



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Project Update

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District: Aroostook	Date: September 19, 2023
<p>** Division of Public Health Systems: District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics</p> <p>Agendas and minutes available on district's webpage: Aroostook Public Health Council 8/02/23 Topic: Drug Take Back Program – Pharmaceutical Disposal Initiative Guest Presenter: Robert Burks, Environmental Specialist, Maine Department of Environmental Protection</p> <p>➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: Wednesday November 1, 2023 • APHC Emergency Planning Meeting: Thursday October 5, 2023 • APHC Healthy Aging Meeting: Tuesday October 17, 2023 <p>Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ Review of Local Public Health System Assessment to identify potential next steps</p> <p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ APHC Healthy Aging Committee conducted a virtual Caregiver Support mini forum; will continue to identify topics of interest to pursue this model of information sharing and engagement</p> <p>➤ APHC Emergency Planning Committee has compiled a vaccine calendar to increase awareness of offerings and promote access</p> <p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <p>➤ Aroostook Agency on Aging received a Maine Rural Community Health Partnership Grant to act as the convener for the A- CHIP, a newly funded effort to bring county stakeholders together to plan how to address unmet social needs.</p>	
<p>** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program</p> <p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ HANs that have come out recently:</p> <p>7/18: Summer Influenza Testing and Specimen submission requests.</p>	

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- Encouraging testing for Influenza among personas with respiratory illnesses and During the summer months (through September) all FluA POS samples be sent to HETL

7/18: Maine DEP Issues and Air Quality Alert for Tues July 18

7/10: Arbovirus Update for Healthcare Providers in Maine

- to alert clinicians to the potential for human arboviral disease activity in Maine and to consider testing for mosquito-borne arboviruses in patients presenting with unexplained encephalitis, meningitis, or high fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ or 38°C) during the summer and fall.

7/7: **U.S. CDC: Wildfire Smoke Exposure Poses Threat to At-Risk Populations**

- reminding healthcare professionals seeing patients affected by wildfire smoke to be alert to the possible adverse effects of smoke exposure, particularly among individuals at higher risk of severe outcomes.

6/30: **Locally Acquired Malaria Cases Identified in the United States**

- Please review this helpful information about domestic acquisition of malaria in the U.S. in recent months

➤ Aroostook District Field Epidemiologist participated in a Rabies Vaccine bait drop in the Southern Aroostook area

➤ Aroostook District Field Epidemiologist is a contributor to an abstract regarding adapting materials and educational tools and strategies to an Amish community experiencing vaccine preventable disease outbreak

Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)

**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Monthly sexual health education conducted for new students coming on to the Loring Job Corps campus
- Currently being trained to offer immunization and car seat safety checks at WIC clinics in concert with Maine Families
- Conducting community outreach to OB and pediatric providers as well as hospital discharge planners regarding services available to individuals and families including PHN, Maine Families, WIC, and Child Development Services (CDS)

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**** Division of Environmental and Community Health:** Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program

- A lot of drinking water samples coming in with Total Coliform and E. Coli – initial thoughts are that the amount of rain and humidity as well as the heat are contributors
- A+L Laboratories headquartered in Auburn have placed a sample drop-box in Presque Isle with pick up M-F. No shipping costs associated so that has helped alleviate some of the time constraints associated with transporting samples to HETL

Division of Disease Prevention: Maternal Child Health Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Tobacco & Substance Use Prevention and Control, Women, Infants and Children

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ **Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during April 2023:**

- **Aroostook County Action Program (ACAP) MPN HEAL Coordinator convened 2 School Nutrition Workgroup Meetings** focused on improving the School Cafeteria Environment. 8 SAU’s were represented with 6 School Nutrition Staff in attendance. Communication regarding shared information and meetings includes Ashland Community School, 4 Presque Isle District schools, all Valley Unified Schools, Fort Fairfield Schools, Houlton Schools, Easton Schools, Caribou Schools, Mars Hill Schools
- ACAP MPN HEAL staff developed a system that supports local groups or municipalities to loan out physical activities and nutrition resources needed. This was achieved by creating a lending library resource allowing groups to access resources on loan by ACAP with a QR code system for learning about and requesting the items. One such instance allowed our coordinator to collaborate and support a local group called “Nurture By Nature” which is a group working to fund raise to create a Community Wide Garden in Caribou, Maine.
- ACAP MPN HEAL coordinator supported 2 Community Wide Baby Showers in collaboration with the WIC Program, as well as, many local health entities to support best practices for breastfeeding mothers. These were held in Houlton and Presque Isle with a turnout of about 80 attendees combined.

Maine CDC Administration: CDC Operations, Medical Epidemiology, Communications, Office of Health Equity

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➤ **Excerpt from the Office of Health Equity newsletter:**

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On **Friday, September 21 from 5-7 pm**, ME DHHS Office of Family Independence (OFI) is hosting a public listening session in an effort to get feedback on OFI programs and services. OFI is particularly interested in hearing from current and former TANF-ASPIRE program participants.

