#### STATE HEALTH PLAN PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUP REPORT PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES BY MAINE STATE GOVERNMENT

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#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In developing the State Health Plan in 2005 and 2006, the Governor's Advisory Council on Health Systems Development traveled throughout the State to hear from hundreds of individuals and organizations about how to achieve the goal of making Maine the healthiest state in the nation. A recurring theme was the need for prevention. The State Health Plan recognized the need for "an organized public health infrastructure that is strategic and reliable across Maine" to integrate core public health functions. In 2005, the Legislature enacted Chapter 139, LD 1614 -- *Resolve Regarding Comprehensive Community Health Coalitions.* That resolve called for inventorying state government resources that engage in the 10 public health functions identified in the State Health Plan. As part of its workplan, the Public Health Work Group undertook a process to survey and catalogue public health functions within state government in Maine. This report summarizes that survey and conclusions based on the process and data.

#### BACKGROUND

The 10 public health functions cited in the State Health Plan include:

- Monitoring health status to identify problems at the community or population level (as opposed to on a person-by-person level);
- Diagnosing and investigating health problems and health hazards in the community;
- Informing, education and empowering people about health issues;
- Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and resolve health problems;
- Developing policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts;
- Enforcing laws and rules that protect health and ensure safety;
- Linking people to needed personal health services and assure the provision health care when it is otherwise unavailable;
- Assuring there is a competent public health and health care workforce;
- Evaluating the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of person and population-based health services; and
- Researching new insights and innovate solutions to health challenges.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Roadmap to Better Health, Maine's State Health Plan, 2006-2007, Dirigo Health, Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance, p. 29.

#### PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS OF STATE GOVERNMENT

Chapter 139, LD 1614, *A Resolve Regarding Comprehensive Community Health Coalitions*, found that "inventorying resources and developing a plan to integrate some funding sources to support the public health functions identified in the State Health Plan during 2006 are important Maine's Public Health System." As an initial step to inventorying state departments and agencies, the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance convened a small advisory group of departmental officials who advised on the need for a survey that would be simple to complete and capture data that would serve as an overview of state government public health related activities. The Public Health Workgroup designed a survey, and the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance distributed the survey instrument and compiled results. Attachment B includes a list of workgroup members. This effort to catalogue and understand the full scope of public health activities within state government is an ambitious effort, and may well be the first of its kind in the country. The survey template is included as Attachment A.

The survey requested information on (1) the 10 public health functions included in the State Health Plan, (2) partners and (3) funding. The survey was distributed on September 29, 2006 to 15 departments. 8 of those departments reported that they engaged in 1 or more of the 10 public health functions. The following summarizes the responses:

## Table 1 Departmental Response to the Public Health Workgroup Survey

| 4           | Children's Cabinet              |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
|             | Conservation                    |
|             | Corrections                     |
|             | Education                       |
|             | <b>Environmental Protection</b> |
|             | Health and Human Services       |
| - I COLORED | Labor                           |
|             | Transportation                  |

#### **Public Health Functions**

Departments that responded reported a total of 64 programs or activities involved in public health functions articulated in the State Health Plan. The responses to this initial survey varied in level of detail provided, reflecting both the complexity of the task and the level of understanding of public health among the respondents. One benefit of the survey effort is that departments now have a mechanism for a better understanding of public health, their role, and how their role relates to other activities, both in and outside of state government. The information gathered provides a starting point in what should become an ongoing process to further educate and coordinate state government, as well as integrate public health functions of all players in Maine. Departmental responses by public health function are described below:

