

The Latest News From MCDPH - June 2018

Dear Colleagues;

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity at MCD Public Health. We've had multiple opportunities to make new public health connections, launch our latest trainings and updated resources, and welcome a number of accomplished new board members to our team. We have a lot to share!

We attended the **National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI)** 18th annual conference in New Orleans in late May. This year we had the opportunity to serve on the conference planning committee and participate as both an attendee and sponsor. The NNPHI annual conference is an excellent venue for connecting with peers and partners from across the nation's public health institutes.

Our talented curriculum developers launched three new community health worker online training modules this month. The new modules include breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer and were developed in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Health. They're available on our CHW training site and we encourage you to take a look.

We're also announcing some great updates to the **Healthy Us Scorecard**, an online platform which assists employers in assessing their worksite wellness efforts, and planning strategies to improve the health and well-being of their workforce.

Lastly, we want to welcome MCD's new board members, Timothy Allen, Anita Barry, Patrick Kachur, Peter Macy, Daniel Mullins and Helen Smits. Over the next few months we'll be introducing you to our board members, both standing and new, so you can learn more about the diverse group of public health leaders who guide and advise our work here in the U.S. and across the globe.

Best Regards,
Danielle Louder & Elizabeth Foley
Co-Directors, MCD Public Health

CHW Online Training - New Additions!

We are pleased to announce the addition of three new modules to our Community Health Worker Online Training Program - Breast Cancer, Cervical Cancer, and Colorectal Cancer. These new modules focus primarily on prevention, and early detection of cancer. Content includes an overview of cancer basics, statistics for the United States, risk factors,

screening procedures and the recommended guidelines. However, the major focus is on



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Community Health Worker
Online Training Program

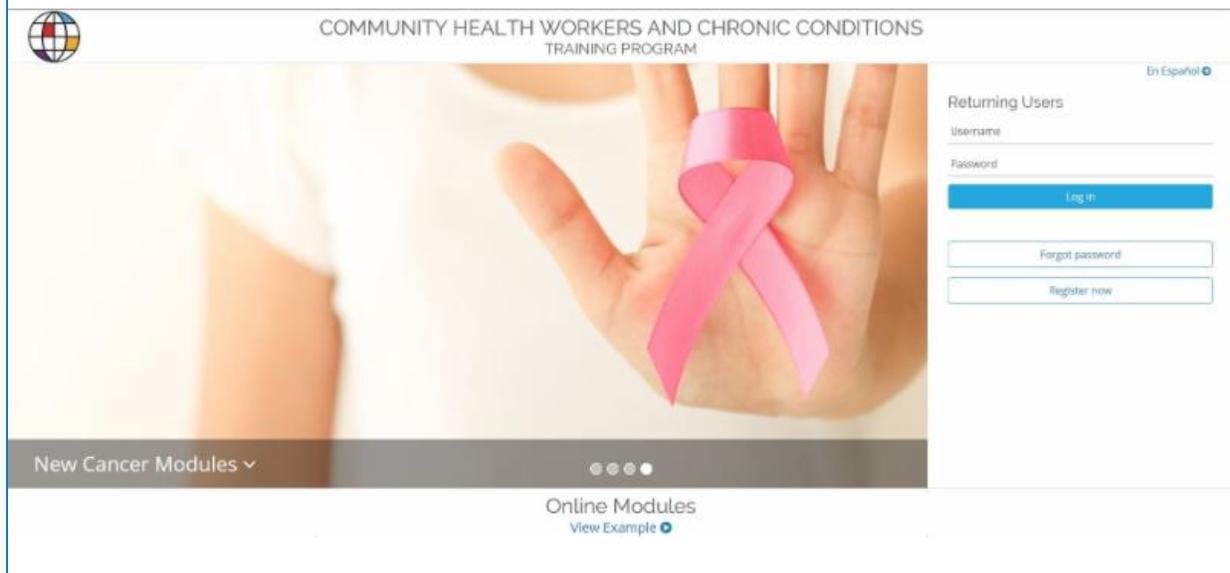
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how community health workers can support their clients in preventing breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer by helping them identify and address risk factors, getting screened, and connecting them to resources, while also breaking down cultural and language barriers. These three modules are now part of an eight module series addressing chronic conditions. The training is intended for community health workers and other individuals who assist clients in the prevention, management and self-management of chronic conditions, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, and cancer. The training complements CHW core competency training by providing users with added education, skill building and access to resources for prevention and management of these conditions. The training, offered both in English and Spanish (Spanish cancer modules coming soon) consists of eight interactive modules developed with evidence-based content and resources for a high quality educational experience.

