



City of Nashua
Division of Public Health and Community Services



Opioid Fatality Review Committee Workgroup

Wednesday, October 1, 2025
2:00-3:30 PM

Facilitator: Bobbie Bagley

Location: Arlington Street Community Center

Minutes

Data Presentation

- Data on overdoses and suspected opioid overdose deaths were shared. Fatalities have increased in 2025, with 12 overdoses and 8 deaths reported. NARCAN was used in 25% of the cases. The year-to-date numbers will help guide intervention strategies. More people are trained in NARCAN use and have greater awareness in 2025.
- The Community Action Team shared overdose data from the past five years. New Hampshire currently ranks in the middle nationwide for overdoses and fatalities, compared to being ranked second in 2018. There was a 35% decrease in overdoses in 2024, but the state remains in crisis. September showed an increase in both deaths and overdoses.

List of Opioid Fatality Review Committee (OFRC) Members

- A member of the Board of Aldermen, was contacted, and a response is pending. It was suggested to wait until after the municipal election results before proceeding. The idea of appointing an alternate member to review matters every other month was discussed, members noted it may not be practical to have an alternate due to the technical nature of discussions and the need for a designee with a medical background. Since the Alderman would serve as chair as an elected legislative representative, having someone with relevant experience and strong community connections was emphasized. One option discussed was to request President of Board of Aldermen to designate a representative.
- Legal representative for Nashua Recovery Court – REVIVE can reach out.
- Representative from the Governor’s OFRC-Identified
- A representative of the Alcohol Commission on alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery-Identified
- Representative of NPD – follow-up with the Deputy Chief.
- Representative in attendance from Nashua Fire Marshal’s Office.
- DPHCS official appointed by the Mayor – to be confirmed with the Mayor.
- Individual with lived experience of substance use disorder – position confirmed.

- Representative of a local hospital – peer recovery specialist; follow-up call assigned.
- Representative of the recovery community – REVIVE.
- Representative of the treatment community-Gate House
- Representative of the prevention community-Nashua Prevention Coalition
- Advocate for substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery – follow-up needed; include representation from sober homes.
- Addiction treatment medication provider – follow-up needed to confirm representation.
- A representative from American Medical Response, appointed by that organization-Identified
- Representative of Drug Enforcement – appointed by the Police Department-follow up assigned.
- Representative from GNMHC – follow-up assigned.
- Suicide Prevention Specialist from (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention)-identified.
- Representative from DCYF (Division for Children, Youth, and Families)-identified and follow up assigned.
- A Public Health Analyst from the Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services, appointed by the Director.
- Representative from the Nashua Bureau of Adult Protective Services-identified and follow up assigned.
- Community Leader-identified.
- NH Licensed Social Worker – confirmed; to be invited to upcoming meetings.
- Representative from a Pain Management Clinic – follow-up assigned.
- Representative from a local hospital Emergency Department-confirmed.
- Primary Care Provider serving low-income populations-follow up assigned.
- Pharmacist – position to be filled.
- Licensed Drug and Alcohol Specialist-follow up assigned.
- Harm Reduction Specialist-identified.
- Housing Services Specialist-identified.
- Representative from NH Department of Corrections, Field Services – Nashua District-follow up assigned.
- Mayor’s Designee-identified.

Review of Confidentiality Form	• The Confidentiality Form was reviewed. Data will be requested from committee members, and any committee discussions held during non-public sessions will be included. It was clarified that the signed form constitutes a legal contract. Members raised questions about the contracting party — whether the agreement is with the individual or the organization represented. • The group agreed to add the legislative approach back into the process to advance the first review meeting. • The amended draft and accompanying form will be brought forward to make the document official. • Discussion took place regarding the committee’s structure and oversight — specifically, whether the committee operates under the Mayor’s authority.
Public Comment	• Q: Why was OFRC started? A: This committee was established in response to the rising number of overdose deaths.
Other Discussions	• A quorum is not required for the committee to meet. • Establish the proper legal authorization when sending correspondence to request data.

Follow-up Items		
Action Item	Person/Organization Responsible	Date Completed
Committee members to send the requested information prior to the next meeting		

Next Meeting November 3, 2025 1:30 PM