## Monitoring health status to identify problems at the community or population level (as opposed to on a person-by-person level): 8

departments reported that they monitor health status. In all, those departments reported 15 activity areas (listed below). Responses ranged from the Insect Disease Management program in the Department of Conservation to several offices in the Department of Health and Human Services. Activities include monitoring human health, health behavior and well being, as well as environmental factors as shown below:

| PHWG SURVEY: MONITOR HEALTH     |                                   |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <u>Department</u>               | Program/Activity                  |  |
| Conservation                    | Insect Disease Management         |  |
| Corrections                     | QA/CQI Program                    |  |
| Corrections                     | Chronic Care Clinic Program       |  |
| Corrections                     | Infectious Disease Program        |  |
| Education                       | School Nurse Consultant           |  |
| Environmental Protection        | Ambient Air Monitoring            |  |
| <b>Environmental Protection</b> | Water Quality                     |  |
| Health & Human Services         | Adult Mental Health               |  |
| Health & Human Services         | Childrens' Services               |  |
| Health & Human Services         | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities |  |
| Health & Human Services         | Elder Services                    |  |
| Health & Human Services         | Maine CDC (Public Health)         |  |
| Health & Human Services         | MaineCare                         |  |
| Health & Human Services         | Substance Abuse                   |  |
| Labor                           | Division of Technical Services    |  |

Diagnosis and investigation of health problems and health hazards in the community: 6 departments report a total of 27 programs or activities in this area, representing activities relating to human health and well being and environmental factors.

| PHWG SURVEY: DIAGNOSE AND INVESTIGATE |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <u>Department</u>                     | Program/Activity  |  |
| Conservation                          | Boating Facilities Division                                     |  |
| Conservation                          | Health Hazards  |  |
| Conservation                          | Insect Disease Mgt  |  |
| Conservation                          | Land Use Regulation Commission                                  |  |
| Conservation                          | Off-Road Vehicle Division                                       |  |
| Conservation                          | Public Reserved Lands Operations                                |  |
| Conservation                          | Publications  |  |
| Conservation                          | State Park Operations   |  |
| Corrections                           | Comprehensive Occupational Health Risk                          |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Green Schools Program   |  |
| Corrections                           | Comprehensive Prisoner Health Education                         |  |
| Education                             | School Nurse Consultant   |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Ambient Air Monitoring  |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Asbestos Hazard Prevention                                      |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Clean School Bus Program  |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Contamination of Public Water                                   |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Diesel Opacity Testing  |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Lead Hazard Prevention  |  |
| Environmental Protection              | PH Hazards  |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Specific Programs (i.e., Contaminant education,<br>Breath Easy) |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Stormwater  |  |
| Environmental Protection              | Water Quality   |  |
| Health & Human Services               | Adult Mental Health   |  |
| Health & Human Services               | Children's' Services  |  |
| Health & Human Services               | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities                               |  |
| Health & Human Services               | Communities for Children and Youth                              |  |
| Health & Human Services               | Elder Services  |  |
| Health & Human Services               | Maine CDC (Public Health)                                       |  |
| Health & Human Services               | MaineCare   |  |
| Health & Human Services               | Substance Abuse   |  |
| Labor                                 | Migrant & Immigrant Services                                    |  |
| Labor                                 | Wage & Hour Division  |  |
| Labor                                 | Workplace Safety & Health                                       |  |

## Informing, education and empowering people about health issues: 6 departments report 28 programs and activities, including those that relate to the

environment, personal health and behaviors, and worker safety and health.

| PHWG SURVEY: INFORM, EDUCATE AND EMPOWER |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <u>Department</u>                        | Program/Activity  |  |
| Conservation                             | Boating Facilities Division                                     |  |
| Conservation                             | Health Hazards  |  |
| Conservation                             | Insect Disease Management                                       |  |
| Conservation                             | Land Use Regulation Commission                                  |  |
| Conservation                             | Off-Road Vehicle Division                                       |  |
| Conservation                             | Public Reserved Lands Operations                                |  |
| Conservation                             | Publications  |  |
| Conservation                             | State Park Operations   |  |
| Corrections                              | Comprehensive Prisoner Health Education                         |  |
| Corrections                              | Occupational Health Risk Program                                |  |
| Education                                | School Nurse Consultant   |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Ambient Air Monitoring  |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Asbestos Hazard Prevention                                      |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Clean School Bus Program  |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Contamination of Public Water                                   |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Diesel Opacity Testing  |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Green Schools Program   |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Lead Hazard Prevention  |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | PH Hazards  |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Specific programs (i.e., Contaminant education,<br>Breath Easy) |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Stormwater  |  |
| Environmental Protection                 | Water Quality   |  |
| Health & Human Services                  | Adult Mental Health   |  |
| Health & Human Services                  | Childrens' Services   |  |
| Health & Human Services                  | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities                               |  |
| Health & Human Services                  | Communities for Children and Youth                              |  |
| Health & Human Services                  | Elder Services  |  |
| Health & Human Services                  | Maine CDC (Public Health)                                       |  |
| Health & Human Services                  | MaineCare   |  |
| Health & Human Services                  | Substance Abuse   |  |
| Labor                                    | Migrant & Immigrant Services                                    |  |
| Labor                                    | Wage & Hour Division  |  |
| Labor                                    | Workplace Safety & Health                                       |  |

