



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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District: Aroostook District	Date: March 9, 2023
<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> <p>➤ Aroostook Public Health Council Quarterly Meeting February 1, 2023</p> <p>Topic: Maine Prevention Network: Aroostook award status check and next steps discussion Guest Presenter(s): Meg Hegemann, Prevention Services Coordinator, ACAP and Kelsey Park, Planning Consultant MPN project</p> <p>Topic: Per – and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAs) Guest Presenter: Bill Sheehan, Director, Northern Maine Region of MDEP</p> <p>➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: May 3, 2023 • Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: April 18, 2023 • Next Public Health Emergency Planning Committee Meeting: April 6, 2023 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ LPHSA report compilation; foundational prioritization work</p> <p>➤ Emergency Planning review of After Action findings</p>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <p>➤ The Aroostook Public Health Council will be working with the primary Maine Prevention Network grantee in the District to meet shared deliverables and increase accountability and transparency.</p>	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</p> <p>➤ Membership Updates: Judy Anderson replacing Joy Barresi Saucier as Aroostook Agency on Aging primary organizational representative; Sue Powers replacing Jason Parent as Aroostook County Action Program primary organizational representative</p> <p>➤ Leona Alvarado assuming a role representing Tribal District on the APHC Steering Committee</p> <p>➤ The Aroostook Electronic Roundtable continues to go out bi-weekly. 105+ recipients. Partner organizations continue to submit their organizations events/announcements/trainings. This collaboration allows members to learn what others are doing and coordinate between our quarterly meetings.</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations: None to report at this time</p>	
<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: COVID-19 response; Avian Influenza; 2023 DCC calendar and membership updates; District Oral Health Profile; Community Health Improvement Plan information and support; new Maine Prevention Network contract implementation consultation; PPE and testing supplies navigation; vaccination clinic, appointment, and transportation assistance; assistance for and connection to organizations providing basic needs and resources; PFAS and lead testing and remediation assistance. Hospital HRSA grant, Harm Reduction capacity building, and Naloxone distribution support.</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 to communicate important information to DCC, LHOs, chief municipal officials, and partners -- ongoing task. ▶ Vaccination Coordination Workgroup has met monthly to address district needs and coordinate efforts ▶ District Oral Health Profile started by Partnership for Children’s Oral Health <p><i>Successes achieved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The ACEs-Resilience (now PCEs) Workgroup members are working on school and community supports for trauma and recovery, evaluating available tools, and collaborating on training <p><i>Barriers encountered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Large amount of turnover in staffing at many organizations. ▶ End of financial supports due to federal funding running out and end of declared emergency in May 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership: The ACEs-Resilience Workgroup has changed its name to the Positive Childhood Experiences (PCEs) Workgroup to better reflect current best practice; updating Workgroup charges and membership for 2023.</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations: Rural Community Health Improvement Partnership (R-CHIP) grant awarded to Spectrum Generations; COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination and testing information and assistance; COVID-19 response and prevention/basic needs assistance for organizations serving vulnerable populations; EMS service and non-profit organization testing assistance; transportation assistance; HRSA grant collaborations; Avian Influenza, PFAS, rabies, and browntail moth information and workshops.</p>	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: Pressing district needs right now for affordable housing, including recovery/supported housing, heating/utility assistance, and transportation services; along with respiratory illness prevention and supports for essential workers and their families.</p>	

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District: Downeast	Date: March 16, 2023
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting. SCC meeting materials and general information can be found at http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district7/council-main.shtml.</p>	
<p>District Public Health Council Meetings</p>	
<p>January 20, 2023 – All virtual meeting; Zoom. Twenty attendees.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper Dive: Maine Public Health 101, Al May, Maine CDC • Introduce New Staff: Abby van Ham, Council Coordinator; Shawn Peterson, Public Health Educator • Building Understanding of PH Infrastructure: two or three organizations briefly answer these questions: how does your organization define public health; what does your organization do that is related to public health; and what is your organization’s role in the public health system? • District Updates: Prevention Services; Passamaquoddy Tribe, September SCC Meeting. • District Planning: DEPHC Goals; LPHSA; Shared CHNA Reports 	
<p>Next meeting March 17, 2023 (zoom)</p>	
<p>Meetings starting in May through November will be hybrid with in-person site hosted by Eagle Hill Institute in Gouldsboro/Steuben.</p>	
<p>2023 Meetings: Third Friday of month: January 20, March 17, May 19, July 21, September 15, and November 17.</p>	
<p>Executive Committee Meetings</p>	
<p>February 17, 2023</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Executive Committee Slate • District Planning: Prioritize LPHSA Strengths, Weaknesses, and Opportunities • Discuss in person sites for meetings starting in May 	
<p>Next Meeting April 21, 2023 (Proposed in person at new site)</p>	
<p>2023 Meetings: <i>Third Friday of the month: February 17, April 21, June 16, August 18, October 20, December 15.</i></p>	

Downeast District

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Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:

- District Infrastructure Improvement Plan
- Maternal and Child Health System Assessment: bring partners together in Washington County to assess work being done and define possible gaps in geographical services and access to services.

