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STATEWIDE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

[HTTPS://MAINESTATE.ZOOM.US/J/86457805490?PWD=ElOREAGUCFPhW8BACNBEACDPHMSRQX.1](https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/86457805490?pwd=ElOREAGUCFPhW8BACNBEACDPHMSRQX.1) **MEETING ID: 864 5780 5490** **PASSCODE: 61047225**

AGENDA	
9:00	Welcome Puthiery Va, DO Director <i>Co-Chairs: Bethany Sanborn and Jen Gunderman</i> <i>Maine CDC: James Markiewicz</i>
9:15	Council Business • Approve Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2026 • Member Introductions (Name and Title) • Full Introductions: Emily Poland, Joshua Toner, Susan Kring, and Wil O'Neal
9:30	SCC Roles and Responsibilities <i>Preparing for functionality of the SCC in 2027 at December meeting</i>
9:45	Setting Public Health Priorities for 2027 <i>Rebecca Boulos, Executive Director, Maine Public Health Association</i>
10:15	Rural Health Transformation Project Update <i>Kristen McAuley, Director RHTP</i>
11:15	Action Steps
11:30	Adjourn

Statutory Language: The Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health shall:

- (1) Participate as appropriate to help ensure the state public health system is ready and maintained for accreditation;
- (4) Assist the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention in planning for the essential public health services and resources to be provided in each district and across the State in the most efficient, effective and evidence-based manner possible;
- (5) Receive reports from the tribal district coordinating council for public health regarding readiness for tribal public health systems for accreditation if offered; and
- (6) Participate as appropriate and as resources permit to help support tribal public health systems to prepare for and maintain accreditation if assistance is requested from any tribe.

MRS Title 22, Chapter 152, Section 412 (6):

<https://legislature.maine.gov/statutes/22/title22sec412.html>

Purpose: The Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health, established under Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 14-G, is a representative statewide body of public health stakeholders for collaborative public health planning and coordination.

VOTING MEMBERS

Maine CDC: Puthiery Va, Director / James Markiewicz, Designee	
York District	Betsy Kelly
Cumberland District	Hannah Siladi
Western District	Corrie Brown
Midcoast District	Christine Lyman
Central District	Anne Conners
Penquis District	Matt Donahue
Downeast District	Maria Donahue
Aroostook District	Sue Bouchard
Tribal District	Joshua Toner
DHHS Behavioral Health	Kristen McAuley
Department of Environmental Protection	Julie Churchill
Department of Education	Emily Poland
Statewide Emergency Management	Joe Legee, Maine EMA
Statewide Planning	Heather Drake, Maine Shared CHNA
Higher Education	Yvonne Jonk, USM Maine Rural Health Research Center
Public Health Policy	Susan Kring, Maine Medical Association
Statewide / Regional Healthcare	Bethany Sanborn, Maine Health
Statewide Emergency Medical Services	Wil O'Neal, Maine EMS
Statewide Community Action	Sue Mackey Andrews, Helping Hands with Heart
Statewide Aging and Health	Jess Maurer, Maine Council on Aging
Statewide Mental Health Prevention	Jennifer Thompson, NAMI Maine
Municipal Public Health Agency	Jennifer Gunderman, Bangor Public Health & Community Services

2026 Meetings (Quarterly on third Thursday)

March 19

June 18

September 17

December 17

Interested Parties	
Maine CDC Division Directors	Maine CDC Program Staff
Public Health District Liaisons	Public Health District Educators
Rebecca Boulos/Kari Pedersen	Maine Public Health Association
Bryan Wyatt/Chris Pezzullo	Maine Primary Care Association
Kate Dufour/Amanda Campbell	Maine Municipal Association
Sally Weiss	Maine Hospital Association
Crystal Toner	American Lung Association
Kate Martin	MCD Public Health
Brenda Vitali	American Heart Association
Noel Bonam	AARP Maine
Lisa Letourneau	DHHS Commissioner's Office
Dora Anne Mills	Maine Health