#### Mobilizing community partnerships to identify and resolve health

**problems:** 7 departments, representing 17 programs and activities reported that they are involved in mobilizing community partnerships to identify and resolve health problems. There were a diverse number of partners cited, including other state departments or agencies, nonprofit organizations, municipalities, schools (P-13), colleges and universities, and federal agencies. A complete listing of partners is found in Attachment C. 5 departments specifically mentioned that they give grants to communities. A listing of those departments and agencies is included in the Funding section of this report.

|                                 | PHWG SURVEY: | MOBILIZE PARTNERSHIPS                   |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---|
| <u>Department</u>               |              | Program/Activity                        |
| Conservation                    |              | Boating Facilities Division             |
| Conservation                    |              | Insect Disease Management               |
| Conservation                    |              | Land Use Regulation Commission          |
| Conservation                    |              | Off-Road Vehicle Division               |
| Conservation                    |              | Public Reserved Lands Operations        |
| Conservation                    |              | State Park Operations                   |
| Corrections                     |              | Medical Community Collaboration Efforts |
| Corrections                     |              | Pandemic Response Planning Group        |
| Education                       |              | School Nurse Consultant                 |
| <b>Environmental Protection</b> |              | Ambient Air Monitoring                  |
| Health & Human Services         |              | Adult Mental Health                     |
| Health & Human Services         |              | Childrens' Services                     |
| Health & Human Services         |              | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities       |
| Health & Human Services         |              | Elder Services                          |
| Health & Human Services         |              | Maine CDC (Public Health)               |
| Health & Human Services         |              | Substance Abuse                         |
| Labor                           |              | Division of Technical Services          |
| Labor                           |              | Workplace Safety & Health               |
| Transportation                  |              | State Transportation System: Bicycle &  |
|                                 |              | Pedestrian                              |

#### Table 5

#### Developing policies and plans that support individual and community

**health efforts:** 7 departments report 21 programs and activities relating to policy and planning in the areas of environment, personal health and behaviors, and worker safety and health.

|                         | Table 6                                  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| РНЖС                    | PHWG SURVEY: DEVELOP POLICIES            |  |  |
| <u>Department</u>       | Program/Activity                         |  |  |
| Conservation            | Public Reserved Lands Operations         |  |  |
| Conservation            | State Park Operations                    |  |  |
| Corrections             | Continuing Health Care Education Program |  |  |
| Corrections             | Departmental Health Care Conference      |  |  |
| Corrections             | DOC Contractor Tuition Reimbursement     |  |  |
| Education               | School Nurse Consultant                  |  |  |
| Health & Human Services | Adult Mental Health                      |  |  |
| Health & Human Services | Childrens' Services                      |  |  |
| Health & Human Services | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities        |  |  |
| Health & Human Services | Elder Services                           |  |  |
| Health & Human Services | Maine CDC (Public Health)                |  |  |
| Health & Human Services | MaineCare                                |  |  |
| Health & Human Services | Substance Abuse                          |  |  |
| Labor                   | Career Centers                           |  |  |

#### Enforcing laws and rules that protect health and ensure safety: 5

departments report that they have a role in this public health function, reporting 21 programs and activities, relating to the environment, personal health and safety.

