



CDPHC Notes– September 20, 2024

Virtual via Zoom

Present: Jose Alicea-Santiago (NL), Regina Angelo (Catholic Charities), Kim Beaudoin (MH), Skylar Bergeron (PPH), Anna Bullett (WIC), Mufalo Chitam (MIRC), Tammy Diaz (MeDOE), Heather Drake (MH), Val Franks (UWSM), Jim Fraser (CCEMA), Ellen Freedman (MH), Barbara Ginley (MH), Alice Gormley (MH), Leslie Gould (MH), Samantha Grela (CRI), Olivia Harris (Speak About It), Allie Harvell (MeCDC), Lori Huot (MeDOE), Amanda Hutchins (PPH), Victoria Hynes (MBH), Kristine Jenkins (MeCDC), Courtney Kennedy (GSFB), Katie Kerr (Mercy Hospital), Gail Kezer (Sen. King’s Office), Lee Klarman (UWSM), Aimee Kramer (UNE), Patrice Leary-Forrey (Be the Influence), Sarah Lewis (MAIN), Louise Marsden (TOA), Micaela Maynard (AHEC/UNE), Aaron Milroy (CCEMA), Nina Misra (UWSM), Kerri Nicholas (MH), Ryan Quinn (TOA), Bridget Rauscher (PPH), Brian Richardson (MH/HCC), Hannah Ruhl (UNE), Aleta Rupert (MH), Katie Rutherford (Frannie Peabody), Hawa Shir (NEAAO), Leann Sullivan (PCRITP), Racheal Sylvester (Bridgton Public Library), Ann Tucker (GPH), Robin Turner (Compassus Hospice), Andrew Volkers (Preble Street), Kristina Wilson (CMHC)

Agenda Topics	Notes	Related Links and/ or PowerPoints
<p>Welcome Kristine Jenkins Bridget Rauscher</p>	<p>Introduction of the new Cumberland District Public Allison (Allie) Harvell. Allie has background in Food, security and nutrition, education. She worked with Let's Go!</p>	
<p>Update on Healthcare Coalition Brian Richardson Kristine Jenkins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Healthcare Coalition (HCC) focuses on emergency preparedness in healthcare ○ A hazard vulnerability analysis done earlier in the year identified top issues for our district ○ HCC will be a sister committee to CDPHC and updates will be provided 	
<p>A.L.I.C.E Data and Cumberland County Lee Klarman Valerie Franks</p>	<p><i>United Way of Southern Maine’s ALICE Program presentation for Cumberland County.</i></p> <p>ALICE – Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed -growing number of families that live with financial instability, their income doesn't cover the rising costs of living, and they may be one emergency away from financial crisis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paid Family leave and benefits can cause a benefit cliff. When people receive benefits there is a slight increase in pay, but they could lose other benefit, but they need federal benefits to survive. ○ United Way Public Director is in the process of creating a policy agenda. Minimum wage is a small piece of the big puzzle. ○ There needs to be better education, opportunities, better workforce and career opportunities, better childcare opportunities. Text 52886 for Public Policy updates 	<p style="text-align: center;"> ALICE + Impact Presentation - Cumbe</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lee Karman E-mail</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thriving Workplace Policies 2027</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALICE Maine Report</p> <p style="text-align: center;">United Way-Advocate</p>
<p>CHNA accomplishments Barbara Ginley Kristina Wilson Katie Kerr Victoria Hynes Louise Marsden</p>	<p>Hospital and CAP accomplishments that have been made as a result of priority-setting at the 2021 Maine Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) were presented.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHNA Forum Information and Reports</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> SCHNA - Cumberland County CHIP Updates</p>
<p>Partner Updates</p>	<p>City of Portland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public health director, Alfredo Vergara has resigned Bridget Rauscher is Interim Public Health Director. ○ Maggie McLaughlin is the new Director of Health and Human services. ○ Aleta Rupert is the new Senior Director of the access to care team 	

Greater Portland Health

- Purchased a mobile medical clinic
- Collaboration with athletic directors and medical providers which took over the clinic and were able to help 40 young students so they could participate in sports this year
- Vaccines were administered at the clinic as well See how many students want to come over to the clinic and get vaccine.

WIC

Opportunity Alliance, Cumberland County hiring 2 positions

- **Multilingual breastfeeding, peer, counselor**
- **SNAP Health Promotion Educator** in the Lakes Region.
- New SNAP Educator was hired to serve the Westbrook/South Portland area; Please reach out to **Anna Bullett** if you would like to start the process of SNAP Ed programming outside of the city of Portland
- Accepting patients at Mainly teeth in Windham office for oral health. The main demographic that is being served is children, pregnant and postpartum people also school age children.
- Farmers market nutrition program money has been spent.

Frannie Peabody Center

- Peabody Center provides low barrier free HIV testing and linked to care. Peabody Center has several partners that are helping distribute HIV self-test kits. Been a cluster of HIV outbreak in the Bangor area mostly with individual who are unhoused and injecting drugs.
- Peabody Center would be happy to coordinate that a partnership in other agencies to help distribute self-test HIV kits. Also working with the FDA approved over the counter test kits to distribute to people that may be at risk.

Maine Access Immigrant Network (MAIN)

- Have home HIV test kits in the office
- Mainly Teeth in office, since May. This service is open to anybody with a community focus on refugee immigrants.
- **October 4th we will offer the covid and flu vaccine to anyone over the age of 6 months (Portland PH and Northern Light)**

Maine AHEC

- 40 plus health profession students will be trained next weekend on administering a flu vaccines. If anyone has upcoming clinics and need assistance in administering those shots feel free to contact **Micaela Maynard** to coordinate.

Maine Immigrant Rights Coalition (MIRC)

- Department of Labor is organizing a webinar Tuesday, October 20th 5-6pm for employers on The Paid Family Leave Campaign.
- A link for the registration on the The Department of Labor site and will be available in the next week.

Bridgton Public Library

- Have been offering early childhood literacy kits containing a bag full of children's books for people to take home and keep.
- 1,000 books before kindergarten program: The library is offering gift cards for people who reach the 1,000-milestone mark for books

Good Shepherd Food Bank

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[Condoms Distribution](#)

[Education Initiative](#)
[Ahead of 2025 Rollout](#)
[of New Paid Family](#)
[and Medical Leave](#)
[Law](#)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Fresh Rewards is a SNAP, and EBT incentive. People can shop at local stores and receive half off their fruits and vegetables.○ Maine Harvest Bucks is similar to Fresh Rewards but is offered at local farmers markets.○ Reach out to Courtney Kennedy for any information <p>Next CDPH meeting will be Friday November 15th located at the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency Bunker in Windham</p>	<p>Mainers Feeding Mainers</p>
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