



City of Nashua
Division of Public Health and Community Services



Mayor's Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, 8/19/25
9:30 – 11 a.m.

Facilitator: Savitri Horrigan

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Minutes

Introductions & Updates

REVIVE: Recovery Month preparations are underway.

- International Overdose Awareness Day event scheduled for 9/29 (includes Naloxone response education and fun activities).
- 9/20: Recovery Month Cookout.
- 9/13: Kickball Tournament Fundraiser.
- Upcoming CRSW training.

DPHCS: Planning a hybrid Multicultural Celebration on 9/14. Performances will be recorded and shared on social media.

Nashua PD:

- Collecting data from the Police Department.
- Shared update on a community college job opportunity.
- Noted that the YMCA's Camp Mariposa program has been discontinued.

United Way:

- Nashua Goes Back to School event will take place this Thursday at the Library. Great opportunity to connect with school district personnel.
- Monthly Non-Profit Meet-Up scheduled for next Thursday at Soel Sistas at 4:00 PM.
- Laptop distribution program is going strong, with most recipients coming from the recovery community.

New Season/Chuky's Fight: Expressed willingness to help and facilitate any needed services.

Discover Health Group: Attended for the first time.

Data Review



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SSANA June and July data presented by REVIVE. Can supply harm reduction kits/supplies to partner organizations.

Encampment and Warming Station Update



- Point-in-Time (PIT) Count earlier this year recorded 56 unhoused individuals. DPHCS CHWs conducted another count in July, finding the number has increased to approximately 100 in Nashua.
- Ongoing issues behind Citizen's Bank location. Police Department will clear the area around Restaurant 99 encampment site.
- Interest expressed in expanding outreach partnerships.
- Question raised about accessing fentanyl and xylazine testing kit results. Currently, feedback is mostly anecdotal. Reports of benzodiazepines present in meth and fentanyl.
- Injection alternative kits are very popular; return rate is reported at over 100%.
- Increasing reports of people using substances during daylight and in open public areas.

Other Discussions

- Situation shared: A participant known to be at high risk was referred through Doorway. No additional team response occurred, and the individual left recovery, went to a hotel, and overdosed. Concern raised that more coordinated and strategic prevention efforts are necessary.
- Discussion on creating a pre- and post-overdose response team to help prevent loss of life.
- Manchester model noted as a possible reference.
- Maine example shared: mobile crisis response (Project Respond You) follows PD, documents, manages cases, includes psychiatric response, and provides follow-up for one month.
- Idea proposed: one full-time coordinator with CRSWs on call for other shifts.
- Concerns raised about disparities in services and long response times.
- Team in Maine described as well-rounded.
- Discussion on wraparound service referrals – EMS referrals in Maine vs. 988 in NH.
- PACER model in England cited as successful.

	DPHCS is contributing to this task force and partnering with REVIVE and the Doorway
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Follow-up Items		
Action Item	Person/Organization Responsible	Date Completed

Next Meeting September 16, 2024