| PHWG SURVEY: ENFORCE LAWS AND RULES |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| <u>Department</u>                   | Program/Activity                             |  |
| Corrections                         | Facility-Based Health and Safety Program     |  |
| Corrections                         | Infectious Disease Program                   |  |
| Education                           | School Nurse Consultant                      |  |
| Environmental Protection            | Ambient Air Monitoring                       |  |
| <b>Environmental Protection</b>     | Asbestos Hazard Prevention                   |  |
| Environmental Protection            | BRWM: Specific Programs (i.e., Contaminants) |  |
| Environmental Protection            | Diesel Opacity Testing                       |  |
| Environmental Protection            | Lead Hazard Prevention                       |  |
| Environmental Protection            | PH Hazards                                   |  |
| Environmental Protection            | Water Quality                                |  |
| Health & Human Services             | Adult Mental Health                          |  |
| Health & Human Services             | Childrens' Services                          |  |
| Health & Human Services             | <b>Cognitive &amp; Physical Disabilities</b> |  |
| Health & Human Services             | Elder Services                               |  |
| Health & Human Services             | Integrated Access & Support                  |  |
| Health & Human Services             | Maine CDC (Public Health)                    |  |
| Health & Human Services             | MaineCare                                    |  |
| Health & Human Services             | Substance Abuse                              |  |
| Labor                               | Wage & Hour Division                         |  |
| Labor                               | Workplace Safety & Health                    |  |

### Linking people to needed personal health services and assure the

**provision health care when it is otherwise unavailable**: 6 departments report 14 activities that link people to services. Populations served include the general public as well as specific populations, such as elders, prisoners, students, and low income populations. Services range from direct health care to information and assistance.

Table 9

| Table 8                       |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| PHWG SURVEY: LINK TO SERVICES |  |  |
| <u>Department</u>             | Program/Activity                       |  |
| Conservation                  | Public Reserved Lands Operations       |  |
| Conservation                  | State Park Operations                  |  |
| Corrections                   | Community Corrections Division         |  |
| Corrections                   | Re-Entry Program & Facility Transition |  |
| Education                     | School Nurse Consultant                |  |
| Health & Human Services       | Adult Mental Health                    |  |
| Health & Human Services       | Childrens' Services                    |  |
| Health & Human Services       | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities      |  |
| Health & Human Services       | Elder Services                         |  |
| Health & Human Services       | Integrated Access & Support            |  |
| Health & Human Services       | Maine CDC (Public Health)              |  |
| Health & Human Services       | MaineCare                              |  |
| Health & Human Services       | Substance Abuse                        |  |
| Labor                         | Bureau of Rehab Services               |  |
|                               |  |  |

Assuring there is a competent public health and health care workforce: 6 departments report 14 programs and activities, including training, certification, conferences and tuition reimbursement (Department of Corrections contractor training.

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|-------------------------|--|
| PHWG SUR                | VEY: ASSURE A COMPETENT WORKFORCE        |
| <u>Department</u>       | Program/Activity                         |
| Conservation            | Public Reserved Lands Operations         |
| Conservation            | State Park Operations                    |
| Corrections             | Continuing Health Care Education Program |
| Corrections             | Departmental Health Care Conference      |
| Corrections             | DOC Contractor Tuition Reimbursement     |
| Education               | School Nurse Consultant                  |
| Health & Human Services | Adult Mental Health                      |
| Health & Human Services | Childrens' Services                      |
| Health & Human Services | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities        |
| Health & Human Services | Elder Services                           |
| Health & Human Services | Maine CDC (Public Health)                |
| Health & Human Services | MaineCare                                |
| Health & Human Services | Substance Abuse                          |
| Labor                   | Career Centers                           |

# Evaluating the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of person and population-based health services: 5 departments report 16 programs and activities involved in this function.

