



Mayor's Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, 9/16/25
9:30 – 11 a.m.

Facilitator: Bobbie Bagley

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Minutes

Partner Updates

Southern NH Health:

- Looking to hire positions in the role of Behavioral Health Social Worker for the Behavioral Health Unit and the Emergency Department.
- Provided the state link to file complaint against treatment facilities. People can also connect with NHPRR as they are responsible for clients who are housed in treatment housing associated with PHPs.
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/file-complaint-against-health-facility-nh>
- Shared information on the upcoming Suicide Prevention Walk on September 27, 2025 at Greely Park. The link is found here:
<https://afspwalks.donordrive.com/Nashua>

Nashua Police Department-Social Worker:

- Responds to calls related to mental and behavioral health issues and conducting follow-ups.
- Provides support to community groups.
- The main goal is to reduce the number of arrests of individuals experiencing mental health issues.

Encampment and Warming Station Update

- Five of seven campsites involve substance use disorder. The largest site sits on Pine Street with about 70 people.
- Camps on Main Street remain completely unsheltered. Residents and businesses report human waste, altercations, open alcohol use, and panhandling.
- Staff met with local businesses to hear their concerns. Board of Aldermen will meet this week to discuss the issue.
- The Police Department assigned an officer to patrol Main Street from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM.
- Businesses and the library stopped allowing public bathroom use, so staff are considering permanent bathroom fixtures. The Library Board of Directors made this policy change.

	• Staff identified the need for a Resource Center, noting that other cities operate them. • Staff met with NJ officials to review their homelessness reduction model. In Dover, the Police Department employs social workers who connect people to services. Leah will confirm which officer will patrol Main Street. Warming Station: • The Warming Station will open in December. A timeline was shared, and staff and volunteers will be hired soon. • Planning is underway for next steps once the Elm Street facility closes. United Way is seeking volunteers. Attendance is expected to increase this year, as over 100 people are currently outdoors. • Other cities, including Portsmouth and Manchester, have shelters and resource centers. • Plans include creating both quiet and active areas, providing noise-canceling headphones, and distinguishing the role of warming stations from shelters. Participants noted that people engage and use resources when they are ready.
Opioid Abatement Update	• See attached presentation for details. 20250916 - MOTF Meeting Slides.pptx
Data Review	• Nashua has 43% more suspected overdose deaths compared to last year. The average age of overdoses continues to decrease. • See attached presentation for details.
Other Discussions	• Patient screening process can be streamlined as acute patients are sent to the rehab. • Participants explored strategies to reduce overdoses and deaths, including how to enhance services and why people move from other areas to Manchester and Nashua. • Access to Opioid Abatement Funds in crisis.

Next Meeting October 16, 2024

Follow-up Items

Action Item	Person/Organization Responsible	Date Completed