

Cumberland District Public Health Council (CDPHC)

Full Council Meeting

March 20, 2009

Meeting location: VNA Home Health & Hospice
50 Foden Road South Portland, ME

Attendees: Julie Sullivan, Shane Gallagher, Mark Griswold, Dick Farnsworth, Toho Soma, Colleen Hilton, Bethany Sanborn, Lucie Rioux, Ted Trainer, Maryanna Arsenault, Carol Zeckman, , Deborah Deatruck, Lisa Viola, Lynn Brown, Faye Daley, Rebecca Miller, Erica Schmitz, Steve Fox, Anita Anderson, Faye Daly, Lucie Rioux, Sandra Hale, Lois Rickett, Barbara Shaw, Christing Lyman, Kathleen Stokes, Ana Gabor, Jo Morrissey,

Key Points Discussed

Introductions and Updates:

- Julie Sullivan provided a demonstration of the CDPH Website.
- Each attendee introduced self and discussed their role in CDPH.
- Members were encouraged to share the work that is available on the website with their respective organizations.
- Groups were encouraged to link to this website from their own websites

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Legislative Update:

- Reviewed the handout: *An Act to Establish and Promote Statewide Collaboration and Coordination in Public Health Activities and to Enact a Universal Wellness Initiative*. There are two main components to the legislation. 1.) to codify Public Health Infrastructure and 2.) proposed universal Wellness Initiative and development of a Report Card on health.
- Discussed that the CDPH comments would be recommendation of the codification of Public Health Infrastructure with the suggestion that the Universal Wellness and Report Card should be separate as we don't know where the funds would come from and this could potentially jeopardize the bill.
- Mark Griswold noted the concerns raised are valid. He and his colleagues are working hard on tools and a process once plans are finalized and the legislation is ready
- A question was raised wondering if the stimulus funds will be available for Universal Wellness
- Barbara Shaw has been providing technical support to the effort

- The bill is not yet printed so don't have prepared testimony yet. Once we get the formal legislative number we may need to respond quickly. Plan on email yes/no vote on the draft testimony.
- Julie mentioned using the ?doodle technology to vote on the draft testimony.
- Deb Deatruck reviewed current legislation that the Council should be considering such as 1.) PE for ME, a public schools Physical Education requirement. 2.) Fast Food chains to post nutritional information 3.) Prohibit sport drink sales to under age 18. 4.) A proposed change in the numbers of alcohol establishments allowed in a municipality. 5.) Smoking in cars, third hand smoke issues 6.) Beverage tax on soda for kids 6.) oral health.
- We discussed that it is impossible to get involved in all the pertinent legislation at this time besides the Infrastructure Bill. Hope to have a process in place for next year. It was suggested to consider sharing the information on legislative advocacy that has been done by the Maine Public Health Association and the Maine Center for Public Health.
- Sandra Hale questioned if the Legislation should address the Public Health education that is now conducted by the HMP's.

- **Action:** The Legislative Committee led by Deb Deatruck will plan to prepare draft testimony for the legislation as soon as the bill is numbered and printed. Once complete the CDPH Council will be email surveyed to get a yes/no on the draft testimony.
- The Executive Committee suggested adding two additional definitions to the bill. MCDC as the lead state health agency and also Municipal Health Department as these definitions aren't statute.

Financial Report

- Dick Farnsworth, Treasurer distributed a Financial statement and explained the current status.
- Executive Committee to develop a budget
- Fundraising discussed. All agencies are encouraged to make a donation if possible. Send checks attn; CDPH To Dick Farnsworth.

Federally Qualified Health Clinic

- Julie provided an update on the possible funding for a FQHC in the Portland area. There are two census tracts where the clinic would need to be located.
- There is the possibility of collecting with DHHS and Municipal health.

MAPP and LPHSA and Accreditation for Local and State Public Health Departments

- Mark Griswold provided an overview of the PH Accreditation process and announced an information session being held March 26th at the Augusta Civic Center where draft standards will be reviewed and comments accepted
- Mark Griswold introduced Chris Lyman who provided an overview of the MAPP process – Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships.
- The Local Public Health System Assessment process was also explained.
- Handouts were provided (see attached)
- Ted Trainor updated the group on the York County process happening three dates May-June.

Action: Identify a local PH Planning Committee and select 3 dates between Sept-Oct.

Public Health Week

- Bethany Sanborn provided handouts, stickers and pins to promote Public Health Week which is April 6th. If possible, members are encouraged to take pictures and send to Julie for inclusion on the website. Members were encouraged to go to the website whatispublichealth.org for more information.

Membership Overviews

- Discussed having a 10-15 minute overview of agency profiles at each meeting so that we can all learn about other activities/programs

Action: Carole Zeckman – Care Partners agreed to go first/next meeting May 15th – next meeting. Others to call Julie if interested.

Outreach to other Groups about CDPH

- Deb Deatrick mentioned the new Division of Community Health and Preventative Medicine at MMC. She noted a strong interest in PH. We need to think about ways to share and exchange information. Some suggestions were to have Julie speak at a division meeting about Portland Public Health. Reach out to Muskie School as Brenda Jolie is very involved with accreditation. UNE has a center of excellence in Community Health and Prevention. Need to consider a Speakers Bureau.
- Asked for Volunteers to be a speaker at organizations for Public Health. There is a Power Point presentation available.

Action: Julie will demo the power point at the next meeting to determine the groups comfort level with being a speaker.

Information Sharing:

Lois Rickett mentioned the training she will be doing around disabilities and violence. Family Crisis Shelter was one of 3 chosen nationally to do participate. Violence is a PH issue.

Sandra Hale talked about the marriage of PH and Public Education and she would be willing to present to the group at a future meeting.

- **Full Council meetings are 10 am – 12 nn.**
Dates: May 15, July 17, September 18 @ St. Josephs College, November 20.
- **Executive Committee meetings, are at Portland City Hall, Rm 303 @ 2:30 -4:30 pm. April 27, June 22, August 24, October 26, December 14.**