The listening session will be held in-person at 109 Capitol Street in Augusta, Conference Room A, and remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Discussion topics will include culturally and linguistically appropriate services, trauma-informed services, and the responsibility of ME DHHS to ensure employment and education services and supports in the TANF-ASPIRE program are provided in such a manner.

Please note, an interpreter will be available, but please reach out to TANF Program Manager, Alex Lauritzen, at 207-624-4109 or alexandria.lauritzen@maine.gov to share specific accommodation needs and for information about accessing the listening session via Microsoft Teams.

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District: Central	Date: September 21, 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/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml This quarter, the District Coordinating Council (DCC) met on July 27 via Zoom (30 attendees) where we first heard an infectious disease update from our district Field Epidemiologist, with a focus on rabies. Next, Courtneyannah, Program Manager with the Children’s Oral Health Network of Maine, presented the draft District Oral Health Profile and asked for feedback on the draft. We then had a ‘First Look’ at the newly-available 2022 Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA) Results with some comparison of the methods and results from the initial district LPHSA in 2010. Because of time constraints and to see if it was a good alternative, the usual SCC report and member updates/collaboration asks was done in a written memo form for this meeting.</p>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues: District Health Equity funding, rabies, avian influenza; browntail moth; R-CHIP assistance with readiness and municipal priority assessment, PFAS and lead testing and remediation assistance, increasing housing and utility needs, DCC membership updates; Community Health Improvement Plan information and support; PPE and testing supplies navigation; vaccination clinic, appointment, and transportation assistance; assistance for and connection to organizations providing basic needs and resources. 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 ▶ The PCEs-Resilience Workgroup members are working on school and community supports for trauma and recovery, evaluating available tools, and collaborating on training <p><i>Successes achieved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ District Oral Health Profile completed by Partnership for Children’s Oral Health with feedback from DCC <p><i>Barriers encountered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Large amount of turnover in staffing at many organizations, and reduction in staff able to help with collaborative public health efforts ▶ End of financial supports due to federal funding running out 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership: loss of shared Council Coordinator support/contract; considering addition of Maine Prevention Network (MPN) Contract Advisory Board</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; 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>	

In addition, this report was prepared about the Maine Prevention Network (MPN) Contract Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) work accomplished during this quarter by the Maine CDC/DHHS Obesity Program Manager:

Division of Disease Prevention: Chronic Disease Prevention HEAL Updates

Central Public Health District

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during June-August 2023:

- **Healthy Communities of the Capital Area (HCCA) MPN Heal staff collaborated with Literacy for ME to establish a new StoryWalk program for Farrington Elementary School in Augusta. Ongoing work includes promotion and increased awareness of this resource.**
- **Collectively, Central District MPN HEAL programs have communicated HEAL themed public health messaging on social media. In August, the Central PH HEAL team promoted World Breastfeeding Week, August 1-7, including a focus on Breastfeeding in the Workplace. HCCA had 7 posts that were shared over Facebook and Instagram with a focus on breastfeeding in the workplace that promoted paid time off for breastfeeding, flexible return to work options, and advocacy for breastfeeding in the workplace. These posts reached over 430 users, and one post reached 249 users. SPH had 24 posts across both Facebook and Instagram with a total reach of nearly 1,600 people.**
- **HCCA MPN HEAL staff updated a guide for Food Pantries and Food Banks in Kennebec County. HCCA printed 25 guides that were provided at a tabling event for Community Collaboration and Support. The event was well-attended, and all guides were distributed. This guide will be made available on HCCA's website. The guide was created in June and July, with plans for continued dissemination throughout Kennebec County.**
- **Somerset Public Health (SPH) MPN staff collaborated with Somerset County school nutrition directors from MSAD 54, MSAD 59, and MSAD 74 to develop a School Nutrition Training. The training was held in August, with approximately 65 members of local school nutrition teams in attendance. Presentations at this event included civil rights, kitchen safety, Full Plates Full Potential, and a pizza making demonstration by a local food producer (Maine Grains).**
- **SPH MPN HEAL staff worked with school nutrition directors from MSAD 54, MSAD 59, and MSAD 74 to promote availability of summer meal opportunities to students and families in Somerset County.**
- **The SPH and HCCA MPN program staff (Tobacco, Substance Use, and HEAL) are collectively creating and collaborating on presentations to support use the Healthy US Scorecard worksite wellness tool. Moving forward the team will approach worksites using a coordinated approach.**
- **SPH MPN HEAL staff are collaborating with the Village Partnership Initiative Study, to review a draft plan (Skowhegan Trail Master Plan) and discuss opportunities to identify strategies that will make Skowhegan's village more welcoming and safer for pedestrians and bikes.**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dates of note in Cumberland District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Next DCC Meeting: November 17th, 2023 	
Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DCC Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ September 15th, 2023 Update on SDOH Reporting Requirements for healthcare providers, by Sally Weiss of Maine Hospital Association, and Youth Engagement presentations from Opportunity Alliance/The Telling Room, Lake Region High School students, OUT Maine. ➤ July 21st, 2023 Update on Kids Count 2023 report, with a focus on Cumberland District, by Helen Hemminger of Maine Childrens' Alliance, and a walk-through of the Environmental Health Data Dashboard by Rebecca Lincoln of Maine Division of Environmental and Community Health. 	
Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DPH is working with local partners to hold a series of 4 TB Study Group sessions with local Community Health Workers. PHN will attend the sessions and provide expertise on the role of the state in TB control and practices. The first session will take place on October 2nd. ➤ DPH attended the Maine Tattoo Convention, and shadowed HIP on a day of field inspections, in order to have a better, hands-on understanding of inspections work. 	
In-district or multi-district collaborations:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cumberland District Vaccination Coordination meetings, with DPH, MIP, PHN, healthcare providers, and community partners, which were paused for the summer, began again on September 6th. ➤ Cumberland District Liaison participates in the Maine CDC Hepatitis A Working Group, Domain 1 accreditation group, MSCHNA Community Engagement committee. ➤ District Liaison partnered with City of Portland Department of Health to secure funding from the Office of Population Health Equity to provide centralized health screenings for asylum seekers. 	

