



**City of Nashua**  
**Division of Public Health and Community Services**



## Mayor’s Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2024  
 9:30 – 11 a.m.

**Co-Facilitators:** Lisa Vasquez, Liana Perez, Jess Carter

**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall (& Zoom)

### Agenda

<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name</li> <li>Introduction (Agency, Title, Role)</li> <li>What is one thing you look forward to in this new year?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Data Review</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lyndsey Bond, MPH, Epidemiologist, DPHCS: In 2023 -overdose-related ED visits highest numbers were in July and August. It's better to see them in the ED because they can be treated then. Number of overdose deaths was high. It was close to the 2018 number.</li> <li>AMR: Nashua had a significant decrease from 2022 to 2023. The fatality rate in Nashua was 17% and Manchester was 9%. The demographics have not changed from a statistical point of view. Manchester has a much higher homeless population. We are making progress on the number of suspected overdoses. Q: What is unhoused? A: Living outside or couch surfing. The number we get from people is lower than the actual number.</li> <li>Nashua PD: the numbers at this point are preliminary. The crime analyst gets the data at the end of each month and adjusts numbers if pending deaths are reported.</li> <li>SSANA: overdose reversals in 2023-369. Drug monitoring initiative data from the state for Narcan administration in each county varies through the state. For example, Belknap and Coos counties have higher numbers than Hillsborough County. The admission number is high. All data is on their website. Funding can be affected by the county data. It may look less in Hillsborough but the populations are high. We need to be mindful of where we need more revenue and resources. Sparsely populated areas need less resources. The information is collected from treatment providers at admission. Lisa will send the link to everyone. DHHS is looking into improving its data.</li> <li>Doorways</li> <li>Respite (Gatehouse)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Meeting Purpose</b> 10:15 – 10:50AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Update by New Futures: we can be reached at ksnyder@new-futures.org and kip@new-futures.org. Below are some quick links. More information will become available on our website as soon as it is updated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Issues overview &amp; campaign priorities: <a href="https://new-futures.org/issues/overview">https://new-futures.org/issues/overview</a></li> <li>○ Upcoming hearings: <a href="https://new-futures.org/news/resources/upcoming-hearings-and-votes-week-1824">https://new-futures.org/news/resources/upcoming-hearings-and-votes-week-1824</a></li> <li>○ Sign up for action alerts: <a href="https://new-futures.org/take-action/sign-our-emails">https://new-futures.org/take-action/sign-our-emails</a></li> <li>○ Sign up to become an advocate: <a href="https://new-futures.org/take-action/become-advocate">https://new-futures.org/take-action/become-advocate</a></li> <li>○ Share your story: <a href="https://new-futures.org/take-action/share-your-story">https://new-futures.org/take-action/share-your-story</a></li> <li>○ Training calendar: <a href="https://new-futures.org/trainings/calendar">https://new-futures.org/trainings/calendar</a></li> <li>○ Request a training: <a href="https://new-futures.org/training/request">https://new-futures.org/training/request</a></li> <li>○ Lobbying vs. advocacy: <a href="https://new-futures.org/advocacy/lobbying-vs-advocacy">https://new-futures.org/advocacy/lobbying-vs-advocacy</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Legislative Breakfast overview and reminders</li> </ul>
<p><b>Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leah Elliot moved to Nashua PD.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Upcoming Event &amp; Collaboration Opportunities</b></p>	

Follow-up Items		
Action Item	Person/Organization Responsible	Date Completed

