



City of Nashua  
Division of Public Health and Community Services



## Mayor's Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, 06/16/2026

9:30 – 11 a.m.

**Facilitator:** Bobbie Bagley, Director DPHCS

**Location:** City Hall Auditorium, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

### Minutes

#### Partner Updates

- Southern New Hampshire Medical Center's Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) reported that it is currently accepting referrals and is seeking additional clients. The program accepts Medicare and Medicare Advantage plans. Four beds remain available through the MERIT program for individuals with current or past stimulant use disorders. The program is being expanded, and two Certified Recovery Support Workers (CRSWs) are currently being hired to support services.
- The Nashua Police Department reported that overdose incidents in May exceeded those recorded during the same month last year; however, total overdose numbers for the year remain lower than last year's totals.
- REVIVE announced its annual community cookout, scheduled for Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and encouraged community participation.

#### AMR Data

- Slide presentation on AMR Data with information on opioid overdoses and opioid-related deaths. a significant increase in overdoses during May, with 15 overdoses recorded; however, fatalities did not increase.
- Overall overdose trends remain encouraging, with Nashua currently tracking approximately 7% below last year's numbers. In contrast, Manchester has experienced an increase in overdoses and a 13% increase in overdose fatalities, including seven deaths in May.
- Manchester plans to reconvene its Fatality Review Committee to identify common factors contributing to deaths. Nashua is also continuing work on its own Fatality Review Committee. It was noted that the State Fatality Review Committee has not been meeting regularly and that Bobbie's term on the committee will conclude after six years of service. Members also discussed a recent increase in suicide attempts among older adults.
- Narcan administration continues to increase, although overdose figures are likely underreported because not all incidents are documented.

#### SSANA April Data

- SSANNA reported that syringe return rates have declined when excluding supply pick-ups. The program served 146 unique clients, documented 17 overdose reversals, conducted 201 street outreach contacts, and completed 205 client transactions.

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|                                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff are working to identify a new outreach location after being asked to relocate from the Nashua Public Library due to concerns regarding discarded supplies and children's use of public restrooms. The proposed new location is the Elm Street parking lot, where additional disposal measures will be implemented.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Behavioral Health Conference Update</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members discussed reflections from the recent Public Health Advisory Council (PHAC) Conference, highlighting the progress made by the Mayor's Opioid Task Force over the past decade, including the success of the Community Health Worker model. Plans were discussed to hold the next conference at the hospital, with future discussions expected to focus on adverse childhood experiences and other emerging public health concerns.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Other Discussions</b>                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion focused on planning for the upcoming fiscal year. Members agreed to review the Task Force's mission, regional priorities, and existing goals to determine whether modifications are needed. The group emphasized the importance of establishing measurable objectives and identifying priority areas for future work.</li> <li>• The Doorway shared information about ongoing efforts to educate youth regarding so-called "gas station drugs" and other emerging substances. Members discussed using newsletters and community networks to distribute educational materials throughout Nashua and the surrounding twelve communities.</li> <li>• Members discussed the growing problem of financial scams targeting older adults. Resources such as Adult Protective Services and Social Security representative payee programs were highlighted as potential interventions. Participants noted that older adults are increasingly vulnerable to financial exploitation and emphasized the need for greater community education and support.</li> <li>• Additional concerns were raised regarding the rapid expansion of casinos and the need for increased public education related to problem gambling. Members discussed the relationship between gambling and behavioral health concerns and the importance of prevention and awareness efforts.</li> <li>• Finally, members discussed hosting additional community conversations and engagement events. The Intentional Social Interactions model was highlighted as a way to encourage residents to share experiences, build connections, and identify community needs. Funding is currently available to support two community sessions, and members discussed exploring fundraising opportunities to expand these events in the future.</li> </ul> |

### Follow-up Items

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**Next Meeting July 21, 2026**