



Mayor's Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, 04/21/2026

9:30 – 11 a.m.

Facilitator: Savitri Horrigan, Behavioral Health Specialist

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Minutes

Partner Updates	The Army National Guard: Working on logistics for Drug Take-Back Day. Merrimack PD: Building a “Hidden in Plain Sight” trailer for use in the Greater Nashua area. This will be similar to the “Mock Bedroom” and include resources for parents. Lamprey: Planning a community event in May with speakers focused on supporting individuals experiencing addiction. United Way (UW): Recently earned its Recovery Friendly Workplace designation and was recognized by Governor Kelly Ayotte. 12 families and 20 community partners attended the Real Talk event. Continued success with lock box campaign. Revive: Camp Mariposa NH will be operated through Revive and camp will begin in May 2026. Bobbie: Application Nashua PAL received \$10,000 in OATS funding. Move called “The Wake” will be coming soon depicting the human impact of SUD. Bobbie encouraged people to apply to OATS, more information is available on the website. MOTF is celebrating 10 years! HEARTS: Explained their programming and peer support. There is a 30 – 120 days respite program.
AMR Data	Chris presented AMR Data and explained the slides with information on opioid overdoses and opioid-related deaths. He will follow up with additional per capita data and share data with anyone who is interested.
Nashua Police Dept. Data	6 opioid-related overdoses in March 2026 (6 fewer than March 2025). 1 fewer opioid-related overdoses for the year to date. 1 opioid-related overdose death in March 2026 (4 fewer than March 2025). 2 fewer opioid-related overdose deaths for the year to date.
SSANA March Data	Casey spoke about documenting data and syringe return percentage. SSANA has seen a decrease in the number of syringes requested by participants and in increase in non-injection methods which is important for harm reduction. There were 3 fatal overdoses reported by participants and a cumulative 4 fatal overdoses for 2026. A few key highlights from March 2026 and year-to-date: • 58 overdose reversals in March, bringing the 2026 total to 131 lives saved in just the first three months of the year. • 322 total transactions in March, with 156 unique individuals served, reflecting

	a significant increase in engagement compared to prior months. • 716 secondary contacts, continuing to demonstrate strong community reach and peer-to-peer impact. • 16,980 sterile syringes distributed in March (43,710 year-to-date), alongside a 93% return rate year-to-date, supporting safer use and proper disposal practices. • 698 safer injection kits distributed in March (1,709 YTD), indicating increased utilization of harm reduction supplies. Continued expansion of drug checking and safety tools: • 135 fentanyl test kits distributed • 110 xylazine test kits distributed • 322 connections to healthcare, behavioral health, and testing services, reinforcing the program's role as a critical access point to care.
Camp Mariposa Update	Mike Curtin presented on Camp Mariposa which is now operating as a program of Revive Recovery. Camp Mariposa is a national program and there are 16 regional camps across the country. It is an evidence-based program that supports youth and teens with family members who are or have experienced SUD. They are currently accepting applications for camp and open enrollment. The first camp session will be in May 2026. There is a lot of interest in the community and 50 people attended their presentation at the Gloria Timmons Community Center. They are looking to have 25-30 youth or teens in each camp. More information is available on the Revive Recovery website.
Warming Station Update	Working on developing a day time resource center. will open the warming station a bit earlier this year. Not too many reports on parking encampments. Report of a bus parking behind the YMCA and someone sleeping behind the stairs at the Nashua Public Library and in Mine Falls.
Legislative Update	• SB 624: Banning Hemp-Derived THC Products – upcoming floor vote on 4/23 • SB 557: Banning Synthetic Kratom – upcoming floor vote on 4/23 • SB 498: Coverage for Children's Behavioral Health Care Coordination – upcoming committee votes, being reviewed by House/Senate Committee • HB 1630: Ending the Sale of Nitrous Oxide for Recreational Use – upcoming committee votes, being reviewed by House/Senate Committee
Behavioral Health Update	The annual PHAC Conference is on Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at the Courtyard Marriott in Nashua. The theme is “Looking back on the past 10 years of opioid response in Nashua and NH”. Drug Take Back Day is on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm and a list of participating Police Departments can be found on the DEA website. Lamprey Health Care is hosting a “Community Matters” speaker series

on Monday, May 11th from 4:30 – 6:00 pm with a panel featuring local experts and community voices. The CAST Coalition in Milford is hosting a “Power of Community: Finding Hope in the Souhegan Valley” event on Wednesday, May 13th from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.

Next Meeting May 19, 2026