



**Cumberland District Public Health Council
Full Council Meeting
September 19th, 2025
Hybrid/in-person, Bridgton**

Present: Jennifer Battis (DRME), Liz Blackwell-Moore (CCPH), Jamie Bourque (OIVP), Kelley Bowden (TMaH), Anna Bullett (WIC), Eilish Carpenter (CCPH), Gary Colello (Bridgton Rec.), Nathan Davis (GCSM), Michael Durkin (CCEMA), Jim Fraser (CCEMA), Rachel Freedman, Rachel Gallo (USM), Barbara Ginley (MaineHealth), Samantha Grela (CRI), Susie Guthro (TOA), Eden Hale (OPHE), Allison Harvell (MECDC), Lori Huot (MEDOE), Amanda Hutchins (PPH), Maggie Jansson (MaineCare), Kristine Jenkins (MECDC), Josephine Kamagaju (QHC), Courtney Kennedy (GSFB), Maryanne MacDormand (PPH), Victoria Morales (QHC), Kerri Nicholas (MaineHealth), Cathy Pinkham (LHO Harrison), Darcy Pomerleau (BCC), Bridget Rauscher (PPH), Sarah Sheldon (PPH), Lane Simsarian (OPHE), Emer Smith (MECDC), Racheal Sylvester (BPL), Ari Tickner-Ernst (CCEMA), Ann Tucker (GPH), Kristina Wilson (CMHC/Bridgton Hospital), Caroline Zimmerman (MaineHealth)

Topic	Discussion	Notes/Actions
Council Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee is working on two items that are in draft form and will be voted on by members when finalized: 1) SOP for making expenditure decisions with CDPHC funds and 2) Leadership Planning and Executive Committee Roles • Currently, CDPHC holds \$9,712 • SCC report: Statewide Coordinating Committee met on 9/18/25. Maine CDC Director, Dr. Va shared three priorities: Vaccinations, Emergency Preparedness, and Medicaid changes. Two grants were discussed: Transforming Maternal Health and Transforming Rural Health 	

<p>Jamie Bourgue, Director Office of Injury and Violence Prevention</p>	<p>The Office of Injury and Violence Prevention was created through a \$1 million investment approved by the Maine Legislature in April 2024. The office will strengthen work across the State to assess risk and bolster public health efforts. This includes the creation, coordination, and collaboration of injury and violence prevention work through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult and youth suicide awareness campaigns • Connecting individuals to resources • Fostering community connectedness • Sharing risk reduction best practices <p>-Focus on education and awareness of mental health and substance use disorder resources available in Maine, suicide prevention services, safe storage best practices, and laws related to injury and violence prevention.</p> <p>-Outreach and Education, Data, and Grants are main priorities. Funding for grants is not currently available, but there are \$500,000 available in state funds for outreach and education. Rule-making for how funds will be spent will be determined next year, and Jamie is hoping to make the funds accessible to many partners.</p> <p>Discussion included: housing insecurity resulting from domestic abuse; Red Flag law on November ballot; Maine Pediatric Foundation and Housing Authorities are possible partners; Water Safety (especially for new Mainer youth); legislation in some states for limited liability for firearms dealers to store guns for people in crisis; work to counter glorification of firearms – similar to tobacco work (safe states alliance for teens around firearms); fall prevention for older folks; disability and sexual assault; gun violence amongst teens in Portland area; getting community level data</p>	<p>Office of Injury and Violence Prevention</p>
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<p>Kelley Bowden and Maggie Jansson, Transforming Maternal Health Grant (TMaH)</p>	<p>-TMaH is designed to improve maternal health care for women enrolled in Medicaid (MaineCare) and the Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP). It is led by the office of MaineCare Services, and provides up to \$17 million over 10 years (January 2025-December 2034) . It expands MaineCare coverage for perinatal supports and services. Presentation will be sent with meeting notes.</p> <p>-Grant program staff in Maine do not consider Cumberland District rural, using the HRSA definition- however, using the HRSA rural eligibility analyzing tool, as an example, the Bridgton Community Center address qualifies as rural. In Maine CDC’s Western District, the Lewiston/Auburn area was excepted, enabling Androscoggin County to be included in the TMaH grant. This kind of carve-out was not created for Cumberland District, and interested parties are encouraged to connect with partners in Western, MidCoast, or York public health districts.</p> <p>-RFA due in early October, with one award in 7 public health districts – with Cumberland and Tribal districts excluded.</p> <p>-Stipends will be available to assist individuals to attend events.</p> <p>-Maine CDC DL will convene conversation for Cumberland District partners to coordinate activities, if any, in related to TMaH from our district.</p>	<p>Maine’s Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) Initiative Public Informational Webinar</p> <p>Date & Time Sep 25, 2025 12:00 PM in</p> <p>Description Please join Maine’s TMaH team for a public presentation to discuss the first months of the Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) initiative. This session will provide an overview of the Maine TMaH timeline and share updates on progress to date.</p> <p>Register Here!</p>
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<p>Partner Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -TOA reports no wait list for children’s behavioral health home; hiring for several positions; open slots in Bridgton Head Start -Brittany O’Neil at CCEMA is holding a 4-session volunteer academy for Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) – starting October 18th -flyer sent with notes -Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) holding Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW) on September 24th 25, 2025 at 22 High Street, Windham 8:00am to 11am -Quality Housing Coalition recognized the advocacy of GPH is assisting clients -WIC is offering oral health clinics (see Mainely Teeth for details); car seat tech training out of Windham; federal grant renewed for diapers (130 families in Lake Region supplied with diapers last year) -OFI Community Partners meeting happens monthly and is a great source of information - Judy Tupper has retired from the Cutler Institute and Rachel Gallo is now Director of Population Health and Health Policy! -As of June, Nathan Davis has been the Executive Director of Gateway Community Services of Maine! 	
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