



YORK DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL

Quarterly Full Council Meeting

Monday, June 12th, 2024

9am – 10:30am

Held virtually on Zoom

Present: Cheri Anderson, Cathy Bean Kelley, Pam Buck, Emilee Caradonna, Alexa Christie, Alison Cyr, Heather Drake, Chelsea Farrington, Bethany Fortier, Carter Friend, Amber Harrison, Adam Hartwig, Reagan Hebert, Mary Jones, Lee Klarman, Sally Manninen, Casey Marcotte, Stephanie Masters-Plamondon, Melissa Maurais, Nina Misra, Tina Pettingill, Ethan Pollard, Cassie Ring, Norma Willis, and Hayley Wood.

	Item	Details	Next Steps
1.	Welcome and Introductions: Adam Hartwig, Maine CDC District Liaison	Adam Hartwig, York District Public Health Liaison with Maine CDC, welcomed participants and introduced today's agenda.	
2.	Maine CDC Updates: Adam Hartwig, Maine CDC District Liaison	<p>Adam shared that the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention has created a new Healthcare Coalition and conducted Hazard Vulnerability Assessments.</p> <p>Emilee, Maine CDC Public Health Educator, has created a district-specific flyer on <i>Vibrio</i> for distribution (attached with notes).</p> <p>Maine CDC is looking to hold the next Local Public Health Systems Assessment.</p> <p>The next Statewide Coordinating Council meeting will be held June 20th, along with a Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant Public Hearing.</p>	<p>Please email Adam or Emilee for more information:</p> <p>Adam.Hartwig@Maine.gov and Emilee.Caradonna@Maine.gov</p>
3.	Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (MeSCHNA) Presentation: Various Presenters	<p>Heather Drake, with Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment, highlighted the efforts of MeSCHNA, how it is a collaborative effort between Maine CDC, health care systems and community action partnerships. They are in their community engagement process, and have a link to a survey for community members for input: https://bit.ly/MeSCHNA</p> <p>Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey, and feel free to share the survey with your networks, colleagues, friends and loved ones.</p>	<p>For questions about the MeSCHNA, please contact Heather at Heather.Drake@mainehealth.org</p>

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		<p>The York District MeSCHNA group shared updates from the last Assessment. Adam with Maine CDC shared a few highlights at the State level, Sally with York Hospital and Choose to be Healthy Coalition shared their priority issues and some successes, Betsy compiled information from Maine Medical Center Biddeford and Sanford (formally SMHC), and Carter shared the work from York County Community Action Corporation and Nasson Health Care.</p> <p>See the presentation attached for details and contact information.</p> <p>A discussion around a comprehensive list of services was addressed. Participants shared the efforts of 2-1-1, and urged to leverage 2-1-1 and help keep it updated.</p>	
4.	Adjourn	<p>The full Council will be meeting again in September 2024 – the Executive Committee will continue to meet and looks forward to connecting soon. Questions and comments? Please email: Adam.Hartwig@Maine.gov or Emilee.Caradonna@Maine.gov</p>	

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VIBRIO



Vibriosis is caused by *Vibrio* bacteria that when ingested may cause abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever.

Vibrio can also cause skin infections when an open wound is exposed to salt water or brackish water.

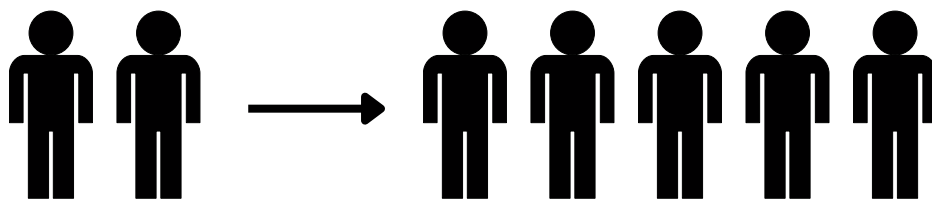
Elderly and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to get vibriosis. To reduce your risk for foodborne illnesses like vibriosis, avoid eating raw and undercooked shellfish during the summer months.



Vibrio in York County



We are used to enjoying raw seafood year-round here in southern Maine. As our waters are warming, seasonally and historically, the *Vibrio* bacteria can multiply and thrive. York County is seeing an increase of vibriosis cases.




In 2022: 2 reported cases and in 2023: 5 reported cases

**Note data for 2023 is still considered preliminary and not considered finalized*

For more information and resources, visit:

www.maine.gov/dhhs/vibrio & www.cdc.gov/vibrio



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CHNA Accomplishments 2022-2024 York County

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

- Maine Center for Disease Control conducted a Local Public Health Systems Assessment.
 - Results were used in a funding process to provide \$80,000 to a local agency to help improve outcome for vulnerable populations.
- Maine CDC has also created a new Healthcare Coalition structure with new district chapters.
 - Recently a Statewide and District Hazard Vulnerability Analysis was conducted.

