



# Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council Update

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<b>District: York</b>	<b>Date: March, 28th 2013</b>
<p><b>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from Executive Committee and DCC meetings held since the last SCC meeting. For agendas and copies of minutes, please see district's website at: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/olph/lphd/index.shtml</a></b></p> <p>Two Executive Committee (EC) meetings for York District Public Health Council (YDPHC) were held since the last SCC meeting. The meetings were held on January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013, and February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A full Council Meeting was held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013</p> <p>The January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting focused on the 2013 District Priorities survey. The Survey was analyzed, and prepared to be posted via survey monkey. Also discussed were the dates and how long the survey should be active.</p> <p>The February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting focused on the results of the survey and planning for the March full council meeting. The results of the survey were reviewed and two out the three priorities were chosen, Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Physical Activity and Nutrition. The full council will decide between health access and mental health due to a tie in the rankings. Also discussed were the plans for the March 4<sup>th</sup> full council meeting, Lisa DiFedele an Epidemiologist from the Maine CDC will give a presentation on vector borne diseases.</p> <p>The March 4<sup>th</sup> Full Council meeting focused on approving the York DCC bylaws, and approving Health Access with a focus on Mental Health and Substance Abuse as a priority. Lisa DiFedele an Epidemiologist with the Maine CDC gave a presentation on vector borne diseases, signs, symptoms, and prevention.</p> <p><b>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued Recruitment of faith-based, business and private sector membership</li> <li>• Implementation of the Community Transformation Grant Initiative</li> <li>• DPHIP alignment with CTG activities</li> <li>• Reenergizing DPHIP Focus Work groups</li> <li>• Continued development of the Council's strategic work plan</li> </ul>	

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- Revisiting & Strengthening the Council's Governance & Structure

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

- Activities planned for completion during the quarter: All three DPHIP focus areas work groups continue to meet to guide the work outlined in the DPHIP's focus areas work plans.
- Considering there are no new or additional resources available to do this DPHIP work, work group leaders have kept the momentum going and have judiciously delegated tasks to partners and participating community members. Workgroup leaders have been successful in obtaining resources and support from community partners and local business. The new District Liaison will make every effort to attend or call into workgroup sessions to offer guidance and support. Presently the Obesity and Immunization Workgroups are on schedule and the Access workgroup is in the process of reconvening.
- Success achieved- The council selected three priorities for the upcoming District Health Improvement Plan. The three priorities are Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Health Access with a focus on mental health and substance abuse, Physical Activity and Nutrition.
- Barriers encountered-Time & resources

## **Progress with Community Transformation Grant:**

- Partnered with Partners for a Hunger Free York County to host a Meet the Buyers event on January 16th for schools and community partners interested in collaborating with local farmers on purchasing local produce
- Held Active Play workshops for local childcares on January 19th, January 23rd, February 13th and March 9th
- Continued to enroll childcares and schools as CTG sites; currently there are 8 schools and 27 childcares enrolled.
- Held Recess Rocks! Active Classroom training for 24 school teachers/staff on February 28th at Kennebunk Elementary School. Each participant received the Recess Rocks! implementation binder and music CD to utilize in the classroom
- Kim Beaudoin was hired, as a consultant to assist with implementing the Let's Go workshops with select childcares. A MOU has been developed, finalized and signed. Kim is the former director of Toddle Inn in Saco. Kim started the week of March 5th

### **Administrative/Other**

- Completed CTG Year 1 cost study report
- Participated on February and March state CTG TA calls.
- Attached February 25th CTG Coordinators regional meeting in Bangor
- District Obesity workgroup met January 2nd and March 6th

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- CTG Oversight Committee met January 2nd
- Participated in February 5th Health Impact Assessment training sponsored by UNE
- Attended March 8th CTG/Let's Go/HMP collaborative meeting

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

None at this point.

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

York & Cumberland Districts continue to collaborate on several projects. YDPHC members who also serve as members of the Cumberland District Council provide linkages between district efforts to streamline our work and identify additional opportunities where both DCCs can collaborate. York is working with Aroostook and Penquis Districts on a multidistrict obesity effort.

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

**Discerning potential public health forums for YDPHC to host.**

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