



**Cumberland District Public Health Council**  
**Full Council Meeting**  
**March 20th, 2026**  
**Virtual**

**Present: Present:** Liz Blackwell-Moore (CCPH), John Brennan (LHO/SFD), Anne-Marie Brown (UWSM), Evan Denno (OFI), Vannessa DeWitt (OFI), Rachel Gallo (USM), Barabra Ginley (MH), Alice Gormley (MH), Alexis Guy (CCPH), Eden Hale (DPHE), Allie Harvell (MECDC), Amanda Hutchins (PPH), Kristine Jenkins (MECDC), Courtney Kennedy (GSFB), Nina Misra (UWSM), Bridget Rauscher (PPH), Brian Richardson (MH), Hannah Siladi (UNE), Ann Tucker (GPH), Andrew Volkers (Preble St.), Kristina Wilson (CMHC/Bridgton Hospital) **Apologies:** Anna Bullet (TOA/WIC), Susie Guthro (TOA/LRCAN), Josephine Kamagaju (Project Home)

| Topic           | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Notes/Actions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Council Updates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Hannah Siladi (Council representative to the Statewide Coordinating Council-SCC) provided updates from the most recent SCC meeting, March 19<sup>th</sup>:</b></li> <li>Dr. Va reported that Maine CDC has been following over 70 bills at the Statehouse-two were highlighted: <a href="#">LD2146</a> An Act to Increase Access to Critical Vaccinations (passed out of committee, awaiting Governor's action) and <a href="#">LD2108</a> An Act to Establish a Suicide Mortality Review Panel (ought to pass out of committee)</li> <li>Measles update – situation has stabilized. Outreach is being conducted with vulnerable communities, and vaccination is being encouraged.</li> <li>A data hub for the Office for Injury and Violence Prevention is launching in the fall, with feedback sought</li> <li><b>Secretary's Update from Barbara Ginley:</b></li> <li>Two public informational webinars are scheduled around the Rural Health Transformation Program: March 26<sup>th</sup>, 3-4pm and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 12-1pm</li> </ul> | <p><a href="#">New MIYHS Fact Sheets</a> available</p> <p>RHTP Webinars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday, March 26 at 3 p.m. -- <a href="#">register here</a></li> <li>Tuesday, March 31 at 12 p.m. -- <a href="#">register here</a></li> </ul> |

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|                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Council Members – and Council Leadership Sought! If you would like to self-nominate for the next election, or just have questions – contact <a href="mailto:Kristine.L.Jenkins@maine.gov">Kristine.L.Jenkins@maine.gov</a>, 207-485-0541</li> <li>• <b>Healthcare Coalition (HCC) Update from Brian Richardson:</b></li> <li>• HCC (hospitals, longterm care, and nursing homes) piloting use of a free resource tracking and event reporting tool: EMResource</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| SNAP and MaineCare Updates from Vanessa DeWitt and Evan Denno of OFI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approximately 390,000 Mainers currently covered by MaineCare, with 90,000 adults supported under the MaineCare expansion program</li> <li>• SNAP supports approximately 169,000 Mainers and their families each month to afford food</li> <li>• Changes to eligibility for both programs are part of the Federal Reconciliation Law “BBB”</li> <li>• October 2025 impacts: Elimination of SNAP-Ed funding; SNAP expanded ABAWD; LIHEAP allowance changes</li> <li>• April 2026 impacts: Narrowed federal SNAP eligibility for Refugees, Asylees, Trafficking victims, and some other lawfully present Noncitizens (some of whom will be able to receive state-funded SNAP)</li> <li>• How partners can help: encourage members/participants to keep contact information up-to-date at <a href="http://www.MyMaineConnection.gov">www.MyMaineConnection.gov</a> ; Read all letters and communications; Follow the Office for Family Independence on <a href="#">Facebook</a> and <a href="#">Instagram</a>!; <a href="#">Sign up for OFI's newsletter updates</a></li> </ul> | <p>*Presentation slides and FAQ documents in several languages attached with notes</p> <p>*DHHS Commissioner’s blog on impacts of Federal Reconciliation Law on SNAP and MaineCare in Maine <a href="#">here</a></p> |

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| <p>United Way of Southern Maine Listening Session with Nina Misra and Anne-Marie Brown</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UWSM is aiming to listen to 3,000 people across southern Maine on the following questions: What do you value most about your community?; What kind of community would you like to live and work in?; What can UWSM do to help people in our communities?</li> <li>• Some comments included:</li> <li>• We want to see a community where people have food, meaningful work, healthcare, housing, transportation- meeting basic needs</li> <li>• Community planning meetings should be accessible (time, language, accessibility, etc)</li> <li>• Mutual aid and community coming together is especially important during ICE enforcement</li> <li>• Food Security work is good example of mutual aid – but also a sign that the system is not working</li> <li>• There is a lack of access to phones – and these are critical for accessing programs/applications/appointments, etc...</li> </ul> | <p>*Take the UWSM Community Survey <a href="#">here!</a></p> |
| <p>Partner Updates</p>                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please see Partner Updates as an attached document</li> <li>• Next CDPHC Meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup> IN-Person – please send any suggestions for meeting space to <a href="mailto:Allison.Harvell@Maine.gov">Allison.Harvell@Maine.gov</a></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                              |