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September 6th was the first full day of operations for this, at the CoP's Community Clinic. On the first day, 10 patients were screened, and 9 HIV/Syphilis point of care tests were administered. Seven flu vaccines were administered, and two Tdaps. All patients were referred to GPH (FQHC) for non-urgent consults and/or follow-ups, and urgent care cases were connected to local healthcare partners for immediate follow-up.

- PHN, MIP, and DL are working to address provider questions around how adults can access free Flu vaccine, if they are uninsured.

**** Division of Disease Surveillance;** Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- As of 8/23/23 - Cumberland County has had 17 positive rabid animals identified out of 51 total across the state. Raccoons account for most of the positive results (11), followed by skunks (4), bats (1), and woodchucks (1). In 2022, Maine HETL only had 35 positive rabid animals for the entire year (6 of which were in Cumberland Co.). Most of Cumberland Co.'s positive animals were found atypically earlier in the year.
- Hepatitis A cases have been on a significant upswing in high risk populations and most recently impacted unhoused individuals in Cumberland District. Cumberland District Field Epi has engaged with internal and external partners to address this.
- Summer outbreak investigations of note: small cryptosporidiosis outbreak associated with raw milk consumption (Epi worked on that in collaboration with DACF); vibriosis outbreak associated with eating raw oysters at an event (worked with HIP and Dept. of Marine Resources to address).
- Epi is working with the Foodborne Epi and Liz Lamere, Maine CDC Epidemic Intelligence Surveillance officer, to publish a report on the pseudomonas outbreak at an indoor pool in Cumberland District, in the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Cumberland District field epi also submitted an abstract with the Vaccine Preventable Diseases epi to the NorthEast Epidemiology Conference in November that was accepted for an oral presentation
- Cumberland District Disease Intervention Specialist reports continued rises in STI rates.
- Congenital syphilis cases are up, and there has been a 21% increase in syphilis among young women, with 5 cases. Cumberland DIS to call for continued education for the public and providers to include syphilis testing in routine health exams, especially for pregnant people.
- The state is hiring 2 additional DIS, which will bring the team up to 5 for the entire state.
- 8 different boil water orders have been issued in towns in Cumberland County since 5/31/23 to present, as a result of presence of E. Coli

Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)

**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

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- PHN covering Cumberland District are now a 317 vaccine provider
 - PHN Vaccine Coordinator, Matthew Simpson, will attend the TB Intensive Workshop at Rutgers University in October
 - PHN has cooperated with CoP PH in responding to Hep A outbreaks in the Cumberland County jail and encampments in Portland. PHN provided a large portion of the state’s Hep A vaccine stock to CoP for their vaccination efforts.
 - PHN in Cumberland District is not planning to provide Adult Flu or Covid-19 vaccinations, but rather will focus on primary vaccines
 - PHN will vaccinate 21 asylum-seeking children staying at the Family Promise Shelter
 - PHN in Cumberland is anticipating vaccination asks from Freeport, Brunswick, and the Lakes Region as school begins
 - A PHN Supervisor for southern Maine had been identified, but had to ultimately decline the position. Candidates for the position are currently being interviewed, and Shannon Craig-McDaniels will continue covering the area of responsibility (along with her other districts), until a new Supervisor is in place.
 - Since May PHN has given 101 primary vaccines since May in Cumberland County:
 - Includes:
 - Tdap/Dtap
 - Hep A
 - Hep B
 - Polio
 - Varicella
 - MMR (Mumps, Measles, Rubella)
 - HPV
 - Hib
 - PCV (Pneumococcal)
 - Meningococcal
 - Since PHN in Cumberland have cared or are currently caring for 7 active TB cases; 31 high-risk LTBI (For LTBI this is rough data done as a poll from PHNs) in Cumberland County.
 - One of our PHNs has had 25 Mother/Baby patients in Cumberland.

