



Mayor's Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, 07/21/2026

9:30 – 11 a.m.

Facilitator: Bobbie Bagley, Director DPHCS

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Minutes

Partner Updates

United Way

- The new Director of the Prevention Coalition has been hired.
- Provided an update on the lockbox initiative.
- Reported that approximately 85% of individuals served are in recovery.
- Announced the continuation of the Shoe Drive, accepting gently used shoes through the dedicated shoe fund.

NH National Guard

- Reported that summer activities have slowed.
- A second staff member has been hired.
- The D.A.R.E. Program has begun.
- Participating in community trailer events and embedding staff within partner agencies.
- Working with Public Health and United Way to strengthen partnerships.
- Interested in expanding collaboration and job-shadowing opportunities.
- Brief update provided on the Drug Nexus initiative.

AMR Data

- Slide presentation on AMR Data with information on opioid overdoses and opioid-related deaths.
 - Two overdose fatalities occurred during the previous week.
 - Two overdose deaths have occurred this month.
 - Members discussed the emergence of a new fentanyl derivative and concerns regarding a newly identified substance.
- Year-to-date June data:
 - 16 overdoses
 - 2 overdose fatalities

Mission, Vision and Goals Review

The current Mission and Vision Statements were reviewed and read aloud.

- A suggestion was made to include "Greater Nashua" in the Mission Statement to better reflect the coalition's service area.
- Members discussed whether the wording of the statements should be revised to strengthen their overall impact and clarity.
- An update was provided regarding the upcoming SAMHSA State Work Plan meeting.
- Members noted that the priorities and approach for Greater Nashua may

	differ from those of Manchester. Suggested Revisions • Include language emphasizing continued innovation. • Add language focused on reducing stigma.
Housing Services Update	• Public Health does not proactively search for encampments but follows up when reports are received. • A GIS system is used to help locate and identify encampment locations. • It was reported that individuals have moved from several encampment locations, including: Behind Pheasant Lane Mall, Broad Street, Hudson Bridge, Celina Avenue • Members discussed the ongoing challenges related to accessing affordable and stable housing. • The Warming Station is scheduled to open on November 15 at Elm Street Middle School. • Volunteers are needed to support Warming Station operations. It was noted that the available space is not ideal but will be used to provide shelter during the winter season. • Resource Center update was given.

Next Meeting August 18, 2026