

Western District Coordinating Council for Public Health

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 10th, 2022

Virtually held on Zoom

Present: Corrie Brown, Allie Burke, Emilee Caradonna, Susan Dusablon, Jennifer Edwards, Diane Gallagher, Lindsay Gannon, Tina Jennings, Sabrina Keene, LeeAnna Lavoie, Hollie Legee-Cressman, Ed Molleo, Cecilia Natale, Abdikadir Negeye, Jamie Paul, Rebekah Sousa, Ellen Thorne, and Shawn Yardley

Introductions: LeeAnna, Western DCC Chair, welcomed participants and opened the floor for introductions.

SCC Update: Jamie, Western District Liaison with the Maine CDC shared an update on the Statewide Coordinating Council and highlights from their previous meeting. Their next meeting will be on June 16th, and there will be a PHHS Block Grant update immediately preceding the meeting.

Membership Overview: LeeAnna shared a presentation providing an overview on the DCCs to assess where we are at and who we want to see at our table **see attached presentation** The group collaborated on organizations and individuals to invite.

Looking Forward: As the Council continues to meet, LeeAnna guided the group to discuss the future priorities and focus of the Council. A desire to reflect on the SCHNA data and the local CHIPs was mentioned to assist with developing priorities. The Council members may also be tapped for expertise during the Local Public Health Systems Assessment (LPHSA) that's currently in the planning process. Participants also noted a desire to support transportation needs for the community, as well as houselessness, mental health and access to care – highlighting the impact that storytelling can make. The Council may start meeting bi-monthly starting in the fall. More information to come.

Member Updates: Healthy Oxford Hills received a HRSA grant for support around vaccine hesitancy, and they are training 5 champions. They are also awarded a MeHAF grant to support mobile harm reduction – including Narcan, safe sex products and plans for a needle exchange. Questions for the Champions can be sent to: deb.burd@mainehealth.org or susan.dusablon@mainehealth.org

Healthy Community Coalition of offering free Covid test kits. These can be made available by emailing LeeAnna at: Lavoie@mainehealth.org. They are also offering free transportation to vaccinations and healthy Covid go-bags with test kits, masks and more. Participants were invited to join the Western Maine Worth Protecting newsletter: <https://mainehealth.us14.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=d79f56b36779040d358402bc1&id=f0a5f5aab4>

Healthy Androscoggin gave project updates and shared that they have four new job openings: <https://healthyandroscoggin.org/>

Safe Voices also has open job positions: <https://safevoices.org/get-involved/employment> or email: dgallagher@safevoices.org

River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition is seeing an increase at their food pantry located at the old Holy Savior School on 115 Maine Avenue in Rumford. They are looking for guest speakers around senior support services. If interested in speaking, email Allie at: rvhccburke@gmail.com

Healthy Oxford Hills shared highlights from some of their programs including their Growing Healthy Kids program that is funded by New Balance and connects children to education and nature.

YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston shared that they are hiring a life coach to support their diabetes program. <https://ywcamaine.org/get-involved/careers/>. They are also sharing vaccine information to families with children under 5, as well as breast and cervical support in Maine.

Health Reach shared the Governor's press release about a grant for \$4 million to support students getting healthcare degrees. Asked if there were any groups discussing the topics of houselessness, to please reach out: ED M

FCHN shared an update around their SNAP-Ed Food as Medicine project to help those manage their chronic conditions with food. They are also seeing an increase at their food pantry as inflation is rising and their client's emergency SNAP funding may be decreasing.

Adjournment: The next meeting will be held on September 9th, 2022. All meetings are anticipated to be held virtually at this time. To share organizational updates, ideas for upcoming speakers and/or topics, please contact Jamie at: Jamie.L.Paul@Maine.gov or Emilee Winn Caradonna at Emilee.Winn@Maine.gov



Western Public Health District

Quarterly Meeting 6/10/22



Steering Committee

- **Chair:** LeeAnna Lavoie, Healthy Community Coalition
- **Vice Chair:** Lindsay Gannon, Healthy Androscoggin
- **Statewide Coordinating Council Representative:** Corrie Brown, Healthy Androscoggin
- **Androscoggin County Representative:** Shawn Yardley, Community Concepts
- **Franklin County Representative:** Katherine Lemieux, Healthy Community Coalition
- **Oxford County Representatives:** Stephanie LeBlanc, Oxford County Mental Health
- **Standing Committee Members:** Jamie Paul, Maine CDC District Liaison

