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**Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health
Meeting Minutes of September 15th, 2022**

**Via Zoom
9:00am - 10:30am**

Attendees:

Seat	Roll Call	Name	Organization	Representing
1	X	Betsy Kelly	Southern Maine Health Care	York District
2	X	Courtney Kennedy	Good Shepherd Food Bank	Cumberland District
3	X	Corrie Brown	Healthy Androscoggin	Western District
4	X	Melissa Fochesato	Mid Coast Hospital	MidCoast District
5	X	Denise Delorie	Mid Maine Substance Use Prevention	Central District
6	X	Patty Hamilton	Bangor Public Health Department	Penquis District
7	X	Maria Donahue	Healthy Acadia	Downeast District
8		Sue Bouchard	Fish River Rural Health	Aroostook District
9	X	James Markiewicz	Maine CDC	State Government
10		Vacant		Department of Health and Human Services
11	X	Emily Poland	Maine Department of Education	Department of Education
12		Kerri Malinowski	Department of Environmental Protection	Department of Environmental Protection
13	X	Dalit Gulak	Waynflete School	Essential Public Health Services
14	X	Heather Drake	Maine Public Health Association	Essential Public Health Services
15		Elisabeth Snell	University of Maine	Essential Public Health Services
16	X	Susan Kring	Maine Medical Association	Essential Public Health Services
17		Becky Bell	In Her Presence	Essential Public Health Services
18	X	Erika Ziller	USM	Essential Public Health Services
19	X	Sue Mackey-Andrews	Helping Hands with Heart	Essential Public Health Services
20	X	Joanne LeBrun	Tri County EMS	Essential Public Health Services
21		Vacant		Essential Public Health Services
22	X	Leona Alvarado	Tribal Liaison	Tribal District
23	X	Bethany Sanborn	MaineHealth	Essential Public Health Services

Attending: 16; Attending by Phone: 0; Zoom: 16; Planned Absent: 0; Absent: ; Vacant Seat: 2; Abstaining: 1; Total Council Makeup: 21

Total Voting Members Attending: 16 out of 21 = 76%. Simple majority is defined as quorum. Quorum Achieved

Interested Parties and Stakeholders:

Nancy Birkhimer	Maine CDC
Stacy Boucher	Maine CDC
Jessica Fogg	Maine CDC
Dora Anne Mills	MaineHealth
Al May	Maine CDC
Jo Morrissey	Maine Shared CHNA
Andrew Finch	Maine CDC
Meghan Richards	Maine CDC
Laura Valencia	Maine Mobile Health
Hannah Miller	Maine Mobile Health
Selam Runyon-Baruch	
Drexell White	Maine CDC
Nancy Beardsley	Maine CDC
Shelby Odegard-Richards	Bangor Public Health

Meeting Minutes

MEETING NOTES		
Agenda:	Discussion:	Actions/Resources:
Welcome and introductions: James Markiewicz	James, Maine CDC, greeted the group, shared the purpose and mission of the SCC meetings, and gave an overview of today's agenda. Welcome new member Bethany Sanborn, who replaces Carol Zechman.	https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/scc/index.shtml
Council Business --Approve March Meeting Minutes -- Confirm New Western Seat, Bethany Sanborn --Call for SCC Chair	Motion to approve minutes by Emily Poland, seconded. Approved by all. Call for SCC chair.	Reach out to James and/or Patty for nominations or questions about the SCC Chair position
LPHSAs	If you're not able to make it to a session, you can delegate to someone else. Question: people said they weren't available – does everyone know to recruit? Answer: DLs will look at participants and recruit more if EPHS does not seem to have enough people.	LPHSA Presentation
Maine Mobile Health	Question/Comment: does MMH follow-up and check-in with patients when they leave the state? Answer: Yes, they coordinate care. Question: how are you funded? Answer: Primarily funded as FQHC and supplemented by other	Maine Mobile Health Presentation

	grants.	
District Visits with Executive Leadership – Nancy Beardsley	<p>Started in July in Aroostook County and will finish up in late September/early October.</p> <p>Predominant reason to visit was to thank partners for the past couple of years.</p> <p>Homelessness and food security were the most consistently identified concerns from each district.</p> <p>Another common theme: when meeting with community-based orgs or infrastructure partners- recruiting and retaining staff is still a struggle.</p> <p>DLs assisted with access to places to have not traditionally been recognized.</p> <p>Aroostook visited with St John Valley Pharmacy, who did a huge amount of vaccinations at long term care facilities and did long excursions to southern Maine as well.</p> <p>Appreciate that discussions are also including community health, not just diseases</p> <p>A lot of smaller orgs mentioned having to expand their missions and adapt their models. Food pantries, for instance, had to figure out delivery options. FQHCs have also taken on food insecurity. Does that help their mission, or does that stretch their staff even thinner?</p> <p>We often talk about issues as if they're not separate – so many issues are closely intertwined. Food insecurity, mental health, substance use, for example.</p> <p>In Midcoast meeting, had a good discussion about food insecurity.</p> <p>MaineHealth is screening our patients for food insecurity, with the goal of screening all inpatients and all primary care patients by a year from now, including providing a 3-day emergency bag of food (thanks to our partnership with Good Shepherd). We have 3 hospital campus food pantries (at Franklin, Stephens, and very soon at MMC), including emerging Food as Medicine programs providing food, education (e.g. Cooking Matters, chronic disease self-management), and social connectivity to cohorts of people with food insecurity and chronic diseases. This all would not be possible without strong partnerships with Good Shepherd and Hannaford. But it's beyond what health care thought their missions were a few years ago!</p>	

	How will the info from these visits intersect with the LPHSAa and the SPHSA? No current, documented plan. Tribal visit is coming up next week	
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 11am. Next SCC meeting will be Thursday, December 15 th from 9am - 11am.	

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Meghan Richards.