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**Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health
Meeting Minutes of September 21st, 2023
Held Virtually on Zoom
9:00am – 11:00am**

Attendees:

Seat	Roll Call	Name	Organization	Representing
1	X	Betsy Kelly	Southern Maine Health Care	York District
2	X	Courtney Kennedy	Good Shepherd Food Bank	Cumberland District
3	X	Corrie Brown	Healthy Androscoggin	Western District
4	X	Chris Lyman	Mid Coast Hospital	MidCoast District
5	X	Denise Delorie	Mid Maine Substance Use Prevention	Central District
6	X	Matt Donahue	United Way	Penquis District
7	X	Maria Donahue	Healthy Acadia	Downeast District
8	X	Sue Bouchard	Fish River Rural Health	Aroostook District
9	X	James Markiewicz	Maine CDC	State Government
10		Vacant		Department of Health and Human Services
11	X	Emily Poland	Maine Department of Education	Department of Education
12		Vacant	Department of Environmental Protection	Department of Environmental Protection
13		Dalit Gulak	Waynflete School	Essential Public Health Services
14	X	Heather Drake	Maine Public Health Association	Essential Public Health Services
15		Vacant	University of Maine	Essential Public Health Services
16	X	Susan Kring	Maine Medical Association	Essential Public Health Services
17		Becky Bell	In Her Presence	Essential Public Health Services
18		Vacant		Essential Public Health Services
19	X	Sue Mackey-Andrews	Helping Hands with Heart	Essential Public Health Services
20	X	Joanne LeBrun	Tri County EMS	Essential Public Health Services
21		Vacant		Essential Public Health Services
22	X	Leona Alvarado	Tribal Liaison	Tribal District
23	X	Bethany Sanborn	MaineHealth	Essential Public Health Services

Attending Members: 16; Attending by Phone: ; Zoom: 16; Planned Absent: 0 ; Absent: 2; Vacant Seat: 5; Abstaining: 0, Total Council Makeup: 18

Total Voting Members Attending: 16 out of 18 = 89%. Simple majority is defined as quorum. Quorum Achieved

Interested Parties and Stakeholders:

Nancy Birkhimer	Maine CDC
Stacy Boucher	Maine CDC
Emilee Caradonna	Maine CDC
Dr. Puthiery Va	Maine CDC
Andrew Finch	Maine CDC
Jessica Fogg	Maine CDC
Kerri Malinowski	Maine DEP
Dora Ann Mills	MaineHealth
Leesah Patt	Maine CDC
Al May	Maine CDC
Sheila Krouse	Maine CDC
Meghan Richards	Maine CDC
Jennifer Jamison	Maine CDC
Courtney Wall	Maine CDC
Abby van Ham	Maine CDC
Larissa Hannan	Healthy Lincoln County
Becca Boulos	MPHA
Kristine Jenkins	Maine CDC
Lindsey O'Hara	Maine CDC
Lynnda Parker	Maine PHN
Rose Swenson	Health Resources in Action
Donna Burke	Health Resources in Action
Veronica Robichaud	State of Maine

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MEETING NOTES		
Agenda:	Discussion:	Actions/Resources:
Welcome and introductions: James Markiewicz, Maine CDC	James, Maine CDC, greeted the group, and shared the purpose and mission of the SCC meetings.	https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/scc/index.shtml
Maine CDC – Puthiery Va	New director of the Maine CDC, Dr. Va, introduced herself and shared her background. Question: What is Dr. Va’s role and the state’s role in infrastructure and care? What are our gaps and who are our partners? Answer: How do we communicate and coordinate, who may not previously have been looped in? We don’t use our current data enough.	New CDC Director Announcement

	<p>Question: Dr. Va's past work/experience – how is she going to use that in the school system/the role of public health in education.</p> <p>Answer: Dr. Va worked with schools when working with Navajo Nation, did deliver school based clinics. Mentioned great job Maine is doing with food insecurity in schools. Wants more school-based health centers.</p>	
Council Business	<p>Call for SCC Chair</p> <p>Approve Meeting Minutes</p> <p>*Motion to approve by Courtney Kennedy, seconded. Approved.</p> <p>Call for appointments to fill vacancies.</p>	
SHIP/Accreditation/PHHS Block Grant Update, Nancy Birkhimer, Maine CDC	<p>Nancy introduced Rose Swenson and Donna Burke from Health Resources in Action.</p> <p>The presenters asked what the participants wanted to get out of the SHIP and gave a kickoff presentation.</p>	Link to SHIP Kickoff presentation
Maine CDC's Investment in Public Health District, Maine CDC	<p>James introduced the new public health educators in the Western and Aroostook Districts.</p> <p>New federal disparities funds are for gaps that were uncovered during Covid - \$71,000 per district. If a district opts out, their portion will be redistributed to other districts equally. Districts decide to opt in or out by September 26. Money is intended for infrastructure development, not programming. Examples – fridges, communication equipment for fire department, building PPE storage facilities. Money expires June 30 2024.</p> <p>Question: further define the partnership – is it the DL?</p> <p>Answer: CDC's role is to approve that it falls within parameters of grant.</p>	
Future SCC Topics	Email James if you have any topics you'd like to hear about.	James.Markiewicz@maine.gov
Adjournment	<p>Cumberland District concerned about vaccine accessibility going into fall/winter. Flu shots/covid shots/etc are expensive. FQHCs are only vaccinating existing patients.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned.</p> <p>Next SCC meeting will be Thursday, December 21, from 9:00-11:00am</p>	

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Meghan Richards