#### Table 10

| PHWG SURVEY: EVALUATE   |                                   |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| <u>Department</u>       | Program/Activity                  |  |
| Conservation            | State Park Operations             |  |
| Corrections             | Accreditation Program             |  |
| Corrections             | DOC Grievance Process             |  |
| Corrections             | Health Care Reporting System      |  |
| Corrections             | Peer Review Program               |  |
| Corrections             | QA/CQI Program                    |  |
| Education               | School Nurse Consultant           |  |
| Health & Human Services | Adult Mental Health               |  |
| Health & Human Services | Childrens' Services               |  |
| Health & Human Services | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities |  |
| Health & Human Services | Elder Services                    |  |
| Health & Human Services | Integrated Access & Support       |  |
| Health & Human Services | Maine CDC (Public Health)         |  |
| Health & Human Services | MaineCare                         |  |
| Health & Human Services | Substance Abuse                   |  |
| Labor                   | Workplace Safety & Health         |  |

Researching new insights and innovate solutions to health challenges: 7

departments report 12 activities and programs involved in this activity.

| Table 1 | 1 |
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|---------|---|

|   | PHWG SURVEY: RESEARCH INSIGHTS |   |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------|---|--|--|
|   | <u>Department</u>              | Program/Activity                                |  |  |
|   | Conservation                   | State Park Operations                           |  |  |
|   | Corrections                    | P & T Committee                                 |  |  |
|   | Corrections                    | Participate in National Health Care Conferences |  |  |
|   | Education                      | School Nurse Consultant                         |  |  |
|   | Health and Human Services      | Adult Mental Health                             |  |  |
|   | Health and Human Services      | Children's Services                             |  |  |
|   | Health and Human Services      | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities               |  |  |
|   | Health and Human Services      | Elder Services                                  |  |  |
|   | Health and Human Services      | Maine CDC (Public Health)                       |  |  |
|   | Health and Human Services      | MaineCare                                       |  |  |
|   | Health and Human Services      | Substance Abuse                                 |  |  |
| I | Labor                          | Workplace Prevention Violence Task Force        |  |  |

#### Funding

Analysis of the survey results indicate that respondents may not have understood how to respond to this inquiry. The survey form itself asked about funding in the following categories:

- Staff support
- Contract funding
- Direct Funding
- Other

The departmental advisory group had predicted that it would be difficult for departments and agencies to produce detailed data in light of the respondents unfamiliarity with the 10 public health functions, the funding structure of their programs (which often commingle programs and funding sources), and time demands and constraints of the respondents. Actual responses did vary in both level of detail and in how the respondents interpreted the requested information.

**<u>Staff Responsibility</u>**: 3 departments reported that 22 programs/activities were staff responsibility. In some cases, the departments also reported direct funding. Table

<u>Contracts</u>: There appeared to be considerable confusion about whether this question related to contracts received or given by responding departments. The Department of Conservation was the only department to report contracts, and those appeared to be contracts that the department executes for services, rather than contracts it receives.

**Direct Funding:** 7 departments reported direct funding for 30 programs/activities (47%). Some departments indicated the source of direct funding (typically state funds and/or federal funds, or a combination).

