Lewiston-Auburn Public Health Committee
Lewiston City Hall
April 2, 2009

Meeting Summary

1. Attendance: Dr. Ned Claxton, Ronnie Paradis, Pam Allen, Craig Phillips, Rene Dumont, Doug Kempner, Ilana Adler-Bell, Joanne Potvin, Cathy Liquori, MaryAnn Amrich, Dr. Brenda Joly, Tin Barton-Caplin, Cindie Rice, Erin Guay, Sarah Mayberry, Dot Meagher, Pam Stinson, Phil Nadeau and speaker Dr. Ben Lounsbury.

2. The first order of business was to validate the vote for Chair and Vice-Chair. Phil Nadeau shared documents from the web site "Survey Monkey" which confirmed Rene Dumont's election as Chair and Phil Nadeau as Vice-Chair. Rene indicated his discomfort with accepting the election results given his work schedule. The committee raised the prospect of Rene sharing his Chair duties with Ned Claxton given that he received the second largest number of votes for Chair. Both Rene and Ned agreed to share those duties if that was the desire of the committee. Rene, Ned and Phil will get together to work out the details of how they will shape the responsibilities for these positions going forward. Phil will prepare a written outline of this structure and bring it to the committee as soon as possible.
>>>>>>>>>>>>Cathy Liguori moved to have Rene Dumont and Ned Claxton fill the position of Chair through a co-chair structure. Joanne Potvin seconded the motion. Vote approved unanimously by the committee.
>>>>>>>>>>>>The committee validated the results for Vice Chair and Phil Nadeau agreed to serve as Vice-Chair.

3. The committee viewed the DVD "Why Don't We Do It In Our Sleeves?" which was produced by Dr. Ben Lounsbury. Dr. Lounsbury shared that he has spoken to numerous groups in and outside of the state regarding his DVD and his passion for organizations adopting this program as part of their public health programming. It was clear that he was passionate about the program. He expressed his appreciation of having the committee listen to his proposal to have L-A formally adopt the program as part of a "Cough Safe Cities" intiative that would be rolled out nationally. There was committee interest to consider Dr. Lounsbury's recommendation but there was also a desire to have further discussion about how this program would fit into the mission of the LAPHC. Dr. Lounsbury is clearly interested in getting this done sooner rather than later and will continue to move forward with getting this before both city councils with or without the LAPHC's endorsement. The committee committed to produce a recommendation through the Public Awareness committee for the May 7th meeting.

4. Sub Committee Reports:

   - Chronic Disease Sub Committee—Ronnie Paradis reported out. They will do a tobacco screening program during the "National Night Out" program scheduled for August 4th in Kennedy Park. There was also some

discussion to possibly look at other health initiatives that evening as well. St Mary's conducted a health survey for that event several years ago. >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>The smoking policy recommendation for the City of Lewiston was presented. A few minor changes were suggested. With those changes, Ronnie Paradis moved to accept the subcommittee's recommendation. Phil seconded. Vote approved unanimously. Dot Meagher will approach Auburn City Manager Glenn Aho with the recommended policy in the hopes of having Auburn adopt the same policy.

- Child Adolescent Sub Committee—The committee is moving forward with the first official LAPHC initiative called "Make a Splash, Wash Your Hands!" in the school systems of L-A during National Public Health Week (April 6 – 10). Our Bates students Natalie and Jean will be hanging something in the order of 1,000 signs in the schools. Heather Linkvist will prepare a draft press release to send out this week. Phil Nadeau will assist with sending out the press release. The subcommittee also reported that there will be another school event in the Fall.
- Public Awareness Sub Committee—Healthy Androscoggin has offered to host the new LAPHC web site; the web site will be bare bones and will start with agendas, minutes, meeting schedules, interlocal agreement and subcommittee activity along with some key public health links and news events. Next up for the subcommittee----developing a recommendation for Dr. Lounsbury program and developing a logo.

5. Other business:
   - Fatuma Hussein reported that World Refugee Day activities are scheduled in L-A for June 19, 2009 (World Refugee Day is actually on June 20th every year).
   - Next meeting of the LAPHC is May 7th at 1PM in Lewiston City Hall.