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- Longtime Cumberland District Health Inspector, Joel Demers, has taken the position of Health Inspection Supervisor.
- Two Heat Advisories, provided by Division of Environmental and Community Health, along with information on area cooling centers, were distributed by DPH to local partners in August.
- Cumberland District Health Inspectors have responded to cases of Vibriosis, and scombroid poisoning (associated with ingestion of raw fish and exposure to salt and/or brackish water, and ingestion of tuna, respectively).
- Inspections team in Cumberland are receiving many complaints about sanitation in hotels.
- Seasonal inspections are on-going, with Cumberland District inspection preparing for Cumberland fair, and winding up summer camp and seasonal business inspections.
- Cumberland District inspection is providing temporary coverage for inspections in Midcoast

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Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during April 2023:

- Cumberland County MPN HEAL lead has recruited state, county, and local-level partners to a network that will increase coordination and access to available food and nutrition security resources.
- Cumberland County MPN HEAL lead facilitated and coordinated the placement of three new FoodCorps service members, one each in South Portland, Portland, and Westbrook school districts, in partnership with the Cumberland County Food Security Council. The three service members will provide added capacity to address district and student identified priorities, including increasing availability of locally procured and culturally important foods.
- Cumberland County MPN HEAL is partnering with Loon Echo Land Trust and Bridgton Community Development Office to establish a new open space plan committee, providing public health resources, and facilitating community representation. The open space plan committee will be responsible for guiding the implementation of the plan for the town.
- Cumberland County MPN has engaged Health Resources in Action to provide a health equity training for MPN staff, staff of MPN sub-contractors, and Cumberland PH Department staff (\$35,000 for 4 sessions)

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- The OPHE office has a scheduled Regional Communities Forum scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, location and agenda tba

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➤ <u>Downeast Public Health Council Meeting Dates for 2023:</u> January 20, March 17, May 19, July 21, September 15, and November 17.	
Topic: Local Health Officers Panel Presentation and Discussion (July 21)	
Panelists: Lori Roberts, City of Ellsworth; Mike Gurtler, Town of Bar Harbor; and Andrea Walton, City of Calais.	
Topic: Emergency Preparedness Tabletop: Severe Winter Weather and Organizational Response (September 15)	
Facilitator: Andrew Sankey, Hancock County EMA	
Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:	
➤ Local Public Health System Assessment (LHPSA) Report Review and Determine Priorities.	
➤ Align district committee work with LHPSA and national/state outcome measures.	
Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:	
➤ Facilitate assessment of maternal and child health services in Washington County.	
➤ Develop MRC Handbook and Recruitment Strategies.	
➤ Coordinate the state employee influenza and COVID vaccine clinics at the DHHS Offices in Machias, Calais and Ellsworth.	
In-district or multi-district collaborations:	
➤ Healthy Acadia in partnership with broad coalition received a Maine Rural Community Health Partnership Grant to assess readiness and develop outcomes regarding sustainable and affordable housing, both emergency (e.g., winter warming centers) and long-term housing units.	
➤ AMHC and Healthy Acadia lead a broad network of substance use services, specifically to opioid treatment and recovery in both counties.	

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<p>** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program</p>
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Coordinate with local hospitals for visitors needing ongoing rabies vaccine treatments (8/2023). ➤ Hancock County is one of two counties with rate of Lyme disease over 400 per 100,000 and the highest rate of Anaplasmosis at 138 per 100,000. <p>Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)</p>
<p>** Division of Public Health Nursing</p>
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maternal and Child Health Services ➤ We now have two public health nurses in the Machias DHHS Office (9/2023).
<p>** Division of Environmental and Community Health: Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program</p>
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Investigated a complaint of arsenic in water at apartment complex; testing found no arsenic levels (8/2023). ➤ Ongoing Summer Camp Inspections and Close outs <p>Arsenic in private well water serving two rental sites in Hancock County; developing policy and templates for municipalities for enforcing requirement that landlords need to test private well water serving rental units for arsenic: https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec2660-Y.html</p>
<p>Division of Disease Prevention: Maternal Child Health Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Tobacco & Substance Use Prevention and Control, Women, Infants and Children</p>
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during June-August 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPN HEAL Coordinators from three Districts, including Downeast, have been partnering to convene the quarterly meetings of the Penquis-Downeast School Nutrition Workgroup, which are attended by School Nutrition leaders of Ellsworth, Blue Hill, RSU24 and Washington Academy. • MPN HEAL Coordinators from three Districts partnered to offer the DIRIGO Alliance School Nutrition Training on August 15th. Hancock County had a total of 15 staff from 9 school cafeterias from Ellsworth, RSU 24 and Blue Hill in attendance. The Downeast MPN HEAL Coordinator connected with Maine Farm and Sea Cooperative to offer a presentation on their Marinara Project. • The Downeast PH MPN HEAL Coordinator provided support for Farm to School initiatives at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ellsworth - Building team connections with Arts Teacher, Cafeteria Staff and Nutrition Director.

