



MCD Public Health - February 2017

Dear Colleagues:

We hope this message finds you well, and for those here in New England, we hope you're finally able to partake in some of the more enjoyable aspects of getting buried with snow over the last couple of weeks! Despite the weather, the team at MCDPH has had a very busy month, with several pieces of good news that we wanted to share with you all:

- MCDPH recently secured a contract with the York County Public Health District to advance oral health throughout York County Schools. This work will be carried out by our own Bonnie Vaughn, who is a Registered Dental Hygienist with a passion for developing strong collaborations across the state, and serving as a leader in expanding access to oral health services and resources for many years.
- Two of our existing contracts with MeCDC have been successfully renewed through 2018 - this includes our Vaccine Coordinator and Healthcare Associated Infections team - Susan Greene and Brittany Roy do a fantastic job in these roles, and we are thrilled to continue this work and our partnership with the MeCDC moving forward. We are currently interviewing for a second Vaccine Coordinator and will introduce you to that new team member soon!
- Jen Laio, a Pharmacist currently living and working in Wisconsin, just accepted a new role with MCDPH - she will be embedded at MeCDC as lead on Antibiotic Resistance efforts, working with state-wide hospitals and other healthcare organizations. Jen visited with us a couple of weeks ago to help with her decision and was thrilled with what she learned about efforts within MCDPH and MeCDC. She is very excited to become part of our team and enjoy all of the natural beauty Maine has to offer - we look forward to officially welcoming her aboard in May!

Stay tuned for more exciting news in the coming weeks. Please don't hesitate to check in with any questions, to share news of your own, or to discuss potential collaborative opportunities we might explore.



**Elizabeth
Foley,
Co-Director**

Best Regards,
Elizabeth and Danielle



**Danielle
Louder,
Co-Director**

Project Spotlight



The Northeast Telehealth Resource Center is thrilled to invite you to our third annual Northeast Regional Telehealth Conference on May 23 & 24, 2017, in Amherst, MA (UMass Hotel and Campus Center). This spring, stakeholders from across the Northeast and beyond will gather to learn about telehealth best practice and innovation, network with colleagues, and identify opportunities to advance their telehealth programs. The agenda on May 23rd offers a series of in-depth, hands-on workshops covering a variety of essential topics, followed by an evening networking reception. On May 24th, a full-day conference will highlight nationally recognized plenary speakers who will explore opportunities for *Taking Telehealth Mainstream*, along with a variety of breakout sessions featuring regional programs, an exhibit hall, and many opportunities for networking.

Visit www.netrc.org/conference to learn more and register today!



Kudos Corner



Congratulations to MCDPH's own **Reid Plimpton** on being accepted to the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice (within the Giesel School of Medicine at Dartmouth) AND for being recognized as a "Dartmouth Institute Pioneer Scholar." This two year program will begin in July 2017 and is both an online and residential program. When asked how he was feeling about this new adventure, Reid replied: *"To be honest, I'm BEYOND excited! It's like the perfect mixture of my goals for right now. It's a great program and opportunity, but it also allows me to keep building on the fantastic connections and opportunities I have here in Maine. On top of that, the program is both well rounded in the topics it covers and individualized in terms of the project we choose. It's going to be GREAT!"* Reid serves as the Coordinator of the Maine CDC's Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey.

At the State House

On January 31st, the American Heart Association held their annual Hall of Flags event in preparation for Heart Health Month which occurs every February. The [Maine Cardiovascular Health Council](#) (administered by MCDPH), among others, were invited to exhibit. The MCHC passed out a newly created "[Word Search](#)" on the Symptoms & Risk Factors for Heart Attack and Stroke.



From Our Colleagues at MPHA

The Maine Public Health Association (MPHA) will be hosting a free webinar from 12-1pm on **March 6th**. Topic - [Diversion Alert](#) (a program that addresses the prescription drug abuse epidemic). This presentation will provide information about Diversion Alert and its resources and services in Maine, as well as provide an overview of the research that has been done to build the evidence base for this program. To register, [click here](#).

Mark Your Calendars!

Tobacco Intervention: BASIC Skills Training, 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](#).

QC2017 - In It Together: Achieving Excellent Patient & Provider Experience, April 5, 2017, Augusta Civic Center. Join us this year to investigate the emerging link between patient experience and provider experience - and the profound impact that both have on quality and cost. [Click here for more information and to register](#).

Tobacco Intervention: Intensive Skills Training, April 5-6, 2017. Two-day training at DoubleTree by Hilton in South Portland. 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](#).

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](#).

Taking Telehealth Mainstream (NETRC Regional Conference) - May 23 & 24, 2017, Amherst, MA. [Click here for more information and to register](#).

SAVE THE DATE - APHA's 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo - [Creating the Healthiest Nation: Climate Changes Health](#), November 4-8, 2017, Atlanta, Georgia.

UVM Job Opening

The **University of Vermont** (UVM) seeks a highly accomplished tenure-pathway

health services researcher to serve as founding **Director** of its new **Health Services Research Center** in the Robert Larner, M.D. College of Medicine. The Director will join the College at an exciting time, with Vermont poised to embark upon a unique all-payer accountable care organization model spanning the state that will facilitate remarkable opportunities for innovative health services research. For more information, [click here](#).

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