



Cumberland District Public Health Council
Full Council Meeting
May 19th, 2023
Virtually held on Zoom

Present: Peggy Akers, Patience Ameyaw, Jennifer Battis, Cathy Bean, Christine Booth, Anna Bullett, Nick Farley, Rachel Gallo, Barbara Ginley, Leah Givhan, Alice Gormley, Susie Guthro, Alexis Guy, Caity Hager, Jim Hanna, Lori Huot, Amanda Hutchins, Kristine Jenkins, Val Johnstone, Courtney Kennedy, Katie Kerr, Sarah Lewis, Melissa Maurais, Nina Misra, Bridget O’Connor, Julia Orrego, Leesah Patt, Jennifer Patterson, Darcey Pomerleau, Leanne Pomeroy, Hayley Prevatt, Chelsea Robbins, Fatima Saidi, Naomi Schucker, Eden Silverthorne, Kathy Simmonds, Grace Tezo, Alfredo Vergara, Andrew Volkers, Kristina Wilson

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Welcome and Council Update	<p>Andrew Volkers, Preble Street, was welcomed as a newly-elected member of the CDPHC Executive Committee. He was elected by a majority of CDPHC members voting via electronic ballot.</p> <p>Naomi Schucker, MaineHealth, was thanked for her years of serving on the CDPHC Executive Committee, as she is stepping down. She will (thankfully) stay engaged with CDPHC.</p> <p>The Executive Committee is hoping to add more members to the Executive Committee. If you are a CDPHC member and would like to join the EC, please email Kristine at Kristine.L.Jenkins@maine.gov</p>	<p>The CDPHC Executive Committee is looking forward to working with an engaged Membership. Please reach out to Kristine if you would like to become a CDPHC member.</p>
Hanley Leadership Institute Group Project Labor Care for All: Expanding Access to Doula Care	<p>Recent graduates of the Hanley Center for Health Leadership XVI cohort presented a final project from the course, that focused on increasing access to doula care, for better birthing outcomes and greater health equity in Maine. Group project participants were: Christina Booth (Stephens Memorial Hospital), Kristine Jenkins (Maine CDC), Dr. Grace Price (Maine Medical Center), Jennifer Patterson (Maine DHHS/MaineCare), Lauren Stevens (Wabanaki Public Health)</p>	<p>Learn about Hanley Leadership Trainings at: https://www.hanleyleadership.org/leadership-courses/health-leadership-development/</p>

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Maine CDC Organizational Chart Draft	Leesah Patt , Maine CDC's Cumberland District's Public Health Educator, presented a working document representing the Maine CDC organizational structure was presented, as part of what will be on-going efforts to illustrate and explain the State public health infrastructure, and will be incorporated into our periodic CDPHC new member (and others) orientation presentations	
Update on Health Screenings at Portland Expo	<p>Alfredo Vergara reported that Portland Public Health has completed health screenings at the Expo with approximately 309 people receiving screenings. 159 people have been vaccinated, with a total of 336 vaccines administered. PPH will be reducing team presence to two days a week, screening people who are new to Maine and using triage services to create opportunities for access to healthcare at the expo starting 05/22. At the end of June, health operations will move back to their Forest Avenue Clinic.</p> <p>Related to that, Kristine Jenkins shared that there is a group meeting to coordinate similar medical screenings and vaccinations for people receiving shelter at the MIRC-run Salvation Army and YMCA shelter and day spaces.</p>	
Maine Prevention Network Funding	<p>Bridget O'Connor and Val Johnstone of Cumberland County Public Health, and Alexis Guy of Portland Public Health presented preliminary information on implementation of Maine Prevention Network contracted work in Cumberland County in the fields of Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL), Substance Use Disorder, and Tobacco Prevention.</p> <p>A request was made for a financial breakdown of how this funding is being allocated at the local level. In response to a question about state-level coordination of these funds, Maine Prevention Network (MPN) will be invited to present at a future CDPHC meeting.</p> <p>(PowerPoint presentation attached to notes)</p>	
Member Updates	WIC partnered with the Locker Project to provide bag pickups for WIC recipients in Westbrook, Wednesdays 11-3 and Portland, Tuesdays 10-3. Prenatal breast and chest feeding classes have resumed and occur every 4 th Friday at 10. For Spanish speaking households needing assistance to enroll in Maine Care or WIC programs, Presente! will have a Spanish speaking cultural brokering available every third Tuesday from 3-7 and they provide transportation. Oral health clinic is on pause. Northeast Delta Dental will fund throughout the semester, weekly, starting mid-June. Details will follow, when available. A large USDA grant has been awarded to Opportunity Alliance in partnership with Maine Health Access to Care.	Contact Kristine.L.Jenkins@maine.gov if interested in participating in a CDPHC data sub-committee

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	<p>The idea of having a CDPHC sub-committee focusing on data relevant to communities in Cumberland District was presented – using 211 data as an example of one data-set (albeit imperfect) that could be assessed along with other local data to inform our understanding of health and welfare locally. This was a response to feedback in the most recent Local Public Health Systems Assessment (LPHSA) that partners want more localized, disaggregated data, and data from a variety of local partners.</p> <p>Maine Health shared the food pantry served 2600 people this last week, equates to roughly 715 families. Utilization has climbed and has stayed within that range for the last three weeks. Health Passport about to do a second run of the English only, access to care team, beginning of next week they we will have a three-minute training.</p> <p>USM Cutler Institute shared that USM's Data Innovation Project's Applied Research Fellowship is currently accepting applications from community organizations who would like support in applied research/data/evaluation efforts. https://datainnovationproject.org/applied_research_fellowship/ Deadline June 7</p> <p>Good Shepard Food Bank shared that SNAP benefits have been reduced to state minimum for an individual that is \$25. LD1584 is an act that has language in place to increase the state minimum for Snap benefits to \$95 from \$25. https://legislature.maine.gov/legis/bills/getPDF.asp?paper=HP1029&item=1&snum=131</p> <p>Hayley Prevatt shared that the Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (SCHNA) is starting the next cycle. One of the biggest discussions is on gaps in the Maine SCHNA. Currently looking into ways to package feedback and provide it to the metrics and evaluation group. If folks are interested in joining the Portland Public Health and Health Equity program, stakeholder alignment please contact Skylar Bergeron at sbergeron@portlandmaine.gov</p>	
	<p>The next Cumberland District Public Health Council meeting is July 21st, 2023</p>	