



Encampment Meeting

10/14/25

Zoom

1pm – 1:30pm

Our **mission** is to promote, protect, and preserve the health and wellbeing of the Greater Nashua Region through leadership and community collaboration. Our **vision** is to have an informed, safe, healthy, and resilient community where all people can thrive and prosper. We subscribe to the following **values**: integrity, leadership, adaptability, and respect.

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Agenda

Topic

Notes

Updates and Announcements

Introductions & Provider Updates

- Participants introduced themselves to start the meeting
- The Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter (NSKS) is planning to open their additional Winter overflow beds on December 1st dependent on staffing. They are estimating that there will be 20-22 additional beds available, a decrease from last year. Staff reported needing to convert the previous space for the women's sheltering into additional office space. There are currently 2 female beds available.
- The City's Overnight Warming Station is scheduled to open by December 1st, but there has been some discussion regarding the need to open it sooner. Public Health has been interviewing applicants but still needs more staff. Applications are still open and there are volunteer opportunities available through United Way of Greater Nashua. The City is seeking people with experience in mental health or substance use fields, but is also seeking people with lived experience in homelessness or substance use disorder.

Discussion on current encampment sites

Active

1. Pine St. Ext.

- a. This continues to be our largest site with approximately 75 or so people. There is a combination of tents, vehicles, and campers. There have been increased reports of criminal activity and behavioral disturbances, some examples were provided during the discussion.
- b. Nashua PD reported on a recent incident involving one of the businesses and shared that the PD has received over 170 calls to this location between July 2025-September 2025. Some of these calls included proactive check-ins by the PD, as this site has needed regularly daily

monitoring.

2. Candy Cane Lane

- a. This site spans along the rail trail at the end of Crown Street. Public Health is estimating 10 or so people sheltering here in addition to previously abandoned encampments. There was discussing regarding the lack of engagement in services, but that residents are open to being checked in on. Nashua PD reported that they can use discretion when individuals are engaging in trying to obtain housing and services; more discussion may need to be had regarding what this looks like.
- b. Nashua PD reported that there have been conversations with the railroad company and that they are in favor of people being moved along from their property. Nashua PD has been proactively going out to this site and communicating to the residents that they need to move along soon per the railroad.

3. Court House Parking Lot

- a. There are some people sheltering in their vehicles in the courthouse parking lot. Public Health Community Health Workers (CHWs) have been attempting outreach at this site, but people are usually not present during the day. NSKS staff reported being aware of people sheltering in their vehicles in the parking lot. Nashua PD reported that they have been in communication with the State, as this is their property. The State is aware of people living in the parking lot and does not want them to remain living there, but they have an internal process for handling these things. No immediate action has been taken at this time.

4. Behind Citizen's Bank

- a. People continue to live here and have reportedly put up a tarp for additional sheltering. Public Health reported that there is injection substance use occurring here and that Public Health and Revive have been cleaning up discarded syringes. It was noted that this was an active encampment last year as well.

5. Main Street Area by Library

- a. People continue to shelter around Main Street. Nashua PD has been providing full time patrols in this area, and while it is too soon to determine the full impact, business owners have reported noticing a positive difference in curbing crime and behavioral disturbances.

6. Northwestern Blvd. behind Southern Medical

- a. The individuals that were displaced by the towing of their campers on Celina Ave. are now living in tents in the woods behind the Medical Center. Public Health outreach continues to check on these individuals, but they are currently not engaging in working with CHWs for housing or services.

7. Main Dunstable Soccer Field

- a. There is a single individual known to be living unsheltered by the soccer fields. Public Health has contacted the individual and will continue trying to engage this individual. Soccer coaches and staff from the convenient store have confirmed that this individual is living outdoors.

Total with Substance Use: Approximately 6

Other Updates

- Ordinance Discussion
 - Multiple pieces of legislation are on the Board of Alderman's agenda for tonight for discussion, to include expanding the hours of availability for the City Hall public restrooms, no parking on Celina Drive, no camping on public property, and no parking RVs/campers on public property.
 - Alderman Thibeault reported that all of the legislation is slated for 1st readings and discussion, but that some may be referred to committee or have a 2nd reading.
 - There was brief discussion regarding concerns with the lack of public input if the rules were suspended to allow for 2nd readings of the legislation.

- GNCOC Update: Strategic Plan Retreat 11/5 8:30am-12:30pm
- Joint outreach initiatives: Public Health is willing and available to partner with any agencies looking to conduct street outreach, please contact LaTonya to coordinate this.
- Greater Nashua Mental Health offered to provide mental health trainings to the warming station staff.
- To end the meeting, there was brief discussion regarding concerns related to the sale of 23 Temple and anticipated changes with management and rental costs. Public Health explained the Pilot Program to offer supportive services to tenants in collaboration with the new property management company and the Nashua Fire Department. Public Health reported that the main goal is to bring 23 Temple up to compliance with the fire, building, and health codes in addition to providing folks with the supports they need to remain housed.

<i>Additional Items</i>	

Follow-up Items		
Action Item	Person/Organization Responsible	Date Completed

Please join us for our Next Meeting:

November 11th
 Zoom
 1pm-1:30pm