| Direct Funding               | Department   | Program/Activity  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|--------------|---|--|--|--|
| State&FED                    | Conservation | Publications  |  |  |  |
| State&FED                    | Conservation | Parks & Lands Grants & Community Rec.                       |  |  |  |
| Unspecified                  | Conservation | State Park Operations                                       |  |  |  |
| Unspecified                  | Conservation | Parks & Lands Planning Division                             |  |  |  |
| State funding (GF)           | Corrections  | Departmental Health Care Conference Planning and Support    |  |  |  |
| State funding (GF)           | Corrections  | Departmental Health Care Conference Planning and Support    |  |  |  |
| State funding (GF)           | Corrections  | Departmental Health Care Conference Planning and Support    |  |  |  |
| State funding (GF)           | Corrections  | Departmental Health Care Conference Planning and Support    |  |  |  |
| State funding (GF)           | Corrections  | Departmental Health Care Conference Planning and Support    |  |  |  |
|                              |              |   |  |  |  |
| State GF&FED                 | Corrections  | Maine DOC Re-Entry Program and Facility Transition Services |  |  |  |
| State GF&FED                 | Corrections  | Maine DOC Re-Entry Program and Facility Transition Services |  |  |  |
| State GF&FED                 | Corrections  | Maine DOC Re-Entry Program and Facility Transition Services |  |  |  |
| State GF/contracts           | Corrections  | Infectious Disease Program                                  |  |  |  |
| State GF/contracts           | Corrections  | Chronic Care Clinic Program                                 |  |  |  |
| State GF/contracts           | Corrections  | QA/CQI Program  |  |  |  |
| State GF/contracts           | Corrections  | Comprehensive Prisoner Health Education Program             |  |  |  |
| State GF/contracts           | Corrections  | Comprehensive Occupational Health Risk Program              |  |  |  |
| State GF/contracts           | Corrections  | Medical Community Collaboration Efforts                     |  |  |  |
| State GF/contracts           | Corrections  | Health Care Reporting System                                |  |  |  |
| State GF/contracts           | Corrections  | Peer Review Program   |  |  |  |
| Unspecified                  | Corrections  | Community Service Program                                   |  |  |  |
| Unclear<br>Unspecified       | DEP<br>DEP   | Stormwater Ambient Air Monitoring                           |  |  |  |
|                              |              |   |  |  |  |
| State GF&FED<br>State GF&FED | DHHS         | Centers for Disease Control Certificate of Need             |  |  |  |
| State GF&FED                 | DHHS         | Office of Substance Abuse                                   |  |  |  |
| State GF&FED                 | DHHS         | Maine Care  |  |  |  |
| State GF&FED                 | DHHS         | Behavioral Health   |  |  |  |
| State&Fed                    | DHHS         | Adult Mental Health   |  |  |  |
| State&Fed                    | DHHS         | Children's Services   |  |  |  |
| State&Fed                    | DHHS         | Cognitive & Physical Disabilities                           |  |  |  |
| State&Fed                    | DHHS         | Elder Services  |  |  |  |
| State&Fed                    | DHHS         | MaineCare   |  |  |  |
| State&Fed                    | DHHS         | Substance Abuse   |  |  |  |
| State&Fed                    | DHHS         | Integrated Access & Support                                 |  |  |  |
| State&Fed                    | DHHS         | Maine CDC (Public Health)                                   |  |  |  |
| Unspecified                  | Education    | School nurse consultant                                     |  |  |  |
| FED \$                       | Labor        | Division of Technical Services                              |  |  |  |
| Fed \$                       | Labor        | Migrant & Immigrant Services                                |  |  |  |
| · · ·                        |              |   |  |  |  |
| Fed \$                       | Labor        | Career Centers  |  |  |  |
| Fed \$                       | Labor        | Health Coverage Tax Credit                                  |  |  |  |
| State GF&FED                 | Labor        | Workplace Safety & Health                                   |  |  |  |
| State GF&FED                 | Labor        | Bureau of Rehab Services                                    |  |  |  |

## Table 12Direct Funding Reported by Departments by Activity

**<u>Other Funding</u>:** 7 departments specifically mentioned other sources of funding for programs and activities, including fee funding, grants from philanthropic organizations, and a federal tax credit.

<u>Grants to communities</u>: 5 departments specifically mentioned that they give grants to communities, as shown below:

| PHWG SURVEY: GRANTS TO COMMUNITIES |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <u>Department</u>                  | Program/Activity                             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservation                       | Parks & Lands Grants & Community Rec.        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservation                       | State Park Operations                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>Environmental Protection</b>    | Ambient Air Monitoring                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Environmental Protection           | BRWM: Specific Programs (i.e., Contaminants) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Environmental Protection           | Green Schools Program                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Environmental Protection           | PH Hazards                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Environmental Protection           | Stormwater                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Health & Human Services            | Communities for Children and Youth           |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Table 13

**Findings and analysis:** Initial data on state government public health activities suggests that there may be public health functions within state government that could be better integrated with each other, could make use of local comprehensive community coalitions, especially when seeking public input or providing public information and with the work of the 8 regional public health coordinating councils recommended by the Public Health Workgroup The Interdepartmental Advisory Group on Public Health will meet soon to review and comment on these findings and propose next steps.