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- RSU 24 - Progressive Incredible Edible Schoodic 2.0 - Peninsula School grows more with 4 raised beds.
- Jonesport - use of Winter Kids \$10,000 funds to build a raised bed garden.
- The Downeast MPN HEAL Coordinator collaborated with Maine Recreation and Parks Association to support a Proclamation for July 21 to be Parks and Recreation Professionals Day.
- In support of the Gleaning Initiative, Healthy Acadia used MPN HEAL funds to establish a new access point for remote produce pick up/drop off on Mount Desert Island.

Maine CDC Administration: CDC Operations, Medical Epidemiology, Communications, Office of Health Equity

- Maine CDC is proceeding with the re-accreditation process with submission to the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) in 2024.

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Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- R-CHIP Readiness Assessment for Housing Improvements being facilitated under a collaborative agreement of multi-partners and facilitated by Healthy Acadia.

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District: Midcoast (Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc & Waldo Counties)

Date: September 21, 2023

**** Division of Public Health Systems:** District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics

Agendas and minutes available on District’s webpage:

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district4/publications.shtml>

➤ Dates of note in the Midcoast District:

- Midcoast Public Health Council (MPHC) Steering Committee Meeting – October 17, 2023
- MPHC Meeting: November 14, 2023

Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:

- Midcoast will be participating in the Maine CDC funding award to a non-profit, a not-for-profit, or a local/county government within each public health district to help communities improve their ability to respond to public health emergencies such as the recent COVID pandemic.
- The MPHC met on September 12, 2023, and focused on the District’s Local Health Officers (LHOs). Presentations included an LHO overview, Maine CDC LHO survey results, and the experiences of James Li, MD who has served as the town of Friendship’s LHO for the last 19 years. Breakout sessions allowed attendees to gather by county to discuss local LHO issues.

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- MPHC committee work continues concerning the Council priorities of Social Determinants of Health, Access to Care, and Mental Health

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- A small working group has been pulled together in the Midcoast to prepare for the increasing number of requests from New Mainers who are relocating within the four District counties. We are drawing on the experience and expertise from the Cumberland District as part of the planning process.

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- Maine CDC staff have completed the Midcoast Local Public Health Systems Assessment (LPHSA). The Report is posted on the Midcoast website - <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district4/publications.shtml>
- Several of the Districts' Public Health Educators continue to collaborate on a district wide newsletter process. Drafted SOP's and template approved across districts. The goal of the PHE newsletter will be to provide both a state-wide and district level perspective on public health priorities.

**** Division of Disease Surveillance;** Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Megan Kelley, our District epidemiologist was the first to raise the issue of New Mainers support in the Midcoast District. She has seen an increasing number of referral calls received through the Public Health (aka Disease) Reporting line for New Mainers seeking health care related services in the District. Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)

**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Public Health Nursing (PHN) Supervisor Brooke Payne reports that Emily Courand, RN joined the Midcoast District in May, and Nicole Dotson RN will be starting in the Midcoast later in September.

**** Division of Environmental and Community Health:** Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Dean Jackson, Health Inspector for much of the Midcoast District retired on August 31, 2023, after almost 35 years of State service.

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Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Highlights of completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during June-August 2023:
 - Mid Coast District MPN HEAL staff are meeting regularly with 2 regional school nutrition workgroups to support work for improving access to healthy nutritious food. These 2 groups have representation from 14 school districts- 3 in Sagadahoc and 11 total for Knox/Waldo, Lincoln.
 - Mid Coast district MPN HEAL staff have been working with Maine State Breast Feeding Coalition to identify best practices for workplace breastfeeding policies. We are working with our internal Maine Health team to update existing policies with more support for parents returning to work.
 - Mid Coast District MPN HEAL staff have been working with their local physical activity coalition and local land trusts to promote Activity Guide map and website as well as other low/no-cost opportunities for physical activity.
 - Mid Coast MPN HEAL staff are actively promoting healthy eating and physical activity via social media and at school open houses.
- District Public Health staff received a Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Nutrition Program overview from Ginger Roberts-Scott, WIC Program Director at the DPH Team meeting on 9/14/2023.

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Maine CDC Administration: CDC Operations, Medical Epidemiology, Communications, Office of Health Equity Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- CDC Operations staff developed and provided the District with guidance and process documents for the Maine CDC funding award to improve their ability to respond to public health emergencies such as the recent COVID pandemic.

