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## This Month at MCD Public Health

With the holidays officially in full swing, this month's newsletter contains hot topics to keep you up to date so you can keep up with all the season has to offer. Our [Project Spotlight](#) celebrates MCD's almost 40 years of telehealth innovation. Today, our Northeast Telehealth Resource Center team are indeed making a name for themselves as highlighted once again in [Kudos Corner](#). The only constant is change, this time at [Maine Quality Counts](#) as we welcome a new Executive Director. Finally, as always, [Mark Your Calendars](#), as we keep you up to date on events, trainings, and conferences in public health.



Kate Perkins,  
Director

Be well,

~Kate

# Project Spotlight



In 1978, MCD led efforts to enhance medical care and training by deploying and supporting the use of cutting edge technology throughout Maine. Now, MCD's Northeast Telehealth Resource Center, funded by HRSA, is leading efforts to expand the use of technology to improve health throughout New England, New York, and northern New Jersey.

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MCDPH has been pioneering healthcare delivery innovations in Maine since 1966. Telehealth technology is one area of which MCDPH is proud.

# Around Town

Maine Quality Counts (QC), the independent, multi-stakeholder alliance working to transform health and health care, announced today the hiring of [Erik Steele, DO](#), as interim executive director. Dr. Steele's hiring comes after the announcement earlier this year that Lisa Letourneau, MD, MPH, the founding executive director of Maine Quality Counts, would be leaving her position with the organization at the end of 2016.



## Kudos Corner



NETRC in the news! Our own Danielle Louder of the Northeast Telehealth Resource Center housed at MCDPH, is quoted in the American Heart Association publication, [Circulation](#) published back in October. The article talks of delivering compassionate patient-centered care by offering remote virtual visits for exams, consultations, and check ups.

Danielle also was quoted in another article in [mHealth Intelligence](#), a well respected telehealth publication. The article focuses on NETRC and some innovative regional programs, as well as pointing out remaining policy barriers regarding broader telehealth implementation.

## Mark Your Calendars!



**On line training for a Healthier Future** Free on line training provided by the MeCDC for anyone interested in keeping their public health skills and knowledge up to date. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

**Tobacco Intervention: BASIC Skills Training**, November 2 & 15, January 11, February 7, March 2 & 15. All-day trainings at various locations around the state. Continuing Education Credits & Contact Hours (for nursing, dental, alcohol and drug, and physicians) will be available upon completion of an online evaluation. Participants must attend the entire training to receive a certificate or credit. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

**Tobacco Intervention: Intensive Skills Training**, December 7-8, 2016 and April 5-6, 2017. Two-day training at separate locations. Continuing Education Credits & Contact Hours (for nursing, dental, alcohol and drug, and physicians) will be available upon completion of an online evaluation. Participants must attend the entire training to receive a certificate or credit. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

**SIM Celebrates!** Come hear from those who have been impacted by the the State Innovation Model at the SIM annual meeting, Tuesday December 6th, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Augusta Civic Center. [Click here to register.](#)

**Comprehensive Sexuality Education Conference**, April 7, 2017, Augusta Civic Center, sponsored by Maine Family Planning, Maine CDC, New Beginnings, UMF, MCEDV, MECASA, Maine DOE. [Click here to register.](#)



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