



CUMBERLAND DISTRICT PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2024


Executive Committee

<p><i>Chair:</i> Cathy Bean Kelley Northern Light Home Care and Hospice</p>	<p><i>Vice Chair:</i> Bridget Rauscher City of Portland</p>	<p><i>Council Representative to SCC:</i> Courtney Kennedy Good Shepherd Food Bank</p>	<p>Barbara Ginley MaineHealth</p>	<p>Kristine Jenkins District Liaison, Maine CDC</p>	<p>Andrew Volkors Preble Street</p>	<p>Ann Tucker Greater Portland Health</p>
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Attendees:

Cathy Bean-Kelly (NLHC), Kim Beaudoin (Health Equity), Deqa Dhalac (CCCS), Tammy Diaz (MeDOE), Michael Durkin (CCEMA), Diane Epstein (PHO), Jim Fraser (CLEMA), Barbara Ginley (MH), Angela Giordano (CCPHD) Samantha Grela (CRI), Caity Hager (City of Portland), Olivia Harris (Speak About It), Allie Harvell (MECDC), Lori Hewitt (MeDOE), Amanda Hutchins (PPH), Kristine Jenkins (MeCDC), Courtney Kennedy, (GSFB), Mike Koza (PWD), Aaron Milroy (EMA), Nina Misran (UWSM), Toby Nicholson (MH), Darcy Pomelo, (BCC), Bridget Rauscher (PPH), Brian Richardson (MH), Hannah Ruhl (UNE), Aleta Rupert (MH), Anna Schmidt (MH), Lane Simsarian (MeCDC), Ari Tickner- Ernst (CCEMA), Anne Tucker (GPH), Chris Wheeler (CCEMA), Kristina Wilson (CMH), Matthew Yeaton (CCEMA)

Agenda Item	Notes	Additional material(s) and links
Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency	<p>Aaron Milroy Deputy Director milroy@cumberlandcounty.org Michael Durkin- Director of CCEMA durkin@cumberlandcounty.org Chris Wheeler- LEPC Coordinator LEPC@cumberlandcounty.org Ari Tickner-Ernst- Emergency Management Agency Mitigation & Recovery Coordinator tickner-ernst@cumberlandcounty.org Matthew Yeaton- Emergency Management Agency Preparedness Coordinator Yeaton@cumberlandcounty.org Brittany O'Neil- Cumberland County Management Agency Response Coordinator oneil@cumberlandcounty.org To help support the CCEMA we must help support the communities to engage with the CCMA on a regular basis</p>	<p>CCEMA email cumberlandcounty.org CCEMA Overview 13Nov24.pptx</p>

<p>Maine CDC Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program</p> <p>Kristine Jenkins presenting for Bill Jenkins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We really need to work closely because at the end of the day, every disaster, every emergency ends up having a public health element. CRI was developed in 2004 in response to the anthrax attacks following 911 CRI Always preparing for the worst-case scenario- example, with pandemic flu, soft piling the supplies that are needed or PPE or vaccine Public health emergency communications i.e. Han messages, health alert network messages that you might receive. Tracking medical equipment Training and exercises to be prepared Exciting full-scale exercises coming in the next few years in collaboration with FEP. really focused on is enhancing our community engagement <p>Samantha Grela - CRI, City of Portland sgrela@portlandmaine.gov</p>	 <p>PHEP Program Overview_11-2024.ppt</p> <p>Cumberland County District Council 11.15.2024.pdf</p>
<p>Strengthen Me, Storm Response Update</p>	<p>Anna Schmidt-Community Health Worker Maine Health. Community forum by Center for Trauma and Resiliency on December 19th Subcontractors is Spiritual Care of Maine- mental health support</p>	<p>StrengthenME PPT.pptx</p>
<p>Winter Warming Shelters Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Parish Church and Commonsplace have partnered to establish a low barrier warming shelter for the 2024-2025 winter season. The shelter will be funded by Maine State Housing Authority, operated by Commonsplace, and located in First Parish Church. We are working collaboratively to finalize logistics of operations and activation; once those are ironed out we will share more widely but wanted to get this out to the group as temps get colder. Municipality inform the county EMA, and County EMA then informs the main EMA, MEMA; then that is posted on the MEMA website. 	
<p>Healthcare Coalition Update Brian Richardson, MaineHealth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly virtual meetings held every first Thursday of every third month. Next meeting will be December 5th link out for those that are interested pediatric disaster response and emergency preparedness program offered in Portland December 9th and 10th at 110 Free Street downstairs in the main medical center. 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Partner Updates</p> <p>Ann Tucker- hire multiple new providers over the last six months. Next week, we're working through our waiting list, and back to scheduling six weeks out. Hiring additional dentists as well</p> <p>Nina Misra- The United Way of Southern Maine Community Investment Process is opening in early December. That's our grant making process; It's a two-year process this year instead of one year. Contact Nina- nmisra@uwsme.org https://uwsme.org/our-work/community-investment-process/</p> <p>Mike Koza- Actively engaged with the risk engineer to update our risk and resilience assessment of the greater form of breaking water system. Last done in 2020 and based on a law that was written back in 2018, needs updates every five years.</p>		

Kristine Jenkins- Mental health concerns; parents from South Portland High School, concerned about a series of student suicides in past six months. The school is involved. Parents concerned about contagion; they would really like to connect and talk with people

Raising anxiety and stress for asylum seekers and immigrants.

People concerned about the trans community

Completion of two CNHA in the Lakes Region in Bridgeton on October 1st and Greater Portland on October 22nd.

Finally results will be out in March.

Allie Harvell- Thanksgiving 2024 Holiday Meal Guide. Creating one for the Christmas/ winter season. Created flyers to help promote Flu and Covid vaccines. Currently got the "OK" for both the Spanish and English versions

Anna Bullitt (WIC director)- Maine Youth Action Conference in Augusta with colleagues and 550 middle and high schoolers.

Michaela Maynard AHEC Scholars Program with the Center for Excellence in Public Health of UNE- Share the good work of their main AHEC team this past weekend thanks to the annual case competition. where health profession students work on interprofessional teams to come up with interventions and creative solutions that address complex population health issues. This year's case addressed maternal health with the asylum-seeking community in southern Maine there's a link, so I will share that. We will share that thing up soon.

Cathy Bean Kelly- NLHC participating in perinatal postpartum moms for hypertension. Pregnant individuals will receive a blood pressure cuff in hospital; Team will monitor the readings and follow up promptly with their provider back to the hospital depending on what their reading is.

Courtney Kennedy (GSFB)- Reminder EBT and SNAP shoppers can take advantage of half off their produce through Farm Fresh Rewards or even Maine Harvest Bucks. At farmers markets is a little different model where for every \$10 spent, they receive \$10 on local food.

Sarah Lewis (MAIN)- in office Dental clinic has openings on December 5. As soon as patients are scheduled we can help them complete new patient registration form for Mainly Teeth. The spots are open to anyone; very targeted community at Main Access Immigrant Network, but its open to anyone; preferred Maine care.

Next Meeting:

January 17th 2025

10am-12pm

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
Parish Hall Meeting Room
Westbrook, Maine