Progress with District Priorities:

- All committees have been on break during the summer and LPHSA process.
 - Health Literacy Committee
 - Healthy Aging Committee.
 - DEPHC Cancer
 - Palliative Care and Hospice Committee
 - DEPHC Emergency Preparedness

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

- Membership Updates.
 - Ongoing membership updates
- Communications
 - Public Health Educator and Council Coordinator are updating Communications Plan and evaluating how district messaging and communications are disseminated and utilized by district partners.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Substance Use (opioids) treatment centers, recovery homes and resource centers have provided benefits to the population needing these supports.
- Poverty: Washington County multi-partner project on reducing child poverty by 2030.
- Food Security: using the End Hunger by 2030 Plan, multiple partners in Washington County mapping out food security resources and gaps at the community and regional levels.
- Housing: ongoing discussions about affordable housing shortages and suggested temporary housing and warming centers during winter for those in need.

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District: Midcoast	Date: March 16, 2023
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and District Coordinating Council (DCC) meetings held since last SCC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The February 14th council meeting featured a presentation from Melinda Corey of Maine DHHS’s Help Me Grow program. Melinda gave an overview of their services and their community resources. Rebecca Boulos of the Maine Public Health Association gave a Maine Legislative update to the council. The Social Determinants of Health, Access to Care, and Mental Health workgroups within the MPHC were given time to go into breakout rooms and meet with attendees, give updates on goals and objectives, and discuss other projects and opportunities. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Local Public Health System Assessments reports are currently underway. 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council approved the Social Determinants of Health, Access to Care, and Mental Health Work Groups’ goals and objectives during the November 15th MPHC meeting. They will continue to meet and work on strategies for the next two years. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General elections were held. Multiple new members were elected to the council. Melissa Fochesato was elected as chair, Kate Martin was elected as vice-chair, Cathy Cole and Connie Putnam were re-elected to the steering committee, and Chris Lyman was elected to the SCC. The annual elections process begins each August with the MPHC Steering Committee’s membership crosswalk and call for candidates. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Via the newsletter and notes and resources publications, the Council has been providing regular updates on public health initiatives in the community as well as helping to promote COVID 19 vaccination efforts. 	



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District Coordinating Council Update



District: Penquis	Date: March 16, 2023
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and DCC (District Coordinating Council/Public Health Council) meetings held since last SCC (State Coordinating Council) meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The March 10th meeting featured a presentation from Maine CDC’s Jade Skinner on overdose data and prevention in Maine. The meeting also featured a presentation from Melinda Corey from Maine DHHS’s Help Me Grow program. Melinda gave an overview of the services and their community resources. • Jamie Comstock from Bangor Public Health gave a Maine Prevention Network update and their goals for their new funding. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Public Health System Assessments reports are currently underway. • COVID-19 and flu vaccination encouragement • Housing, heating oil, and ongoing transportation needs/other SDOH initiatives • Rising overdose rates and mental health supports • Engagement of youth and workforce development needs, including the need for better broadband access • Shared CHNA implementation 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHNA reports encouraged renewed efforts in social determinants of health, mental health, access to care, and substance and alcohol abuse. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New members are added to the council on an ongoing basis. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Piscataquis and Penobscot County Shared CHNA data reports were released and encouraged renewed efforts in social determinants of health, mental health, access to care, and substance and alcohol abuse. 	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee members discuss new concerns and progress at monthly meetings. 	

**Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health
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District: Western District

Date: 12/15/2022

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

The DCC executive committee met and has completed the LPHSA.

2023 Meetings: Full Council Meetings have been scheduled through the rest of the calendar year. First one of the year was held 2/15/23 with roughly 15 members in attendance. We are offering a hybrid option in October for those who would like to also meet in person. Location TBD. An action Group around Youth Mental Health/Suicide Rates Among Young Females is looking forward to convening in the near future.

Steering Committee Meetings: The Steering Committee met 3/13/23 and solidified meeting dates for the rest of the year. Determined action items based on the Full DCC meeting held in Feb.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Steering Committee is actively engaged in the future of the Council.

Initiating an action group around youth mental health/suicide rates among young females.

May be developing a district newsletter. (Infancy stages of planning/logistics.)

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

There are no subcommittees at this time.

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Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Emily Theriault, new DL was hired 11/28/22.

Looking to hire a PHE III to support this district work. Position to be reposted in the near future.

Since September, the Western District Public Health Council has welcomed the following individuals as new members or taking on new leadership roles.

New Officers:

Chair: Leeanna Lavoie, *Healthy Community Coalition*

Vice Chair: Lindsay Gannon, *Healthy Androscoggin*

Statewide Coordinating Council Representative: Corrie Brown, *Healthy Androscoggin*

New Members:

Androscoggin County Representative: Stacey Wheeler, *Community Concepts*

Franklin County Representative: Katherine Lemieux, *Healthy Community Coalition*

Oxford County Representatives: Stephanie LeBlanc, *Oxford County Mental Health*

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

None at this time.

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Other topics of interest for SCC members:

The DCC encourages SCC members to check out all our local partners webpages and subscribe to their newsletters, as there are many things happening within the district.

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Date: 03/16/2023

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

The DCC executive committee continues to meet and will be looking to expand on the findings of the Local Public Health Systems Assessment. The DCC will also work to formalize meeting structure and incorporate the work of the Maine Prevention Network.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

The council will be working with the data from the Local Public Health Systems Assessment to see where impacts can be made.

The council will be holding a meeting on March 27th highlighting the Maine Prevention Network contracts, and the environmental scan findings. If you have an interest in attending please reach out to Adam Hartwig.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

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