For more information, please visit

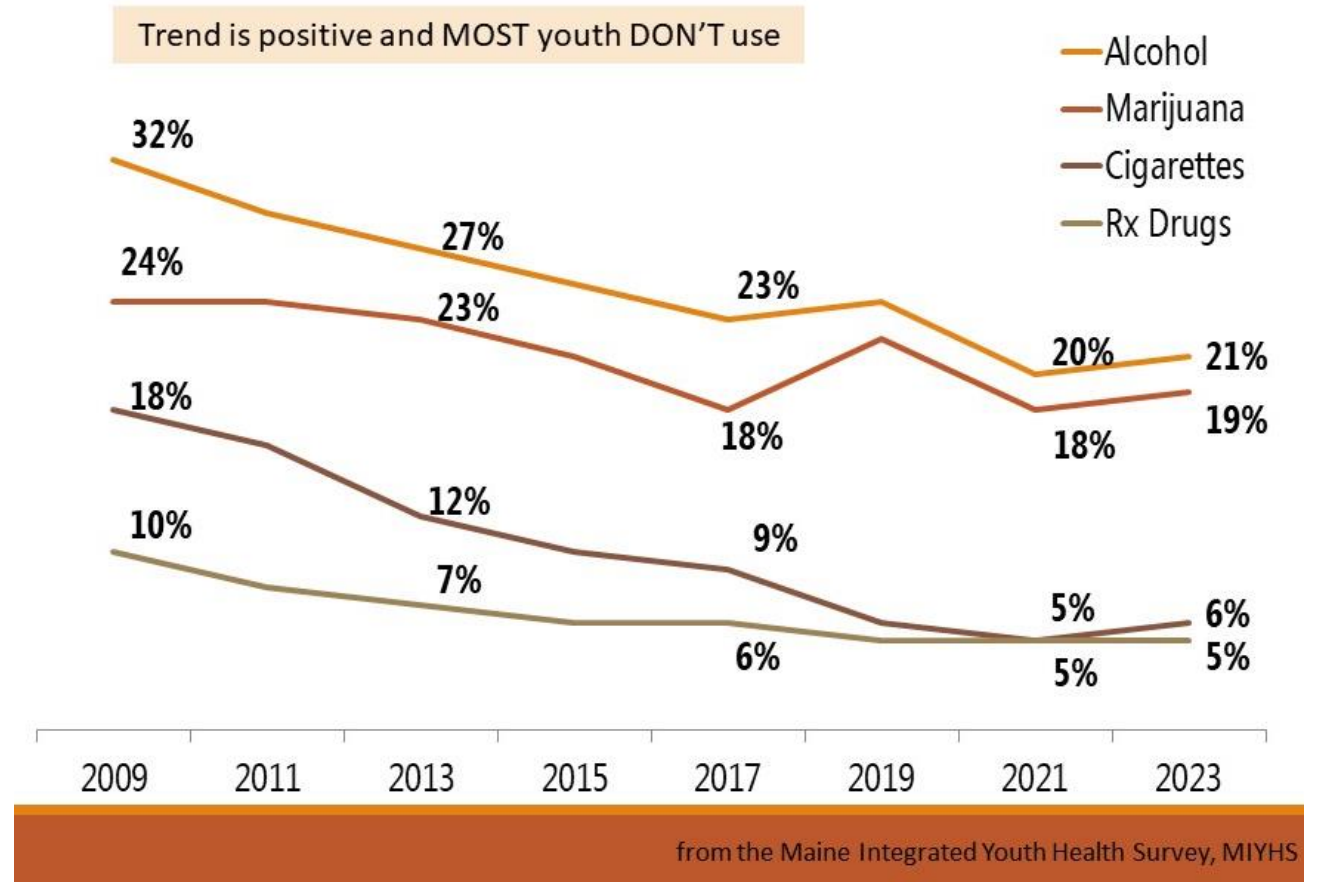
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district1/index.shtml>

York Hospital - CHNA Highlights 2022-2024

Priority Issue: Substance Use Disorder (SUD), Prevention and Treatment

- YH Recovery Center received \$155,000 CDS for improving telehealth access to SUD treatment services.
- York Hospital/Community Health received second Drug Free Communities grant for the Youth Resiliency Coalition, 2022-2027.
- YH provides free space and admin for local substance use prevention coalition staff, CTBH and YRC.
- YH acquired grant from the Maine CDC in Jan 2023 to implement substance use prevention and harm reduction with other coalitions in York County, 2023-2033.

