



Mayor's Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, 08/18/2026

9:30 – 11 a.m.

Facilitator: Bobbie Bagley, Director DPHCS

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Minutes

Partner Updates

United Way

- United Way is conducting a two-month shoe drive. Flyers have been distributed throughout the community. Funds raised will establish a fund to assist individuals who need shoes. The goal is to collect 5,000 pairs of shoes.

NH National Guard

- The STASH trailer has been wrapped and is available for community events. This is a major project involving the National Guard.

Nashua Prevention Coalition:

- New Program Manager introduced: Iraida Munoz.
- NPC will participate in the Back-to-School event and is collaborating with community partners.
- Planning is underway for Red Ribbon Week in October, including activities with teens. Partners are needed.
- The Lock It Up Campaign continues. Members were asked to share information about where lockboxes may be available.
- The campaign is targeting schools through Bridges and developing an educational series in collaboration with community partners.

Nashua Regional Planning Commission:

- Funds are available to assist with treatment and recovery transportation. Flyers were distributed.

Doorways:

- Doorways is organizing a gathering and walk for individuals who have lost loved ones. The walk will take place Friday at 9:00 AM.

Merrimack PD:

- A Gas Station Drugs educational session will be held on August 26 at 10 Prospect Street. A QR code is available for registration through the department's website. There are approximately 120 seats available. Members were encouraged to spread the word about the training. Teens may attend the Gas Station Drugs event with their parents.
- Families can access educational information regarding what may be found in a teenager's bedroom.
- Flex funds are available to support individuals with housing and substance use needs. Funds are currently available through September 30.
- The state has provided additional Narcan boxes. Members who need a box

	were asked to send an email requesting one. Greater Nashua Mental Health Center: - Mental health services have moved to 3 Pine Street Extension. Walk-in services have restarted and have been very busy. There is currently no wait time for substance use disorder (SUD) services; individuals can be seen the same day. The Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) is being visited by Public Health and Lamprey. Harbor Care: - Harbor Care has a couple of beds available at Cynthia Day Family Center.
AMR Data	- Slide presentation on AMR Data with information on opioid overdoses and opioid-related deaths. - During the data review, it was reported that there were 10 overdoses last month, including one fatality. This represents the lowest number of overdoses since data collection began, as well as the lowest number of fatalities, with 17 reported. The report can be shared with members upon request, and members were asked to send an email if they would like a copy. The AMR report will also be distributed. The state recently released a report indicating that it is on track to record the lowest number of overdoses since reporting began. - An increase in reported Narcan use was also noted, and expired Narcan may still be provided for certain purposes.
SSANA Update	- SSANA reported a 56% increase within one year, with 334 individuals served and 154 unique individuals since last year. Two fatal overdoses were reported in July, bringing the total number of fatal overdoses this year to 14. Approximately 25% of contacts occur through street outreach. Safer smoking kits continue to be distributed, and Narcan distribution has increased. Although substance use has increased, street outreach efforts have also expanded. Trust issues remain a concern because some individuals have been arrested at SSANA, and vandalism has also been an issue. SSANA is currently looking for a new location. - Upcoming activities include Back-to-School events featuring food, Narcan, education, and community resources. Information was shared regarding the Rally for Recovery on September 19. Revive Recovery is planning a deep-sea fishing trip at the end of August, followed by a food event on September 26. Information was also shared regarding Camp Mariposa. The 10th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on October 10, and a ribbon-cutting event in Manchester is scheduled for October 16. Members were reminded to bring weights for the tents.
Housing Services Update	Regarding housing and encampments, there were concerns of an encampment on E. Hollis Street. It appears Police Department responded and has since been cleared. Revive responded to a need for syringe cleanup and this has

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Trust Fund and**

**Slide Presentation
on Unregulated
Intoxicants and
Emerging Drug
Trends by
Merrimack PD**

been completed.

- The warming station is scheduled to open on November 15, 2026 at Elm Street Middle School, and staff hiring is expected to begin in September.
- The Opioid Abatement Trust Fund currently has received an additional \$146,618 from the state treasury. The total in the fund is \$446,528
- Request for funding support is opening September
- Annual Report for the Opioid Abatement Trust Commission is due in September
- Discussion was also held regarding the Opioid Fatality Review Committee. It was discussed that another organization will have to facilitate the Committee. The group will meet next month to discuss this further.
- The group discussed emerging drug trends and unregulated intoxicants currently appearing on the market in 2026.
- There is concern that these substances are increasingly being targeted toward juveniles.
- Legislation regarding unregulated intoxicants in neighboring states was discussed, along with New Hampshire's approach to regulation.
- Further discussion is needed regarding laws surrounding the use and regulation of these substances.
- The Board of Health was identified as a potential avenue for continued discussion and education, and it was suggested that education regarding these substances and their risks should also be brought to the college level.

Next Meeting September 15, 2026