status of Local Public Health System Assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break out sessions were held at January 6 meeting in order to review LPHSA findings, to understand different methods for prioritization of issues, and working in breakout groups, to use the listed action steps as one means to prioritize the key issues for the District. • The steering committee took the information from this meeting as a starting point for a face to face planning meeting on February 5, where we developed five work teams based on the priorities of the LPHSA process, who will organize and meet at the May 5 meeting to develop goals/objectives and strategies. 	
<p>Organizations represented at meeting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At DCC meeting, videoconference at three sites provided better participation from all areas across the district and included hospitals, HMPs, human service agencies, advocacy, and tribal liaisons. • Steering committee face to face meeting was well attended and provided a great means for open discussion and strategic thinking. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Liaison teamed up with the one county EMA director to hold four regional meetings to provide information to Local Health Officers and Local EMA Directors. 	
<p>Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we get a clearer path on how the local (HMP MAPP), district and state health improvement plans not just link but how one provides a building block to the other layers. • Can the SCC give the districts strategies and leadership in how best to engage local stakeholders? 	
<p>Other district issues (external to the DCC) that impact public health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Security—we are starting to see community soup kitchens develop the use of local food sources and build a network of farms as well as providing education about making good eating choices. • Economic Development and Unemployment: we are beginning discussions on how to use state and local networks for building a plan on health care / public health workforce issues. • Continued focus on Healthy Aging and providing the needed services to home bound. 	

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.