



Cumberland District Public Health Council Meeting
 VNA Home Health & Hospice
 July 17, 2009

Attendees: Julie Sullivan, Leslie Brancato, Peter Stuckey, Mark Griswold, Toho Soma, Bethany Sanborn, Dick Farnsworth, Naomi Anderson Schucker, Bernice Mills, Paul Hunt, Jim Budway, Erica Schmitz, Becky Miller, Ted Trainer, Ana Jacobs, Lucie Rioux, Lisa Viola, Maryanne Arsenault, Meredith Tipton, Denise Bisailon, Faye Daley, Joanna Hillman, Colleen Hilton, Malory Shaughnessy

Topic	Discussion	Action
Projects: -Immunization -Medication Collection -Tick Bookmarks	<p>Joanna Hillman from the City of Portland provided an update on the initiative to increase immunization rates in the District. Samples of the cards with the initiative website were distributed. These cards are for Providers to give to caregivers to encourage them to learn more about immunizations by visiting the site.</p> <p>Planning an unused medication collection event in Portland for the Fall. Purpose of this event is to keep unused medication off the street as well as out of the environment. It was mentioned that the Portland Water District in planning to test for pharmaceuticals in Sebago Lake this fall. The Portland Water District is interested in participating in this event.</p> <p>The Public Health Division reprinted tick/lyme disease awareness bookmarks.</p>	<p>You can visit the website at www.vaxfacts.portlandmaine.gov.</p> <p>If you have any ideas or information for the site, please send to Shane.</p> <p>If you are interested in participating in this event, please call Shane.</p> <p>Please contact Shane if you would like some bookmarks to distribute.</p>
Council Committees	<p>Julie led a discussion about the current and proposed committees of the Council (see meeting handout for list of existing committees). Two new committees were proposed, the Communications Committee and the Projects Committee.</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed upon that the Executive Committee would examine if it made sense for that committee to serve as the Projects Committee (York Co is structured this way). The Executive Committee would determine which projects and then pull in experts as needed so the Exec Comm would not be the ones implementing all the projects.</p> <p>The Communications Committee would examine various ways to</p>	<p>Executive Committee will discuss their role as it relates to the Projects Committee and report back to the full Council.</p> <p>If you are interested on chairing or being a</p>

	communicate with the Council, key stakeholders, residents and others on relevant public health issues and projects.	member of the Communications Committee, please contact Shane.
Healthy Cumberland County Update	Lucie Rioux from PROP provided an overview of the four Healthy Maine Partnerships (HMP) in Cumberland County. Materials were distributed including a county map showing the HMP regions and a one-pager on the purpose and roles of the HMPs.	For more information on the HMP structure in the Cumberland District, please contact Lucie Rioux LRIoux@propeople.org
Budget and Workplan Development	<p>Dick provided an update on the status of the budget. The estimated Council costs for FY 10 are \$51,000. To date, approximately \$33,000 has been secured.</p> <p>Participating organizations are asked to contribute if possible. A sample MOU was provided as a template for organizations that are able to support the work of the Council with a financial contribution.</p> <p>An MOU template for organizations not able to support the Council financially, but who would like to have an MOU to share with their organization or Boards regarding their involvement in the Council, will be provided at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Shane will email the MOU template for financial contributions.</p> <p>Colleen will draft a MOU template for non-financial partner organizations to distribute by the next meeting.</p>
Advocacy Committee and LD 1363	<p>The Advocacy Committee is proposing 3 priority areas for next year: immunizations, water fluoridation and school related environmental issues (ex. Safe Routes to School). It was suggested that the Advocacy Committee connect with the Data Committee to ensure that the priority areas are data driven. The group agreed that we must be flexible to ensure we respond and react to proposed bills as well as set local priorities based on data and the legislative agenda.</p> <p>The final version of LD 1363 was distributed.</p>	Before the legislative session starts, a small group of Council members (Executive Committee) will request a meeting with local legislators.
Universal Wellness component of LD 1363	The Division of Chronic Disease at the ME CDC is setting up a scaled down version of an online Health Risk Assessment (HRA). People can take the HRA and then be linked to free or low cost local resources related to their health needs, as identified through the HRA. Phase 1 is a beta test in 3 regions. The HRA will go statewide in early December. The Healthy Maine Partnerships will partner with ME CDC to promote the HRA.	The Council raised two issues that Mark will bring back to ME CDC. 1- what about folks without internet access and 2- how will non-English speakers participate?
H1N1 update	Mark Griswold gave a H1N1 update from ME CDC. Mark passed out	

	<p>the Save the Date for the H1N1 Preparedness Summit on August 20 at the Augusta Civic Center. The Summit will have 3 tracks – one for healthcare providers, one for Emergency Preparedness and Response and one for Public Health partners. The goal of the Summit is to focus on the roles of these groups during a H1N1 outbreak to ensure a coordinated response.</p> <p>The ME CDC is moving away from case surveillance and moving toward outbreak surveillance. This means that each case is not being investigated, but that they will continue to monitor for outbreaks and will intervene and assist when appropriate. They are expecting to see an increase in H1N1 when schools reconvene in the Fall.</p> <p>Vaccine planning is underway although there is no exact date on when a vaccine will be available. Schools will be sites for vaccine clinics, beginning with seasonal flu vaccine clinics in the Fall. If the H1N1 vaccine is ready, the first dose can be given at those clinics, if not; two additional clinics will need to be held at each location as the vaccine for H1N1 is a two-dose vaccine.</p>	<p>Schools and community partners are planning and preparing for these clinics. This is a huge undertaking and will require “all hands on deck.” More discussion to follow.</p>
Healthcare Reform	<p>Malory presented a Resolution for signature of the Council to our Maine delegation in Washington regarding healthcare reform. The MOU was careful to not suggest how reform would be financed or what it should include, but rather highlighted the need for reform. The Council voted to sign the Resolution (moved by Dick Farnsworth and seconded by Ted Trainer).</p>	<p>Malory will email the Resolution to the Council.</p>
Other	<p>Mark Griswold noted that ME CDC is advertising for a Cumberland District Liaison. The position posting closes July 27th so it is likely that the position will be filled sometime in September. The Liaison will be co-located with other ME CDC staff at a new location (yet to be opened) on Forest Ave in Portland.</p> <p>Council updated contact list.</p>	<p>Shane will send out updated contact list.</p>