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District Coordinating Council Update



District: Penquis	Date: September 21st, 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 September 8 meeting featured presentations from Yolanda Brooks who presented on wastewater and the collection of surveillance data and its use in the community. • Patty Hamilton gave an overview of the process of closing the Kenduskeag Stream encampment following Housing and Urban Development technical assistance team guidance. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing, heating oil, and ongoing transportation needs/other SDOH initiatives. • Engagement of youth and workforce development needs, including the need for better broadband access • Public Health Emergency Preparedness • Penquis District Public Health Unit quarterly meeting held with Maine CDC Field Staff 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared CHNA 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"> • Four new members have joined the Steering Committee, Matt Dexter- Christine B Foundation, Laura Lacasse- NL Health, Jennifer Laferte Carlson- NL Health, and Heidi Leblanc- Penquis • 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 Local Public Health System Assessments reports were released. • Shared CHNA early planning group • School and Community Flu and Covid Vaccination Clinics 	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to housing and shelter space • Access to Covid-19 vaccination for those who are uninsured 	



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District: Western	Date: 9/21/2023
** Division of Public Health Systems: District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics	
<p>Agendas and minutes available on district's webpage:</p> <p>https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district3/council-main.shtml</p> <p>➤ Dates of note in Western District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: October 24th 2023 The Western District Public Health Council will be holding a meeting on Flu and Covid to include trends, vaccines, etc. This will be a hybrid meeting, if you would like to know more please reach out to either Adam Hartwig or Meghan Richards. <p>Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ The district has been working to finalize the Local Public Health Systems Assessment (LPHSA). The LPHSA will then be utilized to help plan future activities.</p> <p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ The district is working on preparing for the next Community Health Needs Assessment, as well as weighing in on other issues within York County.</p> <p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <p>➤</p>	
** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ MECDC ID Epidemiology has been focused on several issues which include but are not limited to Hepatitis A, Flu Covid, etc.</p> <p>Increased numbers in Androscoggin County Hepatitis A. Our team of Epidemiologist have been working service providers in the community have been responsive and continue to identify opportunities to provide education and vaccine.</p>	

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Statewide ME CDC is preparing for flu season, this is a great time to schedule your flu vaccination with your Primary Care Physician or Pharmacy if you have not done so yet.

Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)

**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ Fewer kids got their needed shots during the COVID 19 pandemic. Immunization clinics are planned across Maine this summer to help get kids up to date on their shots. If your family is not able to work with your primary care provider to catch up on missed vaccines, contact the Maine CDC Public Health Nursing to learn more or schedule a time.

Maine CDC Public Health Nursing: 207-287-4112

**** Division of Environmental and Community Health: Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- Maine CDC Drinking Water Program (DWP) works to ensure safe drinking water in Maine, to protect public health, by administering and enforcing drinking water and subsurface wastewater regulations, providing education and technical and financial assistance. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
- NEWS: Applications for the 2024 DWSRF Loan Program are Now Being Accepted
- Voice: (207) 287-2070
- Emergency: (207) 557-4214
- TTY: Maine relay 711
- Health Inspection Program: The Health Inspection Program exists to provide licensing and inspection services for several different types of businesses to protect the public health. These businesses include restaurants, lodging, campgrounds, youth camps, public swimming pools and spas, tattooists, micropigmentation, body piercing, electrolysis, school cafeterias, and mass gatherings. To file a complaint, report a foodborne illness, or inquire about a Health Inspection Program-licensed establishment, please call our main number at 207-287-5671 during business hours. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm excluding holidays. For emergency after hours calls, please call 1-800-821-5821.

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Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ **Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during April 2023:**

Maternal and Child Health Program: For over 75 years, the Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Program has provided States with funding to ensuring the health of the Nation's mothers, women, children and youth, including children with special health care needs, and their families. The Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG) supports work in Maine including the following programs.

Maine CDC Children with Special Health Needs

Birth Defects Program

Cleft Lip & Palate Program

Partners in Care Coordination

Newborn Hearing Program

Genetics Program

Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program

Maternal, Fetal & Infant Mortality Review

Perinatal Health

Other Maine CDC Programs serving women, mothers and children and receiving support from the MCHBG and matching funds.

Women's Health

Adolescent and School Health

Public Health Nursing

Injury and Suicide Prevention

Oral Health

Substance Use Prevention: The Prevention Team is committed to preventing and reducing substance abuse and mental illness and related problems by providing leadership, education and support to communities and institutions throughout Maine. The team works to ensure that Mainers can avoid both the personal and societal costs of substance abuse and mental illness. In collaboration with Maine Prevention Services initiative, Drug Free Community Coalitions, communities, consumers, and a variety of organizations in the state, the Prevention Team provides funding, technical assistance, data, and training and develops materials and resources to educate the residents of Maine. Wellness is the foundation of a healthy, long, and productive life, and is core to the work of prevention services.