Past 30 Day Drug Use, York County High Schools 2009-2023



York Hospital - CHNA Highlights 2022-2024

Priority Issue: Increase access to mental health services and supports in Southern York County

- YH CEO advocates as part of Maine Hospital Association and Medical Director is part of Behavioral Health workgroup through the Maine Dept of Health and Human Services
- Choose To Be Healthy Coalition (CTBH) held 4 Regional School Counselor meetings and provided mental health training and peer to peer assistance.
- All YH staff received Mental Health First Aid training.
- Community Health held monthly Strengthening Families Zoom sessions for parents with, Kids Free to Grow.
- Held two Youth Summits on mental health awareness and resources for 8-12th graders, focus on youth who identify as LGBTQ+

Priority Issue: Increase and Improve Access to Care

- Created system for follow up appointments with a PCP after all specialty or emergency care visits.
- Increased proportion of patients with online access to electronic medical records and appointment information thru improved platform and education.



Maine Medical Center Biddeford and Sanford– CHNA Highlights 2022-2024

Priority Issue: [Food Insecurity](#)

- 213 bags of shelf stable food given.
- 2021: 213 shelf stable food bags given in
2023: 1,798 food bags given out to patients in the ED and Pharmacy
- Over 8,000 lbs of produce distributed to the community (Produce Pop-Up events)



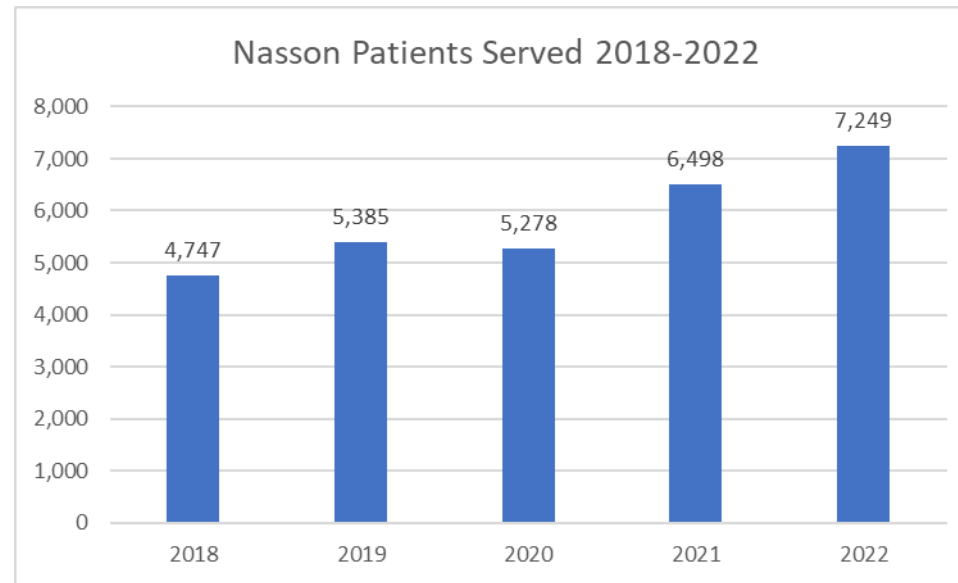
Priority Issue: [Access to Care](#)

- Over 2,000 referrals to the Patient Assistance Line to guide those who need insurance, assistance with any health care needs.
- Started the Refugee resettlement clinic in Saco where over 40 families have been seen, vaccinated and connected to health care.

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Access to Health Care

- In 2022, Nasson Health Care served 7,249 unduplicated patients for medial, dental and behavioral health, an increase from 4,747 in 2018.
- In 2022, Nasson served 1,164 homeless individuals, an increase from 879 in 2018.
- Nasson is currently expanding capacity for dental care.



YCCAC - CHNA Highlights 2022-2024

Homelessness and Affordable Housing

- Expanded housing navigation and supports for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Expanded Cultural Outreach Worker capacity,
- Helped lead implementation of York County Homeless Response Service Hub strategies.
- YCCAC and other partners held a legislative summit focusing on Homelessness in York County.
- Partnered with the YCSP, SHA and others to find housing and care for people who are homeless.
- Supported New Mainer families arriving in Sanford with temporary and permanent housing.
- 451 families were permanently housed. 1,032 families received mortgage assistance payments to prevent foreclosure.



YCCAC - CHNA Highlights 2022-2024

Access to Child Care

- Head Start Change in Scope in order to meet need for younger children and children with increased need.
- Implement First4ME program,
- Head Start enrollment has increased.
- Three child care providers have partnered and become First4ME sites acknowledging their commitment to enhance their quality.



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