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# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

Template updated 03/2012

<b>District: Aroostook District</b>	<b>Date: December 17, 2020</b>
<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: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district8/council-main.shtml">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/public-health-systems/lphd/district8/council-main.shtml</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ October 7, 2020 – Board Education Topic: Drug Impairment Detection Training by Sergeant Chad Cochran, Caribou Police Department</li> <li>➤ Aroostook DCC Subcommittee Updates (Healthy Aging and Public Health Emergency Preparedness)</li> <li>➤ Dates of note in Aroostook District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next DCC Meeting: February 3, 2021</li> <li>• Next Steering Committee Meeting: January 6, 2021</li> <li>• Next Healthy Aging Committee Meeting: January 5, 2021</li> <li>• Next Public Health Emergency Planning Committee Meeting: January 7, 2021</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Aroostook Electronic Roundtable included an Aroostook County Flu Shot Clinic Calendar in the October 3, 2020 distribution.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The Aroostook DCC Public Health Emergency Preparedness has almost completed its draft of the Aroostook Alternate Care Site Plan.</li> <li>➤ The Healthy Aging Committee is hosting monthly drop-in RoundTable meeting to facilitate any related barriers or supports needed by partners.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Changes in membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eric Lamoreaux, AMHC</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Aroostook DCC continues to offer Disability Rights Maine's Relay Conference Captioning (RCC) during full council meetings for people with Hearing and Speech difficulties.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Attendance at the Aroostook Band of Micmac Drug Task Force Meeting(s) – November 16, 2020</li> <li>➤ ACAP created a 24/7 Community Closet in Presque Isle for community members to donate and/or take gently used clothing</li> <li>➤ Aroostook Agency on Aging offering Virtual Classes in November: Tai Chi, Falls Prevention Information and Brain Health</li> <li>➤ Aroostook County Homeless Stakeholder group convened on November 23, 2020</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</b> None to report at this time.</p>	

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<p><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b> COVID-19 response, infection prevention, PPE provision, vaccination readiness and operations, assistance for organizations providing basic needs and connecting people to those resources. Limited work on the Partners for Recovery (PFR/HRSA) Grant and hospital HRSA grants; Harm Reduction/ Needle Exchange capacity building and Naloxone distribution; and ACEs-Resilience training and resources.</p>	
<p><b>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan (DPHIP):</b> <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"> <li>▶ Use Central District Public Health Unit updates to communicate important information to DCC, LHOs, and partners – added chief municipal officials at the start of COVID-19 response. Ongoing task.</li> <li>▶ Workgroups have been less active this quarter to deal with COVID-19 pandemic response and new infection prevention working conditions.</li> </ul> <p><i>Successes achieved</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ ‘District Donations, Financial Assistance, and Volunteer Opportunities’ handout updated and shared to help answer the question ‘What can I do to help?’, and to solicit needed supplies for response and basic needs organizations.</li> <li>▶ The ACEs-Resilience Workgroup met to share toolkits and resources, and start a ‘You Matter to Us’ materials and information initiative for schools.</li> <li>▶ Vaccination Readiness/Communication Workgroup communication and training on COVID-19 vaccines.</li> <li>▶ Set 2021 meeting and workgroup calendar.</li> </ul> <p><i>Barriers encountered</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Disruption in usual way of doing business and lack of staff time for other DCC tasks due to COVID-19 pandemic response. Lack of funding for desired DCC screening of film ‘Angst’.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:</b> Michele Prince, KVCAP Operations Director, has replaced Jim Wood (retired) on the Steering Committee.</p>	
<p><b>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</b> COVID-19 response with County EMAs and regional EMS; prevention/basic needs assistance for organizations serving vulnerable populations (e.g., shelters, long term care, congregate living, behavioral health providers, at-risk youth programs, food/meals programs, libraries, schools); dental kit distribution with Partnership for Children’s Oral Health.</p>	
<p><b>Other topics of interest for SCC members:</b> Greatest need right now is for partner assistance with mainstreaming infection control practices and combatting vaccination hesitancy (flu and COVID-19).</p>	

