



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

This serves as a brief summary report of the input provided by community members attending the 2 community forums and 8 community events that took place between November 2015 and March 2016.

**Community Forums**

Meeting	Date	Location
Carrabassett Valley Community Forum	2/22/2016	Carrabassett Valley Library
Spruce Mountain CHNA Forum	3/17/2016	Jay
<b>Total Attending Forums:</b>		<b>142</b>

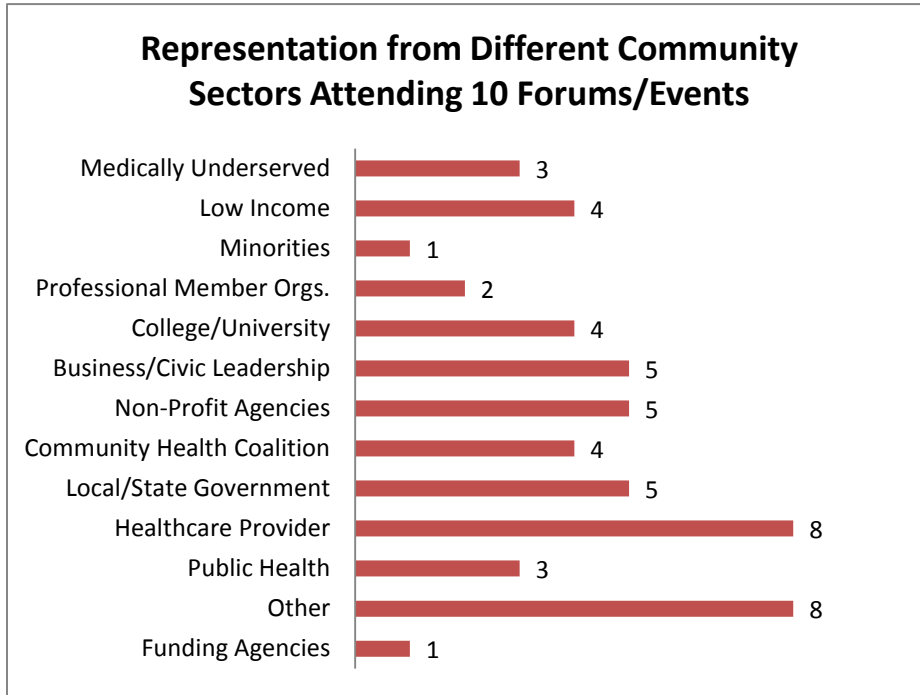
**Community Events**

Meeting	Date	Location
Tri County Mental Health Board of Directors	12/15/15	Social Learning Center, Lewiston
Primary Care Service	2/11/2016	Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington
University of Maine Key Informant Interview	2/24/16	UMF, Farmington
Jay, Livermore Falls, Livermore Chamber of Commerce	3/3/2016	LaFleurs Resturant, Jay
Franklin Resource Collaborative	3/9/2016	Farmington
Franklin County Children’s Task Force Key Informant Interview	3/2016	Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington
RSU 9 Key Informant Interview	3/2016	Mt. Blue High School, Farmington
RSU 73 Key Informant Interview	3/2016	Spruce Mountain School District, Jay
<b>Total Attending Events:</b>		<b>83</b>

<b>Total Attending Forums &amp; Events</b>	<b>225</b>
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Attendance numbers may contain duplicates if one person attended more than one forum/event.

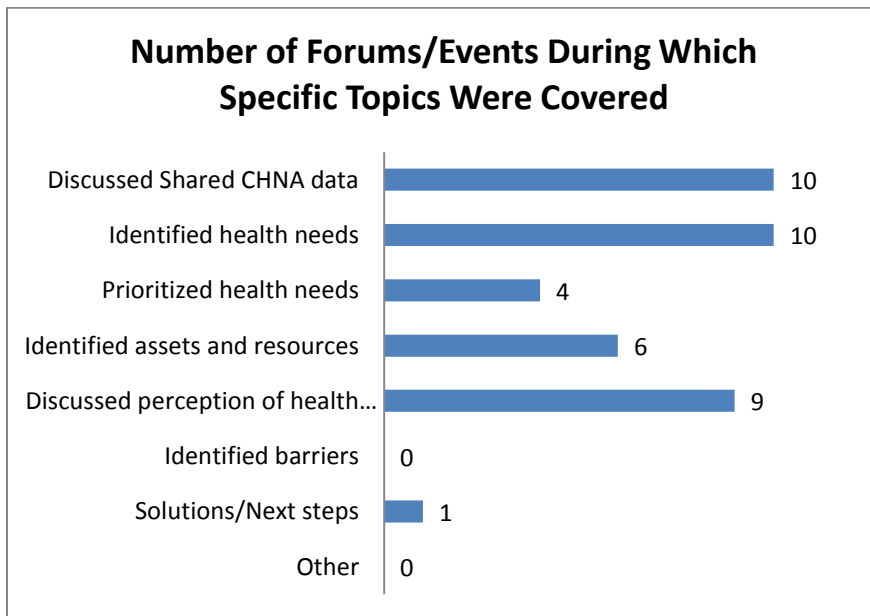
## Community Sectors Represented During Forums and Events



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

Other: Seniors/Retired, Schools/Superintendents, Clergy, Media, Child Protective Services, Parents (child with disabilities), Attorney, Healthcare administration.

## 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)
  - Drug & alcohol abuse
  - Poverty
  - Transportation
- Other Health Issues Identified by Forum Participants:
  - Mental Health
  - Smoking
  - Chronic disease (hypertension, cardiovascular disease)
  - Oral health/Dental care
  - Eye care
- Other Health Factors Identified by Forum Participants:
  - Employment
  - Child abuse/neglect
  - Literacy
  - Preventive services
  - Urgent care access
- Assets highlighted were **a connected community**, neighbors who take care of neighbors. In some parts of the county, people are **well educated and can afford to pay for what they need**. Although many felt Franklin County had a **strong set of resources, it was noted that many individuals in need did not know the resources or how to access them**.
- In addition to continued community conversations and problem-solving, next steps included creating a comprehensive resource guide and having community health workers/navigators assist people in getting needs met.

## **Community Events**

These events and interviews 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 and interviews consisted of brief summary statements or questions about health issues and health factors affecting the geographic area.

### **Priority health issues identified during Franklin County events:**

- Substance Abuse (5)
- Mental Health (3)
- Suicide was also mentioned as a consequence of poverty
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Physical Activity and Nutrition
- Chlamydia/Gonorrhea

### **Other priority issues identified during Franklin County events:**

- Poverty (overwhelmingly!) including its influence on children's health (6)
- Transportation (2)
- Child Abuse and Neglect and children's exposure to parent's drug and alcohol abuse (4)
- Current care delivery system; Access to services (2)
- Medication use and Affordability
- Having an up-dated and current Franklin County resource list, The Community Connector
- A health advocate to answer the phone-line and coordinate services, make referrals

### **Assets and resources identified during Franklin County events:**

- Strong community connections
- NorthStar ambulance services home-visit program
- Generally the county rich is in resources but that there may be some inefficiencies in how those resources are distributed as well as a general lack of knowledge about what those resources offer, on the part of providers

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