



Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

Template updated 03/2012

District: Aroostook District	Date: December 12, 2022
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting. For agendas and copies of minutes, please see district's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district8/council-main.shtml</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ November Aroostook Public Health Council meeting replaced by LPHSA Session ➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next DCC Meeting: February 1, 2023 • Next Steering Committee Meeting: January 4, 2023 • Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: January 17, 2023 • Next Public Health Emergency Planning Committee Meeting: January 5, 2023 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LPHSA data analysis ➤ Healthy Aging Committee focus on assisting Area Agency on Aging with Memory Care Unit planning and implementation 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Aroostook Public Health Council continues to monitor health status of Aroostook residents and assist with organizational implementation plans where appropriate. Actions that originate from the Council will focus on systems improvement. ➤ The Aroostook Public Health Council will be working with the primary Maine Prevention Network grantee in the District to meet shared deliverables and increase accountability and transparency. 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Membership Updates: Andrew Gagnon replaces Chase Labbe as EMS sector representative ➤ The Aroostook Electronic Roundtable continues to go out bi-weekly. 105+ recipients. Partner organizations continue to submit their organizations events/announcements/trainings. This collaboration allows members to learn what others are doing and coordinate between our quarterly meetings. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p>	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: None at this time</p>	

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<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues: COVID-19 response, 2023 DCC calendar and membership updates, new Maine Prevention Network contract implementation assistance, Community Health Improvement Plan support, PPE and testing supplies navigation; vaccination clinic, appointment, and transportation assistance; assistance for and connection to organizations providing basic needs and resources; PFAS and lead testing and remediation assistance. Limited work on the Partners for Recovery (PFR/HRSA) Grant and hospital HRSA grants; Harm Reduction capacity building, and Naloxone distribution.</p>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan (DPHIP): <i>Activities planned for completion during the quarter and whether activities are able to be completed on schedule</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Use Central District Public Health Unit updates to communicate important information to DCC, LHOs, chief municipal officials, and partners. Ongoing task. ▶ Vaccination Coordination Workgroup has met monthly to address district needs and coordinate efforts. <p><i>Successes achieved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The ACEs-Resilience Workgroup members are working on school and community supports for trauma and pandemic recovery, and with the Maine CDC Substance Use Prevention Program and the Maine Resilience Building Network (MRBN) on training collaboration. <p><i>Barriers encountered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Disruption in usual way of doing business and lack of staff time for other DCC tasks due to COVID-19 pandemic response. ▶ Large amount of turnover in staffing at many organizations. 	
<p>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership: Addition of Maine Department of Education School Nurse Regional Liaisons to District Vaccination Coordination Workgroup.</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations: COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination set up assistance; COVID-19 vaccination and testing information, assistance, and volunteer recruitment; COVID-19 response with County EMAs and regional EMS; prevention/basic needs assistance for organizations serving vulnerable populations; EMS service and non-profit organization testing assistance, transportation assistance; HRSA grant collaborations; PFAS, rabies, and browntail moth information and workshops.</p>	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members: Greatest need right now is for partner assistance with mainstreaming infection control practices, vaccination, and testing; and combatting vaccination hesitancy.</p>	

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**Statewide Coordinating Council for Cumberland District
Public Health Council Update**



District: Cumberland

Date: 12/15/22

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<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district2/council-main.shtml>

Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting:

September CDPHC Meeting:

CDPHC met on **September 16th, 2022** with thirty participants. A Monkeypox Overview was provided by Emer Smith, Maine CDC Cumberland District Field Epidemiologist and Lauren Gauthier, Maine CDC Infectious Disease Prevention Program Director. An Introduction and orientation to Help Me Grow was presented by Melinda Corey, Office of Family and Child Services, DHHS. Results of Membership Engagement Survey were discussed, some members have moved on, and others are no longer able to participate. Interested parties were encouraged to apply. Maine CDC provided a report out on the recent district visit by Maine CDC Director Shah, and an update on the Local Public Health Systems Assessment was provided

Council Leadership shared the following updates:

- New CDPHC Vice-Chair, Bridget Rauscher, Elected
- Peggy Akers was recognized and thanked by all for her many years of amazing service, as she steps back from her role with City of Portland
- Two new members of Portland Public Health Division were welcomed:
Alfredo Vergara, Director
Sarah Sheldon, Immunization Program Coordinator