#### CONCLUSIONS

An overarching goal of the State Health Plan is to make Maine the healthiest state in the nation, and a major strategy to reach that goal is prevention. Public health services are integral to that goal. The Public Health Workgroup has undertaken an ambitious and important endeavor, spanning all levels of activity in Maine. Public health activities in state government are an important part of the infrastructure in Maine, particularly when working in concert with other public health efforts.

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#### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

#### MINI-SURVEY

## FOR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITY HELPING TO MAKE MAINE THE HEALTHIEST STATE

- 1. What does your department do to monitor health status to identify problems of the community or population? (As opposed to person-to-person level.) SUB-HEADING:
  - A. List specific programs be specific.
  - B. Who are the key partners?
  - C. Contact person by program.
  - D. Funding.
    - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
    - 2. Funding directly.
    - 3. No discreet funding -- staff responsibility.
- 2. What does your department do to diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community?

#### SUB-HEADING:

- A. List specific programs be specific.
- B. Who are the key partners?
- C. Contact person by program.
- D. Funding.
  - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
  - 2. Funding directly.
  - 3. No discreet funding -- staff responsibility.
- 3. What does your department do to inform, educate and empower people about health issues?

SUB-HEADING:

- A. List specific programs be specific.
- B. Who are the key partners?
- C. Contact person by program.
- D. Funding.
  - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
  - 2. Funding directly.
  - 3. No discreet funding -- staff responsibility.

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- 4. What does your department do to mobilize community partnerships to identify and resolve health problems? SUB-HEADING:
  - A. List specific programs be specific.
  - B. Who are the key partners?
  - C. Contact person by program.
  - D. Funding.
    - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
    - 2. Funding directly.
    - 3. No discreet funding -- staff responsibility.
- 5. What does your department do to develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts? <u>SUB-HEADING</u>:
  - A. List specific programs be specific.
  - B. Who are the key partners?
  - C. Contact person by program.
  - D. Funding.
    - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
    - 2. Funding directly.
    - 3. No discreet funding -- staff responsibility.
- 6. What does your department do to enforce laws and rules that protect health and insure safety?

SUB-HEADING:

- A. List specific programs be specific.
- B. Who are the key partners?
- C. Contact person by program.
- D. Funding.
  - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
  - 2. Funding directly.
  - 3. No discreet funding -- staff responsibility.
- 7. What does your department do to link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when it is otherwise unavailable? SUB-HEADING:

#### <u>SUB-HEADING</u>.

- A. List specific programs be specific.
- B. Who are the key partners?
- C. Contact person by program.
- D. Funding.
  - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
  - 2. Funding directly.
  - 3. No discreet funding -- staff responsibility.

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8. What does your department do to assure that there is competent public health and health care workforce?

SUB-HEADING:

- A. List specific programs be specific.
- B. Who are the key partners?
- C. Contact person by program.
- D. Funding.
  - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
  - 2. Funding directly.
  - 3. No discreet funding -- staff responsibility.
- 9. What does your department do to evaluate the effectiveness, accessibility and quality of person and population based services? SUB-HEADING:
  - A. List specific programs be specific.
  - B. Who are the key partners?
  - C. Contact person by program.
  - D. Funding.
    - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
    - 2. Funding directly.
    - 3. No discreet funding -- staff responsibility.
- 10. What does your department do to research new insights and innovative solutions to health challenges?

