



Mayor’s Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Co-Facilitators: Lisa Vasquez, Leah Elliott, Jess Carter

Location: MACE/ Virtual

Minutes

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: Leah Elliott, -NDPHCS, Lisa Vasquez-NDPHCS, Lyndsey Bond- NDPHC, Iraida Muñoz- NDPHCS, Liana Perez-NDPHCS, Foqia Ijaz-NDPHCS, Jessica Carter- Revive Recovery, Russell Schaechtle- Youth Council, Brian Barbitto- Pelham PD, Susan Mead- GNMH, Tanya Wessells- ARC, Jan Valuk- NPC, Michelle Ricco-Jonas- NPC, Kim Ip- New Futures, Danielle Sylvester- Harbor Homes, Dr. Cynthia Whitaker, GNMHC, Jen McCormack- NPL, Matt McConnell-NPD, Betsy Houde- SNHMC, Kirstin Makara- Doorway, Justin Agraz- Merrimack PD, Chris Stawasz- AMR, Rebecca-Stepping Stones, Mitch Pierce-NH Respite/GH Recovery Solutions, Cathy McNamara- St. Joseph’s Hospital, Julie Christenson-Collins- GNMH, Mike Apfelberg- United Way, Melanie

Data Review

Lyndsey Bond, MPH, Epidemiologist, DPHCS:

- Steady overdose numbers. Increase in the number of deaths and decrease in ED visits.

AMR:

- There is an increase in fatalities. Reduction in the number of overdoses. CDC has put out a per capita number and this number is high. There is fentanyl in products and people do not know about that. Xylazine is added to the products and Narcan does not work on it because it is not an opioid.

Nashua PD:

- Decrease in the number of reported overdoses and an increase in the number of deaths in the preliminary data.

SSANA:

- December 2022 was busy. Half the number of overturned overdoses as compared to 2021. 113% of syringe return. Heroin is the number 1 reported used drug, followed by meth and cocaine. A major part of the service we provide is outreach.

Doorways:

- We have the same data. Alcohol is also a major issue. 40 to 45 new clients are served each month. We are seeing 20 or more already. Shorter wait times.

Respite (Gatehouse)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opened a family program and it will be offered for four consecutive weeks. Will send out details about it.
<p>Updates 10:15 – 10:30AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liana Perez-we are providing Narcan training. It seems that people wait until the person stops breathing. Need to provide education on when to administer Narcan. Participants express concern that a lot of places don't accept Medicaid and there is a very long wait. NDPHCS provides a substance use language training. Will be happy to provide training to Police Department. • Kim Ip- New Futures-legislative session is beginning. We are in the budget year. Will see the reauthorization of Medicaid expansion. It is critical for a lot of services. There is a petition going around. Advocacy training on alcohol funds for various programs. Child care training. Happy to support the Legislative Breakfast. Medex petition/statement page https://new-futures.org/issues/medicaid-expansion You can sign up for the Medex event here https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xc78XkDzS5Ke43Z6VaWGEw?emci=5834d447-0b8e-ed11-9d7b-00224832e811&emdi=ea000000-0000-0000-000000000001&ceid=e • Alcohol Fund training 1/25 from 4-5 https://www.new-futures.org/trainings/alcohol-fund-webinar • Cynthia Whitaker-New Futures is sponsoring an information session on Medicaid Expansion tonight at 7pm.
<p>Meeting Purpose 10:30 – 10:55AM</p>	<p>Legislative Breakfast Planning-the topic of Legislative Breakfast is Forecasting our Future. A slide presentation of the purpose and agenda was given. Will have the recording made available to the legislatures who are unable to attend. It is in person only. It is open to local legislatures also. Please sit next to them in the first half hour and educate them about your work.</p> <p>Opioid Abatement Update and Discussion Few applications were received. Will have the recommendations from Mayor and will announce the recipients in February.</p>
<p>Upcoming Event & Collaboration Opportunities 10:55– 11:00AM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harbor Care-changes were made in how we do case management. Women and children will have case management after they graduate. We can accept Medicare as long as they have NH Medicaid. • Russell Schaechtle- Youth Council-APG support group on every Wednesday. Taking teacher training at the Hope Summit about PCE's-Positive Child Experiences. • Michelle Ricco-Jonas-Nashua Prevention Coalition is supporting Hope Summit.

- Susan Mead-please let me know of places where homeless are. We go out on 26th and do the Point in Time Count.
- Tanya Wessells- ARC Milford -a presentation in which a survivor of human trafficking will share her experience. CDFC can only accept Medicare clients if they NH Medicaid as a secondary insurance.
- Danielle Sylvester- Harbor Homes- CDFC-women who have Medicare can be accepted into the program IF they have NH Medicaid as secondary insurance. The only one we cannot accept is Quimby
- Dr. Cynthia Whitaker-Quimby is AKA QMB Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (if the only insurance supplemental to Medicare, will not cover any SUD services.
- Susan Mead-Point in Time Homeless Count is on 1/26. Please email me at meads@gnmhc.org
- Tobacco prevention program-working with schools but can't do survey due to restrictions. Now it will be called VAPE project. Will organize an in-person education for the community. Please contact Janet Valuk if you need more information.
- Doorway also does Narcan training.

Follow-up Items

Action Item	Person/Organization Responsible	Date Completed
Will work on Strategic Plan for the next three years.	Lisa Vasquez	Begin next month