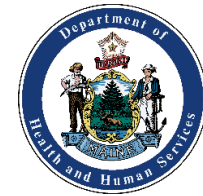




**Midcoast Public Health Council
Meeting Minutes – September 12th, 2023
ZOOM**



Attendance: **Adrienne Gallant**, CHA Community Health Improvement; **Becky DeKuster**, ME CDC Climate and Health Program Manager, **Clifford Dacso, MD, James Sitrick**, Member Engagement Coordinator, Office of MaineCare Services, **Melissa Maurais**, Resource Coordinator, RI, CBHS, DHHS, **Dick Morin**, MaineHealth CHW, **Cathy Cole**, Lincoln Health; **Christine Lyman**, Public Health Consultant Brunswick; **Connie Putnam**, Penobscot Bay Community Health Partnerships; **Courtney Vannah**, Oral Health Initiatives, Medical Care Development; **Drexell White**, Maine CDC;; **Jemma Penberthy**, Director of Community Health for Pen Bay Medical Center and Waldo County General Hospital; **Clifford Dacso, MD**, Local Health Officer, South Thomaston and CMO, Knox Clinic, Heather Sneff, ME CDC, **Brian Alves**, LHO, **Chris Farley**, Camden Public Health Officer, Michelle Fong, University of Maine Orono, Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies, **Kathryn Rohr, MD, Robert Hatch, Elizabeth Hatch**, Swanville Local Health Officer, Waldo County, **Rob Wall**, Appleton Local Health Officer, **Shane Kindlimann**, Bath Assistant LHO, **Julie Cowles**, Whitefield Local Health Officer, **Randy Domina Reg**, Community Housing Improvement Project Bristol Fire and Rescue, **Ted Steele**, Hope LHO, **Kate Martin**, MCD; **Marianne Pinkham**, Maine Association Family and Consumer Sciences/Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission; **Meghan Richards**, Maine CDC; **Melissa Fochesato**, Midcoast Hospital Access Health; **James Li**, Friendship Local Health Officer, **Lindsey O’Hara**, ME CDC

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION(S) AND RESOURCES
Welcome/Introductions	Kate led the welcome/introductions.	
Consent Agenda/Council Minutes/DL Updates	<p>These were approved as distributed dated 06.13.23/Steering Committee member vote.</p> <p>Drexell announced a call for new committee members, especially welcome to new LHO’s if interested.</p> <p>2022 LPHSA report-Drexell presented brief snapshot of the LPHSA report.</p> <p>Personnel changes. Thank you, Meghan Richards for your work as Council Coordinator for MPHIC, she will be continuing her role as Western Public</p>	Motion to elect Katie Lutts, OUT Maine as new MPHIC steering committee member approved.

	Health Educator covering Franklin, Oxford, and Androscoggin Counties.	
<p>Maine Prevention Network (MPN)</p> <p>ME CDC Local Health Officer Program (LHO)</p> <p>Meet your LHO's: Members joined breakout rooms based on their location/county</p>	<p>Melissa F provided brief update on funding. Further information will be discussed at next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction – Drexell White: Brief overview of Local Health Officer Role and LHORIS results. • LHO Training Survey Results - Heather Sneff, LHO Coordinator, shared presentation on survey results. • LHO Call Overview – David Walsh, EMT-P, Searsport LHO/not available for meeting. <p>Friendship Village – James Li, MD, Friendship LHO discussed lengthy 30-year history of LHO role and Emergency MD role. Has implemented multiple public health efforts in the community of Friendship; vaccine clinics, AED, pandemic response, CPR and Naloxone Training. Emphasized the importance of preventative measures to address public health issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakout Rooms for LHO Discussions: Members joined via their home county. Very robust discussions surrounding the need for a coordinated system for LHO's. • Breakout Groups Report: • Lincoln County: Discussed many LHO's are new to role and a more coordinated effort was suggested. Also, town resource lists would be helpful. • Knox County: Discussion surrounding how to purchase more AEDs within the county. Also identified wanting a coordinated efforts across towns/regions/state. • Waldo County: Discussion surrounding the rural region and some of the issues that impact the town of Swanville. 	<p>Melissa F provided brief update on teams: focus on substance misuse and tobacco prevention and healthy eating and active living.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sagadahoc: No LHO available for this county. 	
Q&A and Meeting Wrap-up	Cathy Cole, Lincoln Health discussed the PBMC Lyme Disease Clinical Trial; Knox County has the highest rate of Lyme Disease.	For more info: Cathy.Cole@mainehealth.org
Wrap Up & Adjourn	The meeting adjourned.	

Next Steering Committee Meeting: Zoom- October 17th, 2023.
Next MPHIC Meeting: Zoom- November 14th 2023.