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**District: Cumberland**

**Date: 12/16/20**

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

### **September DCC Meeting:**

The September 18<sup>th</sup> CDPHC meeting took place by Zoom was attended by 28 people. The subject of the meeting was Mental Health During Covid-19. Speakers presented on:

- Youth Mental Health and Covid-19 (Kai Morley and Nina Misra, Opportunity Alliance)
- Immigrant and Refugee Mental Health and Covid-19 (Bernard Katende, Catholic Charities of Maine)
- First Responder and Frontline Healthcare Worker Mental Health and Covid-19 (Dr. Ed Pontius, Frontline Warmline)

We also recognized September as Suicide Prevention Month.

### **December DCC Meeting:**

The November CDPHC meeting was postponed until December 4<sup>th</sup>, as many of the Council are engaged in the Covid-19 response. Fifty-two persons took part in the meeting, which was held via Zoom. The focus of the meeting was Covid-19 vaccine preparations, with Amanda Luciano of the Maine Immigration Program, and Vaccine Hesitancy in the immigrant community with Inza Ouattara, State Refugee Health Coordinator.

## ***Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:***

## ***Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:***

## ***Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:***

Vice Chair Carl Toney stepped down from his position. His engagement has been greatly appreciated by all, and we are sad to him go – but we hope he will be able to stay involved at some level.

Along with the Vice Chair role, there are additional openings for members, and elections will take place in January.

The position for SCC Representative is open too, and current SCC Representative has indicated that she will stand again for the position.

## ***In-district or multi-district collaborations:***

*Other topics of interest for SCC members:*

- A new Director for Cumberland County Emergency Management has been identified, Matthew Mahar.

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**District: Downeast**

**Date: December 17, 2020**

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>.

## District Public Health Council Meetings

**November 20, 2020** all Virtual Meeting: **31 Attendees**

Key Action:

- Deeper Dive: Building Resilience with Laurie Cyr-Martel UNE & Susan Peixotto, Tri-County Mental Health Services
- Washington County Substance Use Referral Line with Clement Deveau & Sarah Wright, AMHC
- Sector Updates (Immunization, Emergency Management, Passamaquoddy/Tribal Update & Washington County Basic Needs Committee)

*2020 Meetings: 1/17, 5/15, 7/19, 9/18 and 11/20*

## Executive Committee Meetings

**October 16, 2020**

- Coronavirus Updates
- Influenza & School Update
- Committee Work (Health Literacy, Palliative Care and Washington County Basic Needs)

*2020 Meetings: 2/21, 4/17, 6/19, 8/21, 10/16, and 12/18*

## Ongoing or upcoming district projects or priority issues:

- Washington County Basic Needs Initiative creating Helpline and Volunteer Management platform for Washington County to assist community members connecting with resources. This committee was founded from needs identified early March 2019 during COVID19.
- Disability Rights Maine's Relay Conference Calling (RCC) was offered to people with Hearing and Speech difficulties at the full council meetings in November.
- Maine Prevention Services work through Healthy Acadia is using virtual meetings and approaches to continue outreach and meet objectives of the work plan.

Downeast District

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December 11, 2020

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## **Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:**

- The Palliative Care and Hospice Committee and the Healthy Aging Committee co-convened a Palliative Care Virtual Summit on November 16, 2020 that was attended by twenty-three participants from both Washington and Hancock Counties to assess the current types of services and geographical distribution.
- Health Literacy Committee is beginning work on a project highlighting work done by Patient Navigators highlighting successes with patient care & outcomes as a direct results of policy changes post-COVID19 outbreak.
- Emergency Preparedness Committee continues to work on medical reserve corps, planning for trainings, review plans for non-emergency transport of residents in congregate housing, and vaccine logistics.
- Cancer Committee is considering combining meetings with the Washington County Cancer Patient Navigator Advisory Group.