Membership – Sectors discussion

- ▶ Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- ▶ county governments
- ▶ municipal governments
- ▶ city health departments
- ▶ local health officers
- ▶ hospitals
- ▶ health systems
- ▶ emergency management agencies
- ▶ emergency medical services
- ▶ Community Health Coalitions
- ▶ school districts
- ▶ institutions of higher education
- ▶ physicians and other health care providers
- ▶ clinics and community health centers
- ▶ voluntary health organizations;
- ▶ family planning organizations
- ▶ area agencies on aging
- ▶ mental health services
- ▶ substance abuse services
- ▶ organizations seeking to improve environmental health
- ▶ Community Action Program agency
- ▶ other community-based organizations
- ▶ Health Disparities organization
- ▶ Immigrant/refugee organization
- ▶ Chambers
- ▶ clinics and community health centers

Current Membership

Community Based Org

- Community Concepts
- New Beginnings
- Crisis and Counseling
- Western Maine Community Action
- United Way of Tri Valley
- Seniors plus
- AndroKids
- Spectrum Generations
- Consulting
- Safe Voices
- Alymca
- Maine's People Alliance

Community Coalitions

- Healthy Androscoggin
- River Valley Healthy Community Coalition
- Healthy Oxford Hills
- Healthy Community Coalition

Higher Education

- Bates



Continued

HealthCare

- HealthReach
- St. Marys
- Central
Maine Health
Care
- Maine
Primary Care
Association

Public Health

- Maine CDC
Public Health
Nursing
- Maine Public
Health
Association

Other

- USW of
Maine
- All Clear
EMG
- OCMHS
- FCCTF
- Health
Affiliates

Who are we missing?

- Businesses
- Municipal
officials
- Schools

About Public Health Districts

- Established in 2008 – Maine Legislature in partnership with Maine DHHS.

Aroostook - District 8	Aroostook County
Central - District 5	Somerset and Kennebec Counties
Cumberland - District 2	Cumberland County
Downeast - District 7	Washington and Hancock Counties
Midcoast - District 4	Waldo, Lincoln, Knox, Sagadahoc Counties
Penquis - District 6	Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties
Western - District 3	Androscoggin, Franklin, and Oxford Counties
York - District 1	York County
Tribal Health District	5 Tribal Communities

- [Districts - Division of Public Health Systems - Maine CDC: DHHS Maine](#)



Goal of Public Health Districts

- ▶ Designed to enhance effective and efficient delivery of public health services
 - ▶ Creating the geographic and local framework for greater consistency and equity in statewide delivery of all [10 Essential Public Health Services](#).
 - ▶ Providing a consistent basis for regional planning and coordination across the governmental, private (including business), public, and nonprofit sectors.
 - ▶ Building sustainable infrastructure through regional co-location of Maine CDC and DHHS staff, and through an interactive, fully participatory District Coordinating Councils.



Ten Essential Public Health Services

1. Understand health issues at the state and community levels
2. Identify and respond to health problems or threats
3. Keep people informed about health issues and healthy choices.
4. Engage people and organizations in health issues.
5. Plan and implement sound health policies.
6. Enforce public health laws and regulations.
7. Make sure people receive the medical care they need.
8. Maintain a competent public health and medical workforce.
9. Evaluate and improve programs.
10. Support innovation and identify and use best practices.



Western Public Health District

Vision

- The Western District Coordinating Council envisions a district in which population health needs are met quickly and efficiently through a coordinated network of healthcare organizations, social service agencies, community stakeholders and other entities invested in a healthy Western Maine.

Mission

- Through collaboration, the Western Maine District Coordinating Council will maximize Oxford, Franklin, and Androscoggin County resources to advance the delivery of the 10 essential public health services



Discussion

- ▶ What is happening at the district level
 - ▶ What priorities should we be focused on
 - ▶ Should we have subcommittees
- ▶ Meeting schedule
 - ▶ Monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly
 - ▶ In person vs virtual



Upcoming Topics

- ▶ Community Health Implementation Plans
 - ▶ Share across communities
- ▶ Local Public Health Assessment
- ▶ COVID – 19 initiatives



Organizational Updates

2-3 min update from each organization



Next Meeting