November:

CDPHC met on November 18th, 2022 with thirty-two participants. As part of re-centering, Maine CDC provided an orientation on the history of the Council, and it's role, as established in statute, and within the State public health infrastructure. This meeting featured an extended amount of time for partner updates and open discussion. There was a request for clarity about the process of listing warming centers, and subsequently, a list of warming resources and an explanation of how to access and post information about warming centers was shared with members and interested parties. Alfredo Vergara with Portland Public Health made a call to action around housing needs and related public health needs, in Cumberland County. Throughout Maine. Over 8,000 families, many being asylum seekers based in Cumberland County, are losing Emergency Rental Assistance at the end of the month. A working group was established to explore possible actions by the Council in response. The working group has met twice since then, and is creating a call to action by the Council.

The next CDPHC meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2023

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Working group established on public health threats related to housing crisis in Cumberland District

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Interviews were conducted for seven candidates for the Public Health Educator III opening. Final selection in progress.

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

Maine CDC, Northern Light Home Care and Hospice, and Westbrook Public Safety cooperated on two public vaccination (flu and covid-19) at the Westbrook Community Center in November and December

Other topics of interest for SCC members:

The situation for unhoused asylum seekers, others experiencing homelessness, and the impact of inflation on low-income Mainers, continue to be of great concern as winter is here.

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District: Downeast	Date: December 15, 2022
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting. SCC meeting materials and general information can be found at http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district7/council-main.shtml.</p>	
<p>District Public Health Council Meetings</p>	
<p>September 16, 2022 – All virtual meeting; Zoom. Twenty-five attendees.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deeper Dive: Building a Network to Serve Youths at Risk for Serious Mental Illness. Lois Ann Kuntz, PhD, UMM and Jeff Hecker, PhD, UMO. • New DHHS Initiative Overview: Help ME Grow, Melinda Corey (OCFS) • District Planning: County Health Rankings. LPHSA, and Maine Shared CHNA Data • District Updates: Prevention Services; Passamaquoddy Tribe, September SCC Meeting. 	
<p>November 18, 2022 – No Meeting held</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting time used for LPHSA Session 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Link/Assure People to Health Services • 8 Assure Competent Workforce 	
<p>2022 Meetings: <i>Third Friday of month: January 21, March 18, May 20, July 15, September 16, and November 18.</i></p>	
<p>Executive Committee Meetings</p>	
<p>October 21, 2022</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting time used for LPHSA Session 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3 Inform, Educate and Empower ○ 5 Develop Policy and Plans 	
<p>December 16, 2022</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of 2022 Downeast Council work • Discussion on 2023 Council meeting format and objectives of meetings 	
<p>2022 Meetings: <i>Third Friday of the month: February 18, April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, December 16</i></p>	

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Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:

- District Infrastructure Improvement Plan: will consider existing district committee work aligned with data (Shared CHNA, County Health Rankings), and LPHSA results.

Progress with District Priorities:

- All committees have been on break during the summer and LPHSA process.
 - Health Literacy Committee
 - Healthy Aging Committee.
 - DEPHC Cancer
 - Palliative Care and Hospice Committee
 - DEPHC Emergency Preparedness

Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

- Membership Updates.
 - Ongoing membership updates
- Council Coordinator
 - Position has been posted.
- Communications
 - Work has decreased on our websites, Facebook without council coordinator

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

- Substance Use (opioids) treatment centers, recovery homes and resource centers have provided benefits to the population needing these supports.
- Poverty: Washington County multi-partner project on reducing child poverty by 2030.
- Food Security: using the End Hunger by 2030 Plan, multiple partners in Washington County mapping out food security resources and gaps at the community and regional levels.

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- Housing: ongoing discussions about affordable housing shortages and suggested temporary housing and warming centers during winter for those in need.