## **Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:**

- Newsletters completed and disseminated: October 2020- Domestic Violence, Dental Hygiene and Breast Cancer Awareness; November 2020 – Native American Heritage Month, Lung Cancer, Alzheimer’s and National Caregiver’s Month
- Facebook: Social Media daily checked and kept up to date with Downeast Public Health related issues that follow our newsletters topically.
- Websites being managed to provide meeting information for Executive Committee and Council Members.

## **In-district or multi-district collaborations:**

Ongoing improvement in services for opioid effected individuals. Downeast Substance Treatment Network and Washington County Substance Use Response Collaborative continue to build service delivery based on Harm Reduction (Collaborative work focused on clinical and behavioral health treatment and recovery supportive programming in Washington and Hancock Counties).

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## District Coordinating Council Update



District: Midcoast	Date: December 17, 2020
<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"> <li>At the November 11, 2020 meeting, district council members and community partners met (via Zoom) as a large group for networking, collaboration, and for two presentations: one, by Dr. Thomas Meuser, Director of the Center for Excellence in Aging and Health, Professor of Social Work, and Clinical Psychologist and Applied Gerontologist at the University of New England, who discussed loneliness and isolation, particularly in older adults in Maine, and the implications for COVID 19 impacts; and another, by Heather Arvidson, Volunteer and Client Services Manager, and Food Security Coalition Coordinator for the Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program, who discussed food security in Midcoast Maine during COVID 19 times. District Liaison Drexel White updated DCC members on Maine CDC ongoing work during the pandemic. Relay Conference Captioning, free to Maine residents, continues to be offered to increase inclusivity.</li> <li>The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2021; the next DCC meeting will be on February 9, 2021.</li> </ul>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members discussed the possibility of having future presentations around aging, racial equity, COVID 19 and flu vaccination, routine childhood vaccinations, Maine Breast and Cervical Cancer Health program, HPV vaccination, and disability inclusivity services.</li> <li>The Council produced a second newsletter and has begun publishing “notes and resources” documents as well, which are short, simple documents that allow the Council to distribute more time-sensitive information to MPHIC mailing list subscribers.</li> </ul>	
<p>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Furthering public health initiatives within their own organizations during the pandemic are the priorities for District Council members and stakeholders.</li> </ul>	
<p>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council is conducting the membership review process and is developing a slate of candidates to be voted on at the February 2021 Council meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Via the newsletter and notes and resources publications, the Council has been providing regular updates on food distribution/food security opportunities for community members during the ongoing COVID 19 challenges. As directed by the Steering Committee, the latest newsletter publication emphasized resources for COVID and flu immunization and directed readers to Maine and US CDC websites.</li> </ul>	





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### District Coordinating Council Update



<b>District: Penquis</b>	<b>Date: December 17, 2020</b>
<p><b>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Steering Committee and DCC (District Coordinating Council) meetings held since last SCC (State Coordinating Council) meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The last Penquis DCC meeting was held on December 4, 2020. Agenda items included three presentations, one from Maine Breast and Cervical Cancer Health program educator Kristen Kilcollins, another from MYAN Northern Districts Coordinator Gabriel O'Brien about youth engagement in COVID 19 times, and another from Bangor Public Health Overdose Substance Prevention Program coordinator Denise Smith. An informal, facilitated discussion about immunization, facilitated by Penquis DCC Vice-Chair Sue Mackey-Andrews and with support from Maine CDC Vaccine Program educator Moria Pratt, rounded out the agenda. Relay Conference Captioning, a free service for Maine residents, continues to be offered to increase participant inclusivity.</li> <li>The next DCC meeting will be held on March 12, 2021.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID 19 and flu vaccination</li> <li>Food security challenges</li> <li>Rising overdose rates</li> <li>Ongoing transportation/SDOH initiatives</li> <li>Shared CHNA</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID 19 response is the highest priority for district members at the moment.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Structural and operational changes, including updates in membership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Craig Rothfuss, Maine CDC Epidemiologist</li> <li>Barbara Crider, Administrative Assistant, Town of Charleston</li> <li>Anne L'Heureux, Hannaford Dietician</li> <li>(previously added but not noted): Kristi Ricker, Tribal Public Health District Liaison, Houlton Band of Maliseets</li> <li>(same): Catherine Bean, Manager, Clinical and Community Health Services, Northern Light Home Health Care and Hospice</li> <li>(same): Bradley Nuding, Deputy Director, Penobscot County Emergency Management Services</li> <li>(same): Rick Redmond, AVP, Community Partnerships and Service Line Development</li> <li>(same): Erik da Silva, Safety Education Manager, Bicycle Coalition of Maine</li> <li>(same): Kierie Piccininni, Director, Walk N Roll Bangor</li> </ul>	

