



Maine SHNAPP Community Engagement Phase  
 Summary Report of Forum & Event Input  
 Oxford County  
 May 2016

This serves as a brief summary report of the input provided by community members attending the 3 community forums and 2 community events that took place between November 2015 and March 2016.

**Community Forums**

Meeting	Date	Location
Oxford County Forum	1/23/2016	Bethel
Oxford County Forum	1/25/2016	South Paris
Oxford County Forum	2/2/2016	Rumford
<b>Total Attending Forums:</b>		<b>82</b>

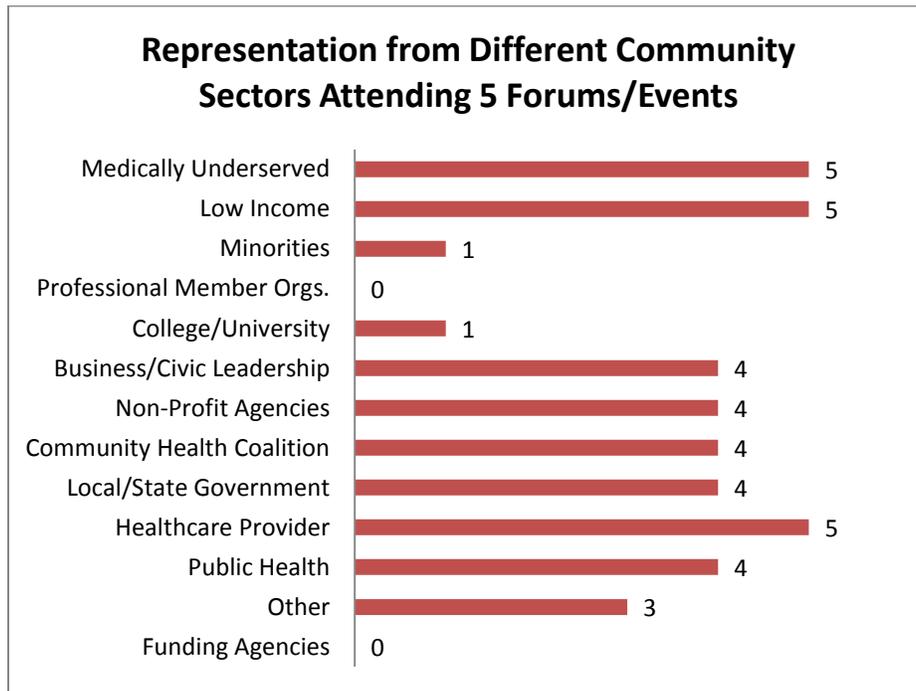
**Community Events**

Meeting	Date	Location
Healthy Oxford Hills Coalition Meeting	1/26/2016	Norway
Tri County Mental Health Services Joint Leadership Team (serving Oxford & Androscoggin Counties)	2/3/2016	Community Concepts Conference Room
<b>Total Attending Events:</b>		<b>53</b>

**Total Attending Forums & Events** **135**

Attendance numbers may contain duplicates if one person attended more than one forum/event.

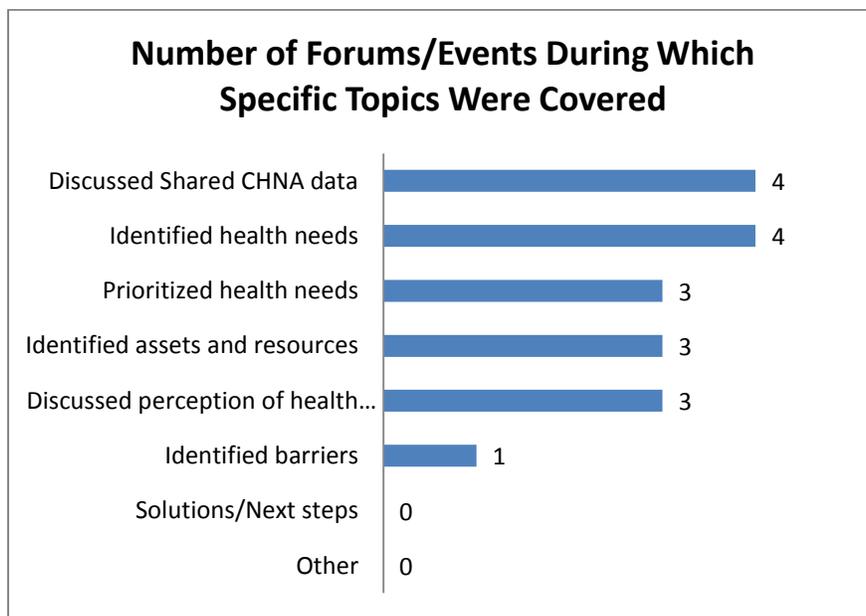
## Community Sectors Represented During Forums and Events



“Medically underserved,” “low income,” and “racial/ethnic minorities” are sub-populations named specifically by the Department of Treasury/IRS regulations.

Other: Schools/Educators, Faith community, Law enforcement

## Type of Input Obtained During Forums and Events



“Other” included: n/a

## Community Forums

These forums, organized and co-led by Maine CDC District Liaisons and SHNAPP hospital community benefit representatives, typically consisted of a prepared Power Point presentation followed by breakout sessions on health topics. In general, breakout sessions obtained input about:

- Summary statements about the issue and/or its effect on the community
- Identification of local assets and resources to address the issue
- Identification of barriers to addressing the health issue or needs of the community before more adequately addressing the issue
- Ideas for next steps, how to solve the health issue, who to include, and what the community should look like in the future

Reporting from these forms did not provide details on the items above. However, a few highlights from discussions were noted:

- There was general agreement with the stakeholder survey results regarding health issues and factors:
  - Physical Activity and Nutrition (including obesity)
  - Substance Abuse
  - Mental Health
- Other Health Issues Identified by Forum Participants:
  - Aging
  - Physical Disabilities
  - Oral health/Dental care and access to services
- Other Health Factors Identified by Forum Participants:
  - Poverty
  - Health Literacy
  - Transportation
  - Interpersonal Violence (ACEs, domestic violence, sexual assault, bullying)
- In general, address poverty and promote access to transportation. Ensure better continuity of care and generate resources to address domestic violence and access to dental care.

## Community Events

These events were organized and carried out by community stakeholders (including Maine CDC District Liaisons, SHNAPP hospital employees, or others who sat on local SHNAPP Community Engagement Committees). Typically already formed groups agreed to hold a presentation about the Shared CHNA data and discuss their reactions based on the group leader's questions. In general, input from events consisted of brief summary statements or questions about health issues and health factors affecting the geographic area.

### Themes Identified During Oxford County Events:

- Substance Abuse Hospitalizations are more a reflection of resource location.
- Nutrition has a direct correlation with educational attainment – good data is important.
- Concern regarding increased rates of STIs.
- To address substance abuse, prescribing practices need better regulation and we need increased funding and access for treatment.
- Significant concern expressed over rising rates of babies born drug dependent.

- Significant concern over limited access to dentistry as well as sedation dentistry for specific populations who have experienced trauma or are cognitively limited.
- Hearing was also identified as an unmet need.
- Coalition members prefer more current data and will seek it on the top health issues identified by the group and share it with local non-profit hospitals.

If you are interested in reviewing individual reporting forms represented in this summary, please contact [communitybenefits@emhs.org](mailto:communitybenefits@emhs.org)