For more information, contact Kelsey Schwarz at kschwarz@mcdph.org.

Visit Our Training Website



MCDPH Presents at the Massachusetts 9th Annual Community Health Worker Conference



Kelsey Schwarz, project assistant and curriculum developer for MCD Public Health's CHW Online Training Program presented at the 9th Annual CHW Conference in Norwood, Massachusetts. The presentation focused on the history and development of our CHW online training and shared evaluation results on how it's being used by CHWs to support clients in the prevention, management, and self-management of chronic conditions.

To view the full presentation, [click here](#).

Healthy Us Scorecard - New Updates

The **Healthy Us Scorecard** is an online initiative aimed at improving the health and well-being of employees, and is available for all Maine businesses and organizations to use at no cost, thanks to a partnership with the Maine CDC and the Healthy Maine

Works Program.

In this edition of the newsletter, we would like to highlight some recent updates to the Scorecard, including:

- A new **online demo**, which walks employers through how to use the Scorecard to assess and plan their worksite wellness strategies.
- Addition of new strategies and resources focused on supporting employees who have received a cancer diagnosis. These updates were made possible through collaboration with the **Maine Impact Cancer Network's Employer Strategies Task Force** and the **Maine CDC's Healthy Maine Works Program**.



For more information about the Healthy Us Scorecard and what it entails, email the Healthy Us Team at healthyus@mcdph.org or [click here](#).

News From the Nation & Abroad

MCDPH Co-Directors Attend NNPHI Annual Meeting



Danielle Louder and Elizabeth Foley, Co-Directors of MCDPH had the opportunity to travel to New Orleans to attend the National Network of Public Health Institutes' Annual Conference and Public Health Workforce Forum. While in attendance, they had the pleasure of connecting with other public health leaders, some are

shown here (from left to right: Danielle Louder- **MCDPH**, Susan Tilgner - **Ohio Public Health Partnership**, Cyreena Boston Ashby- **Oregon Public Health Institute**, Mary Pittman-**The Public Health Institute**, Jessica Collins- **Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts**, and Robert St. Peter- **Kansas Health Institute**). NNPHI is a network of roughly 40 public health institutes across the country. MCD Public Health joined NNPHI as an institute in 2016, opening the door to new partnerships in the public health community. NNPHI defines a public health institute as "a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing public health practice and making systematic improvements in population health." To learn more about NNPHI and public health institutes, [click here](#).

USAID ARM3 Project Celebrates Seven Years of Success in Malaria Prevention and Control in Benin

On May 31st, MCD International celebrated seven years of success of the USAID Accelerating the Reduction of Malaria Morbidity and Mortality (ARM3) program in Benin. The event highlighted

how Benin's National Malaria Control Program (NMCP), in collaboration with ARM3 a significant change in malaria's effect in Benin. ARM3 has worked with the NMCP to improve diagnosis, treatment, and supply chain management.

For the full press release, [click here](#).



ARM3 Chief of Party Dr. Gilbert Andrianandrasana gives Benin Minister of Health Dr. Alassane Seidou and Ms. Lucy Tamblyn, the U.S. Ambassador to Benin, a tour of ARM3's exhibition at the open house.



HRSA's Telehealth Resource Center - An Innovation Winner

HRSA's Telehealth Resource Center (TRC) Program was recognized at the 2018 Federal Health IT Innovation Awards as one of 26 innovation winners. Dr. Bill England – Director of HRSA's Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT) and Natassja Manzanero, Telehealth Program Coordinator - accepted the award on behalf of HRSA, OAT and the TRCs. Congratulations to all – and a special shout out to our **Northeast Telehealth Resource Center** team, serving as the regional TRC since 2011!

To see the full list of awardees, [click here](#).

Partner Events

MPHA 34th Annual Conference: Addiction & the State of Public Health in Maine- October 16, 2018 - Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, ME For more information, [click here](#).

New England Rural Health Round Table's 2018 Rural Health Conference- November 7-8, 2018 - Sunday River Resort, Newry, ME. For more information, [click here](#).

APHA Annual Meeting and Expo- November 10-14, 2018 - San Diego, CA. Theme - "Creating the Healthiest Nation: Health Equity Now." For more information and submissions, [click here](#). Registration will open on June 4th.

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