**In-district or multi-district collaborations:**

- Transportation funding: Several DCC members met to examine further funding opportunities, including funding through the Bangor Savings Bank, Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation, Fisher Charitable Foundation, the Libra Foundation and the Betterment Foundation. No awards have occurred yet and members are considering the need to apply for broader “rural development” funding, instead of focusing their applications on transportation improvements; discussions about the possibility of tying this work into existing age-friendly communities initiatives have also occurred.
- Shared CHNA: No significant changes from last quarter- it is anticipated that the contractor/s for the 2021 CHNA process will be in place in January/February 2021, and local-level planning will begin then.

**Other topics of interest for SCC members:**

- Housing challenges have also risen to the forefront of DCC discussion; given the shortage of available housing and the associated “landlords market” in the Bangor area, landlords may not elect to provide housing to some of the most vulnerable during the most critical time of the year. Habitat for Humanity is making some strides in the Bangor area to provide relief.
- Also in the Bangor area, relaxed restrictions on the number of needles that an individual can have on them at one time has not been accompanied by a similar increase in disposal sites; in fact, the number of disposal sites has decreased. This situation, in combination with other conditions, has led to an increase in discarded needles in public spaces, and in dangerously littered itinerant camps. This is a problem being seen nationwide, not just in the Bangor area.
- Lack of broadband access in the very rural areas of Penquis is negatively impacting quality of life conditions, as COVID restrictions bring more business and education online.
- The DCC has played an important role in helping to recruit for volunteers at local food security pantries/banks/cupboards, etc. Youth engagement may help address critical food security volunteer shortages in the long run, but it is unlikely to help significantly in the short-term, as MYAN-recommended best practices around acquiring youth buy-in indicates a collaborative approach and not a prescriptive approach will be most successful.

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**District: Western**

**December 14, 2020**

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

The Western DCC met via zoom on September 24, 2020. Participants largely discussed the change in the way they work during pandemic times. This included working from home, limited face-to-face interactions, helping communities virtually and over the phones. Successes included maintaining work within the community and even outreaching to community members who may not been part of previous outreach.

Western DCC Executive Committee met on November 13, 2020 via conference call. It included Nate Miller, Mike Hatch and Stephanie Leblanc. The committee decided to move forward with keeping the December DCC meeting. This will be Nate Miller's last meeting as chair; his term is expiring, and he will be stepping down. The next DCC meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020 from 1-3:30pm.

***Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:***

**Local Public Health System Assessments have been put on hold as we focus on addressing COVID-19 needs throughout our state and district.**

***Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:***

***Structural and Operational changes, including updates in membership:***

Our DCC chair Nate Miller's term will expire in December of 2020; he will not be renewing his term. Also, DCC co-chair Mike Hatch's term will expire in December 2020. We will be taking nominations for these positions at the December meeting, as well as setting DCC meeting dates for 2021.

***In-district or multi-district collaborations:***

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District Coordinating Council Update**

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**Date: 12/17/2020**

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

The Executive Committee continues to meet regularly.

The council meeting for December was canceled for several factors.

***Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:***

None currently, council work on a hold pattern as work of ME CDC focuses on Covid-19 response, and local partners focus on covid work and regular prevention work.

***Progress with District Public Health Improvement Plan:***

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