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Aroostook Public Health Council Quarterly Meeting

August 4, 2021
9:00 am – 11:00am
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: Alain Bois, NMMC; Bill Flagg, CMC; Bill Greaves, HBMI Emergency Mgt; Dawn Roberts, AR Gould - Community Health & Volunteer Coordinator; Debra Jacques, Aroostook Mental Health Services (AMHC); Ellen Bartlett, HRH- Infection Prevention, PIO; Erik Lamoreau, AMHC; Jamie Chandler, ACAP; Jane Rioux, NL Home Care and Hospice; Jason Parent, ACAP; Jenna Martin, FRRH; Jonathan Cote, Power of Prevention, and Aroostook Deacon Strike Team 1; Joy Barresi Saucier, AAA; Kim Parent, Power of Prevention; Laura Turner, NL AR Gould Hospital; Leah Buck, NMMC and Northern Maine Area Health Education Center; Lisa McLaughlin, Homeless Services of Aroostook; Lynne Pelletier, FRRH; Norm Fournier, County Commissioner; Paul Towle, Aroostook Partnership; Rachael Albert, UMFK; Sherry Locke, ACAP; Stacy Boucher, Maine CDC District Liaison; Sue Bouchard, FRRH; Tammy Farwell, PHN; Tammy Hatch, ME CDC Public Health Nurse Supervisor; Tanya Sleeper, Aroostook Home Health Services/Valley Home Health Services; Trisha House – Sen. Collins; Will Parker, Moving Maine; Zoe Miller, Moving Maine; Maura Goss, Aroostook Public Health Council

Minutes

Welcome – Dr. Rachael Albert, Chair

- Housekeeping

Topic: **Greater Portland Council of Government's Moving Maine Initiative**

Presenter: **Zoe Miller** and **Will Parker**, Greater Portland Council of Government

- [Moving Maine PowerPoint](#)
- Next Steps: Assess interest in creating a Mobility Design to discuss the development of a Transportation/Mobility Committee. Discuss most appropriate structure for a mobility committee. APHC will convene a first meeting if interested.

ACTION: Email Maura if interested in learning more or becoming involved.

Discussion: Zoe, Jane, Joy, Jamie, Rachael, Dawn, Paul & Stacy

Meeting minutes from the May meeting were approved as writing. Motion to approve, Norm. Second, Joy. No discussion. All in favor.



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COVID-19 Messaging Workgroup, Chair: Sherry Locke, ACAP

- Overview of the workgroup
- Don't Wait, Vaccinate! Campaign
 - Community Survey
 - Targeted Marketing - Campaign – Don't Wait, Vaccinate! (Television, Radio, Social Media & Print) – Completed - 8 Local Celebrities Testimonials. Created a Logo
 - Community Forum in partnership with WAGM
 - Youth Testimonials promo being created now.

Maine CDC District Liaison Update, Stacy

- COVID-19 Updates
 - Website: www.maine.gov/covid19/

Discussion: Stacy, Norm & Joy

- Health Care working vaccine status
- COVID-19 Vaccinates by Zip code
- State Public Health Systems Assessment in August. Data will be shared once it is complete.

Discussion: Stacy & Joy

Council Coordinate Update, Maura

- [CC Update](#)

Topic: **Aroostook Communities Opioid Response Program (ACORP) Strategic Action Plan**

Presenter: **Eric Lamoreau**, AMHC

- [ACORP Strategic Action Plan](#)

Discussion: Erik & Lisa

Committee: **Healthy Aging**, Chair: **Joy Barresi Saucier**, AAA

- Monthly Drop-in Meetings, next meeting August 24th

Committee: **Emergency Planning**, Chair: **Darren Woods**, Aroostook EMA

- Homebound Vaccination Workgroup – **Jane Rioux**, NL HCH
 - On-going collaborations happening weekly
 - 115 -120 vaccines administered
 - Requests for vaccines are slowing down
- COVID-19 Messaging (See Above)

Committee: **Aroostook Community Engagement Committee**, Chair: **Dawn Roberts**, NL AR Gould Hospital

- Following a timeline
- Aroostook Shared Community Health Needs Assessment planned for Nov 3, 2021



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ACTION: Maura will send out updates

RoundTable

Dawn R, NL AR Gould

- July Cooking Classes @ NMCC's Teaching Kitchen – Classes in Aug & Sept - All Free
- Walk with a Doc Series – Aug & Sept planned
- Blood Drive 8/17 Sargent Community Center – red cross page to sign up
- Party at the Pad – Splash Pad -ACAP Collaboration focus on Physical Education & Weight Education

Norm F, Aroostook County Commissioner

- County has received \$13M from the American Rescue Plan. Possibly, within next 3 months counties will be sending out requests on how to spend the money. Money to be committed from now until Dec 30, 2024.

Tammy H, PHN

- Assisting with COVID19 vaccinations
- We are willing to assist with catch up vaccinations for families who haven't gotten their vaccines and are preparing for the 9/1 deadlines

Jamie C, ACAP

- ACAP moving administrative offices & Hope & Prosperity Resource Center into the One Edgemont Drive Property in PI
 - 771 Main Street Location – Will be a service center
- ACAP opened a service location at the Presque Isle Housing Authority (125 children on the PI waitlist)
- Dept of Treasury changed rules for rent relief program – more families eligible – Affected during the pandemic (co-occurring reason). If you have clients that do not have internet access, call & ACAP can help fill out the program
- Getting ready for school;
 - Community Closet open Aug 11, 12 & 13th ACAP Parking Lot
 - Backpack Project – received the total number of applications but if you have someone who needs the help, please reach out to Jamie.

Debra Jacques, AMHC

- AMHC Open House (in person) newest location: Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit, PI Outpatient and Administrative offices at 180 Academy Street, Wednesday September 8th from 4 – 6PM



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Joy, AAA

- Looking to begin discussion about Age Friendly Aroostook & Age Friendly Communities (New: Houlton & Fort Kent)
- UMaine center on Aging – AmeriCorps members to work with Age Friendly Communities (Aroostook will get two members: Danforth (Washington County) & one for the rest of the Age Friendly Communities)
- Reopened Adult Day Respite Service in June, Presque Isle
- Online Gathering Place Program – virtual social isolation meeting ongoing
- iPad lending program ongoing

Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn, Dawn. Seconded, Alain

Chatbox:

- Trisha House, State Office Representative for US Senator Susan Collins;
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