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➤ **Highlight** completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/
Subcontractors during June-August 2023:

- Western Public Health District (WPHS) MPN HEAL Leads have received training and now are recognized as Go NAPSACC technical assistant trainers. Next steps and ongoing is building relationships with partners and childcare providers to support use of GO NAPSACC for improving healthy eating and active living standards of care within the setting of ECE.
- WPHD MPN HEAL Leads have been actively engaged in promoting Farm to Institution Strategies by collaborating with local partners to increase awareness and provide technical assistance with district schools. Specific work includes a school nutrition education day and the garden project at the Oxford County Jail.
- WPHD MPN HEAL Program have been actively promoting physical activity through communication and promotion of attendance at events and with community partnerships. MPN HEAL Lead at Healthy Androscoggin coordinated and implemented a community Bicycle Rodeo on July 24th at Central Maine Community College, to underscore the importance of physical activity and bike safety.
- WPHD MPN HEAL Leads have been identifying key partners and conducting outreach to birthing hospitals to begin the work on improving breastfeeding support practices. A key strategy was the completion of an environmental scan to identify gaps in the existing agencies serving breastfeeding families healthcare systems to enhance breastfeeding support in the community.

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The Maine Department of Health and Human Services announced today that Dr. Puthiery Va will be the next Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), starting August 28, 2023. Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew appointed Dr. Va following a national search, based on Dr. Va’s extensive range of experience in primary clinical care, epidemiology, and public health emergency response, having most recently led the successful COVID-19 response in the Navajo Nation. Dr. Va will be returning to Maine having received her medical degree from the University of New England.

The goals of the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory are to isolate, identify, analyze and monitor any biological, chemical, or radiological hazards which are capable of causing harm. We will assist other agencies in the prevention, treatment, and control of such hazards which threaten the community or environment. These essential services shall be provided cost effectively through a fee schedule established with the flexibility of making them available regardless of the public’s ability to pay. Other roles include consultation with other agencies on state policy development and the quality assurance oversight of services provided by the public and private sectors.

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District: York Public Health District	Date: 9/21/2023
<p>** Division of Public Health Systems: District Public Health, Rural Health and Primary Care and Oral Health; PH Emergency Preparedness, Data, Research and Vital Statistics</p> <p>Agendas and minutes available on district's webpage:</p> <p>https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district1/council-main.shtml</p> <p>➤ Dates of note in York District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: 9-25-2023 • This meeting will focus on Covid and Flu what we are seeing and the sate of vaccines. <p>Ongoing or upcoming Public Health Council projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ The district has been working to finalize the Local Public Health Systems Assessment (LPHSA). The LPHSA will then be utilized to help plan future activities.</p> <p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <p>➤ The district is working on preparing for the next Community Health Needs Assessment, as well as weighing in on other issues within York County.</p> <p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <p>➤</p>	
<p>** Division of Disease Surveillance; Infectious Disease Epidemiology; Infectious Disease Prevention, Maine Immunization Program</p> <p>Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/publications/index.shtml <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The section on Annual Reports breaks down disease surveillance by county, York included. 2. https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/newhan.shtml <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Every HAN we send out is a direct link to every major pre/post investigations/outbreaks we engage in 3. Vibrio: Recently we have worked to identify restaurants who have been harvesting shellfish in areas that are toxic and are known to transmit disease. This is important to reduce severe illness in those who eat shellfish. 	

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- a. Organizational relationships in light of recent rabid woodchuck
 - i. ID Epi worked with the local town office and public health representatives in the Kennebunk area to identify exposed humans who came into contact with a rabid woodchuck. ID epi worked with local healthcare facilities to coordinate and manage treatment for rabies.
- 4. Listeria – Currently contributing to an international investigation of hundreds of linked listeria cases that usually result in hospitalization.
- 5. Hep A exposures in York County Jail. Inmates were offered Hep A prophylaxis in order to stop transmission of the disease. This is crucial because we have evidence, even in recent history, of Hep A spreading quick within congregated facilities which results in near death illnesses in inmates and staff at the jails.

Disease reporting Contact Information: Phone: 1 - 800 - 821 - 5821 (24 hours a day)

**** Division of Public Health Nursing**

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ Fewer kids got their needed shots during the COVID 19 pandemic. Immunization clinics are planned across Maine this summer to help get kids up to date on their shots. If your family is not able to work with your primary care provider to catch up on missed vaccines, contact the Maine CDC Public Health Nursing to learn more or schedule a time. Public Health Nurses from across York and Cumberland Counties have been working on clinics to help catch vaccines in York County.

PHN did **494** primary vaccinations in York County since May of this year.

