

**Aroostook Public  
Health Council**

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**Quarterly Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 7, 2024  
**Aroostook Public Health Council**

In attendance: Darren Woods, **AKEMA**; Robin Beckwith, **Seniors/Domestics Home Care Agency**; Sue Powers, **ACAP**; Tim St. Peter, **Presque Isle**; Ellen Bemis, **AMHC**; Renee Chalou, **ME CDC**; Sue Bouchard, **FRRH**; Mike Buck, **Northern Light**; Laura Turner, **NLARG**; Judy Anderson, **AAAA**; Theresa Down, **ACAP**; John Bucci, **ME DEP**; Tanya Sleeper, **AHHS/VHHS**; Trevor Casey, **KVHC**; Gina Brown, **HRH**; Leona Alvarado, **Tribal Liaison**; Elizabeth McMurray, **ME CDC**; Heather Drake, **MaineHealth**; Ben Torres, **Houlton**; Stacy Boucher, **ME CDC**; Courtney Wall, **ME CDC**; Maura Lockwood, **ME CDC**

**Minutes 5/2024**

- Motion to accept & second.

**District Operations – Maine CDC**

- LHO – automated municipal validation process. Presently at 65%. Enables consumers to go to [website](#) to look up LHO information.
- HCC – New infrastructure being proposed: Statewide Steering committee with District Chapters to facilitate greater collaboration among local partners. Bylaws will be presented at the Statewide kick-off in a couple weeks.
- Motion: Call for a vote regarding addition of new APHC member organization: Northeastern Workforce Development board  
Vote: All 11 voting members in attendance indicate approval  
**ACTION ITEM:** quorum not established so a follow-up electronic vote will occur in order to be in compliance with APHC Bylaws.

**Tribal Update – Leona Alvarado**

- Aug 31, 9am- 3pm International Overdose Awareness Day will be held at the Elder Center in Houlton. Activities will include a sacred fire, community resource table, Narcan distribution, workshops, crafts
- Oct 8, Micmac Health Fair
- Next week - Public Health Training in Tennessee
- End of August, Back-to-School Block Party for Tribal youth– backpacks, haircuts, clothing, etc.

**Committees:**

**Healthy Aging**

- Currently still on hiatus

**Emergency Planning**

- Next meeting Aug 8, 2024
- Darren Woods, **AKEMA**
- Public outreach –
  - Feedback received regarding Cyber Security marketing indicates that it has been beneficial particularly for seniors being targeted.
  - Touch-a-Truck events
  - YouTube channel being created – addressing emergency preparedness and educate public about what EMA does.
- **ACTION ITEM:** [Long-Term Power Outage Plan draft](#)

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- Please provide any feedback and send to Darren.
- Solar Storm Preparedness Committee
  - Will begin meeting in September.

**Presentations:**

**Theresa Dow – Maine Prevention Network, ACAP**

- Topic: MPN Update of Quarterly Progress
- [Link to slides.](#)

**Stacy Boucher – District Liaison, ME CDC**

- Topic: Shared Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) – Summary Previous Cycle Activity
- [Link to slides.](#)
- Please reach out if your partner organization has been doing work towards these public health indicators and we will include that work in the slides if you would like your organization represented.
- Save-the-Date: Aroostook Stakeholder Forum: Tuesday, Oct 8, 9am-12pm via Zoom. If you are interested in participating, please reach out for an invite.

**Heather Drake – Maine Health, Program Manager (MeSCHNA)**

- Topic: Maine Shared CHNA – What to Expect Current Cycle
- Forums are by invitation to ensure we are representative as possible. If you do not receive one and are interested in attending, please reach out.
- Engaged community through focus groups, interviews, and state-wide survey.
- Asking registrants to do prework to attending forum: review data profiles and documents and rank topic area priorities.
- Registration is open as of 8/6/2024.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

**Next full committee meeting:**

- November 6, 2024