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<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and District Coordinating Council (DCC) meetings held since last SCC meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The November 15th Midcoast Public Health Council (MPHC) meeting featured a presentation from Maine CDC's Korey Pow on the results of the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey. Korey shared data from Midcoast area schools as well as Maine as a whole.• The Social Determinants of Health, Access to Care, and Mental Health work Groups within the MPHC presented their goals and objectives, which were approved by the MPHC at the November 15th meeting. The approved goals and objectives will guide the MPHC in its work over the next two years.	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Local Public Health Systems Assessment meetings were completed in November. Council Coordinators Meghan Richards and Emilee Winn provided technical support for the forums statewide, contributing to the overall success of the online forums.	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As noted above, Council approved the Social Determinants of Health, Access to Care, and Mental Health Work Groups' goals and objectives during the November 15th MPHC meeting. They will continue to meet and work on strategies for the next two years.	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The annual MPHC general elections will be held at the February 2023 meeting. The annual elections process begins each August with the MPHC Steering Committee's membership crosswalk and call for candidates.	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Via the newsletter and notes and resources publications, the Council has been providing regular updates on public health initiatives in the community as well as helping to promote COVID 19 vaccination efforts.	



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District Coordinating Council Update



District: Penquis	Date: December 15, 2022
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and DCC (District Coordinating Council/Public Health Council) meetings held since last SCC (State Coordinating Council) meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The November 15th meeting featured a presentation from Maine CDC's Korey Pow on the results of the Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey. Korey shared data from Penquis area schools as well as Maine as a whole. • The meeting also featured a presentation from Maine Public Health Nursing supervisor Cynthia Grass. Cynthia gave an overview of the public health nursing program and provided updates and resources to the council. 	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Local Public Health System Assessments concluded in November. • COVID-19 and flu vaccination encouragement • Housing, heating oil, and ongoing transportation needs/other SDOH initiatives • Rising overdose rates and mental health supports • Engagement of youth and workforce development needs, including the need for better broadband access • Shared CHNA implementation 	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHNA reports encouraged renewed efforts in social determinants of health, mental health, access to care, and substance and alcohol abuse. 	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New members are added to the council on an ongoing basis. 	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Piscataquis and Penobscot County Shared CHNA data reports were released and encouraged renewed efforts in social determinants of health, mental health, access to care, and substance and alcohol abuse. 	
<p>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee members discuss new concerns and progress at monthly meetings. 	

**Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health
District Coordinating Council Update**

District: Western District

Date: 12/15/2022

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Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting:

The DCC executive committee met and has completed the LPHSA.

2023 Meetings: Full Council Meetings will be planned during the Steering Committee in January.

Steering Committee Meetings: The Steering Committee met on November 16th from 9am – 10 am. Adam Hartwig, interim DL, updated SC members of the newly hired DL, the completion of the LPHSA, and other State updates. The next meeting will be on Monday, December 19th at 10am as a meet-and-greet for the new District Liaison, Emily Theriault

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

Steering Committee is actively engaged in the future of the Council

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

There are no subcommittees at this time. Will be a discussion item during the Dec. 19 meeting with the DCC.

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Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:

Jamie Paul has left her position as Western District Public Health Liaison, end of summer. Adam Hartwig ME CDC York District Liaison provided interim coverage until Emily Theriault, new DL was hired 11/28/22.

Since September, the Western District Public Health Council has welcomed the following individuals as new members or taking on new leadership roles.

New Officers:

Chair: Leeanna Lavoie, *Healthy Community Coalition*

Vice Chair: Lindsay Gannon, *Healthy Androscoggin*

Statewide Coordinating Council Representative: Corrie Brown, *Healthy Androscoggin*

New Members:

Androscoggin County Representative: Stacey Wheeler, *Community Concepts*

Franklin County Representative: Katherine Lemieux, *Healthy Community Coalition*

Oxford County Representatives: Stephanie LeBlanc, *Oxford County Mental Health*

In-district or multi-district collaborations:

None at this time.

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Other topics of interest for SCC members:

The DCC encourages SCC members to check out all our local partners webpages and subscribe to their newsletters, as there are many things happening within the district.

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The DCC executive committee continues to meet and will be looking to expand on the work of the Local Public Health Systems Assessment.

Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:

The council will be evaluating the data from the Local Public Health Systems Assessment to see how we can improve the infrastructure. The council will also be looking to work to gain inclusion from the growing immigrant population, and organizations that serve them to help enrich our activities.

Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:

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