Includes:

- Tdap/Dtap
- Hep A
- Hep B
- Polio
- Varicella
- MMR (Mumps, Measles, Rubella)
- HPV
- Hib
- PCV (Pneumococcal)
- Meningococcal

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PHN is also currently caring for 2 active TB cases in York and 15 Latent Tuberculosis Patients. Since May one PHN has cared for 15 Mother/Baby patients.

Maine CDC Public Health Nursing: 207-287-4112

**** Division of Environmental and Community Health:** Drinking Water Program, Health Inspection Program, Radiation Control Program, Environmental and Occupational Health Program

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

- **Maine CDC Drinking Water Program (DWP)** works to ensure safe drinking water in Maine, to protect public health, by administering and enforcing drinking water and subsurface wastewater regulations, providing education and technical and financial assistance. Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm
- **NEWS:** Applications for the 2024 DWSRF Loan Program are Now Being Accepted
- Voice: (207) 287-2070
- Emergency: (207) 557-4214
- TTY: Maine relay 711
- **Health Inspection Program:** The Health Inspection Program exists to provide licensing and inspection services for several different types of businesses to protect the public health. These businesses include restaurants, lodging, campgrounds, youth camps, public swimming pools and spas, tattooists, micropigmentation, body piercing, electrolysis, school cafeterias, and mass gatherings. To file a complaint, report a foodborne illness, or inquire about a Health Inspection Program-licensed establishment, please call our main number at 207-287-5671 during business hours. Our offices are open Monday through Friday from 8am-5pm excluding holidays. For emergency after hours calls, please call **1-800-821-5821**.

Division of Disease Prevention: Maternal Child Health Program, Chronic Disease Prevention, Tobacco & Substance Use Prevention and Control, Women, Infants and Children

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ **Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during April 2023:**

Maternal and Child Health Program: For over 75 years, the Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Program has provided States with funding to ensuring the health of the Nation's mothers, women, children and youth, including children with special health care needs, and their families. The Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (MCHBG) supports work in Maine including the following programs.

Maine CDC Children with Special Health Needs
Birth Defects Program

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- Cleft Lip & Palate Program
- Partners in Care Coordination
- Newborn Hearing Program
- Genetics Program
- Newborn Bloodspot Screening Program
- Maternal, Fetal & Infant Mortality Review
- Perinatal Health
- Other Maine CDC Programs serving women, mothers and children and receiving support from the MCHBG and matching funds.
- Women’s Health
- Adolescent and School Health
- Public Health Nursing
- Injury and Suicide Prevention
- Oral Health

Substance Use Prevention: The Prevention Team is committed to preventing and reducing substance abuse and mental illness and related problems by providing leadership, education and support to communities and institutions throughout Maine. The team works to ensure that Mainers can avoid both the personal and societal costs of substance abuse and mental illness. In collaboration with Maine Prevention Services initiative, Drug Free Community Coalitions, communities, consumers, and a variety of organizations in the state, the Prevention Team provides funding, technical assistance, data, and training and develops materials and resources to educate the residents of Maine. Wellness is the foundation of a healthy, long, and productive life, and is core to the work of prevention services.

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➤ Highlight completed activities conducted by Maine Prevention Network Contractor/ Subcontractors during June-August 2023:

- York District MPN HEAL team provided direct nutrition and physical activity education to 40 summer camp students and 300 students, plus 100 students in two school districts.
- York District MPN HEAL team made connections with Southern Maine Health Care staff on a new breastfeeding support group, MPINC data reports, and the Birthing Suite and discussed strategies to boost breastfeeding support.
- York District MPN HEAL team convened its first York County Food Council Meeting and are working to recruit new members.
- York District MPN HEAL team developed a new library of activity stencils with 12 varieties and a lending system for community partners.

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York District MPN HEAL team participated in school district meetings in collaboration with York MPN Tobacco and Substance Use Prevention teams to establish and build relationships as a prevention team.

Maine CDC Administration: CDC Operations, Medical Epidemiology, Communications, Office of Health Equity

Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory

Ongoing or upcoming District projects or priority issues:

➤ The Maine Department of Health and Human Services announced today that Dr. Puthiery Va will be the next Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), starting August 28, 2023. Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew appointed Dr. Va following a national search, based on Dr. Va’s extensive range of experience in primary clinical care, epidemiology, and public health emergency response, having most recently led the successful COVID-19 response in the Navajo Nation. Dr. Va will be returning to Maine having received her medical degree from the University of New England.

The goals of the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory are to isolate, identify, analyze and monitor any biological, chemical, or radiological hazards which are capable of causing harm. We will assist other agencies in the prevention, treatment, and control of such hazards which threaten the community or environment. These essential services shall be provided cost effectively through a fee schedule established with the flexibility of making them available regardless of the public’s ability to pay. Other roles include consultation with other agencies on state policy development and the quality assurance oversight of services provided by the public and private sectors.

Maine Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory (HETL)

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