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## Aroostook Public Health Council Quarterly Meeting

May 3, 2022

9:00 am – 11:30am

Virtual Meeting

The mission of the Aroostook DCC is to be the district-wide representative body for collaborative public health infrastructure development in Aroostook County by:

- ensuring the effective and efficient delivery of the 10 EPHS in Aroostook County
- creating and sustaining partnerships and shared public health resources
- promoting county-wide collaboration in public health assessment, planning, implementation, and evaluation;
- continually enhancing the quality of public health services provided

### Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: **Bill Sheehan**, Department of Environmental Protection; **Carol Bell**, Community Member; **Daryl Boucher**, NLAG; **Ellen Bemis**, AMHC; **Gina Brown**, HRH; **Heather Mazorow**, UMFK; **Heidi Warman**, KVHC; **Jane Rioux**, NL HCH; **Jessica Fowler**, Public Health Nursing; **Judy Anderson**, Aroostook Agency on Aging; **Judy Metcalf**, UNE AgingME; **Kim Parent**, Power of Prevention; **Leah Buck**, Northern Maine AHEC and NMCC; **Lisa McLaughlin**, Homeless Services of Aroostook ; **Lynne Pelletier**, Fish River Rural Health; **Mark Bourgoin**, Northern Light Home Care & Hospice; **Nancy Holmquist**, Cary Medical Center; **Norman Fournier**, County of Aroostook; **Sadie Faucher**, Maine Responds; **Sherriff Shawn Gillen**, Aroostook County Sheriff's Office; **Sherry Dumont**, Pines Health Services; **Stacy Boucher**, Maine CDC District Liaison; **Sue Bouchard**, FRRH; **Susan Wehry**, UNE AgingME; **Tammy Hatch**, Public Health Nursing; **Tanya Sleeper**, Aroostook Home Health Services; **Trisha House**, Senator Susan Collins; **Victoria Frankl**, NE Poison Control; **Maura Goss**, Maine CDC/APHC

### Minutes

**Welcome** Stacy

### **Northern New England Poison Center Presentation**

**Victoria Frankl**, *Certified Specialist in Poison Information, Northern New England Poison Center*

- [Presentation Slides](#)
- Victoria went over an overview of Poison centers, case examples, increasing trends and materials & website
- [Website](#); [Podcast](#); Phone: 1-800-222-1222; Live chat: [nnepc.org](http://nnepc.org); Live Text: POISON to 85511

### **Aroostook Public Health Council Committees Updates**

- Healthy Aging
  - Meeting quarterly



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- Emergency Planning
  - Homebound Vaccination Workgroup, Jane
    - Organization currently experiencing increased rate of COVID infection
    - NL Home Health and Hospice continues to provide first, second and booster vaccination to homebound individuals, they will go out next week. Additional visits scheduled for next week.
      - To make referral please call NL Home Health and Hospice or partner Aroostook Agency on Aging
  - COVID-19 Messaging Workgroup
    - Meeting Ad Hoc basis

### **Aroostook Public Health Council District Operations Update**

- Meeting minutes from the [February 5, 2022](#) were approved as written. Motion to approve, Norm. Seconded, Carol. All in favor. No discussion or edits.
- [Council Coordinator Update](#), Maura
- Maine CDC Aroostook District Liaison Update, Stacy
  - COVID-19 Update
    - Review [Maine CDC dashboard](#) for case count, hospitalization information and wastewater treatment data.
  - Statewide Coordinating Council Update
    - Status report State Public Health Systems Assessment and Maternal / Child Health Block Grant
  - Aroostook Shared Community Health Needs Assessment Priorities
    - Mental Health, Substance & Alcohol Use, Access to Care and Older Adult Health
    - Discussion about the Local Public Health Systems Assessment that will be taking place later this Fall.
- Tribal Public Health District Update – Tribal Liaison unavailable today

### **Roundtable**

- DEP, Bill
  - Hospital Partners being challenged right now.
- Aroostook Mental Health Center, Ellen
  - ACORPs Eric is making a huge difference in Opioid Reduction efforts. AMHC just got a Substance Abuse Mental Health Association (SAMHA) grant for MAT Expansion in Aroostook and Downeast district.
  - AMHC receives CVS Award from Senator Collins to renovate Residential Treatment Facility and move to Presque Isle. The plan is that there is going to be 25% more beds; Estimated 12 month timeframe
- Aroostook Agency on Aging, Judy



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- May is Older American's Month.  
AAA is offering a lot of events in support of OAM.
- County Commissioner's Office, Norm
  - American Rescue Plan Funds update. Hopefully, they will be making awards come June of this year.

### **Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program Presentation**

**Susan Wehry & Judy Metcalf**, *University of New England, Aging ME Program*

- [AgingME GWEP Handout](#)
- Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) overview – Empower older adults, age capable workforce, transform primary care practice. Four Ms – What Matters most, Mobility, Medications and Mind
- [Project ECHOs](#)
- Contact: [Website](#), if you are interested in promotional materials. Please let Judy Metcalf know.

### **Roundtable:**

- Maine CDC Volunteer Management-Maine Responds, Sadie
  - Sadie plan to attend Potatoes Blossom Festival in July
  - Contact Sadie at [Mercedes.faucher@maine.gov](mailto:Mercedes.faucher@maine.gov) & [www.maineresponds.org](http://www.maineresponds.org)
- Representative from Senator Collins Office, Trisha
  - Updates on National Institute of Health new funding approved for Alzheimer's & Diabetes research.
  - Senator working on bill on overall cost of Insulin and Testing supplies for diabetes.

Stacy called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion to adjourn, Heather. Seconded, Tanya.

Meeting adjourned.