#### **SUB-HEADING**:

- A. List specific programs be specific.
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- C. Contact person by program.
- D. Funding.
  - 1. Funding through contracts (grants to community agencies).
  - 2. Funding directly.
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- 11. Does your department do anything else that constitutes a resource for or affects the health of Mainers *In considering this question, please think of "health" as a state of physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. Examples could include design or construction of public buildings or thoroughfares, such as bike paths, or promotion of certain products.* <u>SUB-HEADING</u>:
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  - C. Contact person by program.
  - D. Funding.
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#### PUBLIC HEALTH WORKGROUP MEMBERS

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#### ATTACHMENT C

#### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SURVEY

#### PARTNERS

|                          | Conservation  | Corrections   | Education  | Environmental<br>Protection  | Labor   | Transportation                                      | Childrens'<br>Cabinet |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|---|-----------------------|
| Number of<br>Activities  | 12  | 21  | 2  | 12   | 8   | 1   | 4                     |
| State Agency             |   |   |  |  |   |   |                       |
|                          | -   |   |  |  |   |   |                       |
| ME DHHS                  | 2   | 0   |  | 1  |   |   |                       |
| CDC<br>DEP               | 2 4   | 2   | 1  | 3  | 2   |   |                       |
|                          | 4   |   |  | 1  |   |   |                       |
| State<br>Planning        |   |   |  | 1  |   |   |                       |
| Inland F&W               | 5   |   |  | 1  |   |   |                       |
| Public Safety            | 3   | 1   |  | 1  |   |   | 1                     |
| MEMA                     | 3   | 1   |  | 1  |   |   |                       |
| Marine<br>Resources      | 3   |   |  | 1  |   |   |                       |
| Attorney<br>General      |   | 1   |  | 1  |   |   |                       |
| Transportation           | 1   | 1   |  |  | P <sup>7</sup>  |   |                       |
| DECD                     | 1   | -   |  |  |   |   |                       |
| Municipalities           | 6   | 2   | ~  | 3  |   | 1   | 1                     |
| Private Orgs             | 4   | 6   | 1  | 2  | 2   | 1   |                       |
| Health Care              |   | 4   |  |  | 3   |   | 1                     |
| Providers                |   |   |  |  |   |   |                       |
| PH Providers             |   | 1   | 1  |  | ¥   |   |                       |
| Community                |   | 2   |  |  | ▶1  | 1   |                       |
| Social Ser &             |   |   |  |  |   |   |                       |
| Orgs                     |   |   |  |  | 0   |   |                       |
| Business<br>Universities | 3   |   | 1  | 1  | 2   |   |                       |
| P-12 Schools             | 3   |   | -  |  | 1   |   | 1                     |
| US DOD                   |   |   |  | 1  | 1   |   | 1                     |
| US DOL /                 |   |   |  | 2  | 1   |   |                       |
| OSHA                     |   |   |  | 2  |   |   |                       |
| US EPA                   |   |   |  | 6  |   |   |                       |
| UNCODED<br>PARTNERS      | State & Local<br>Orgs. (i.e.,<br>ATV, ME<br>Snowmobile<br>Assns, ORV<br>Clubs, Soil &<br>Water<br>Conservation<br>Districts | ID<br>Providers,<br>Liberty<br>Health<br>Care,<br>MEHAF,<br>BGS, ACA,<br>NCCHC,<br>NIC,<br>Pharma | Poison<br>Control,<br>Hazmat,<br>MASN,<br>NASN,<br>MEA, Me<br>Asthma<br>Council,<br>CofC,<br>CSHP,<br>Lions'<br>Club,<br>Rotary,<br>UW of ME,<br>ME<br>Nutrition,<br>ME<br>Alliance for<br>Mentally III,<br>Keeping<br>ME<br>Children<br>Connected,<br>Children<br>w/Special<br>Needs,<br>American<br>Lung Assn. | NESCAUM,<br>Portland<br>residents,<br>Childhood<br>Lead Poisoning<br>Prog., State &<br>Local Housing<br>Authorities,<br>BUSTI, OOC,<br>ME Board of<br>Oil & Solid<br>Fuel, Maine<br>Energy Ed<br>Program | BOI, PT<br>Legal,<br>HR&LR<br>Specialists,<br>MJC, WF<br>Investment<br>Boards, ME<br>Jobs<br>Council,<br>DirigoChoice | US Highway<br>Admin, ME<br>Dept. of<br>Conservation |                       |

