



City of Nashua
Division of Public Health and Community Services



Mayor's Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, 10/21/25

9:30 – 11 a.m.

Facilitator: Savitri Horrigan, Behavioral Health Specialist

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Minutes

Partner Updates

- Cynthia Day – May have one bed available.
- A Way Out – Currently full.
- SNHMC Behavioral Health – Medical detox beds available; more providers on staff.
- United Way – Laptop distribution is fully booked through December and currently on hold. Nonprofit meetup scheduled for Thursday 10/25 at Soel Sistas.
- Greater Nashua Prevention Coalition – Distributed flyers for the Red Ribbon Community Walk on Ash Street and shared the calendar for Red Ribbon Week. Providing medical lock boxes to organizations upon request.
- The Doorway – Developing an Opioid Response Team and applying for grants.
- Merrimack Police Department – Hosting a recovery program tomorrow evening featuring a mock teen bedroom exhibit, in partnership with GNMH and the Prevention Coalition. Event details available on the Merrimack PD Facebook page.
- Process Recovery – Male detox program opened in September; female detox program in development. Plenty of beds currently available.
- Gate House – Evening telehealth IOP space available. Offers psychiatric medication management and accepts all insurances except Medicare.
- New Futures – State House renovation underway; next legislative sessions will be held at 1 Granite Place.
- Public Health – “Let’s Talk Transit” event scheduled from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM. Please send clients to participate.

Encampment Update/Substance Misuse Update

- Pine Street Extension encampment reported as unsafe, with various types of activity and substance use occurring.
- The Infrastructure Committee meeting is scheduled for tonight and will include a public comment period. Ordinances up for discussion include:
 - Regarding Open Hours for the Outdoor City Hall Public Restrooms
 - No Parking on Celina Avenue

- Prohibiting Camping on Public Property
- Regarding Campers and Recreational Vehicles on Public Property.

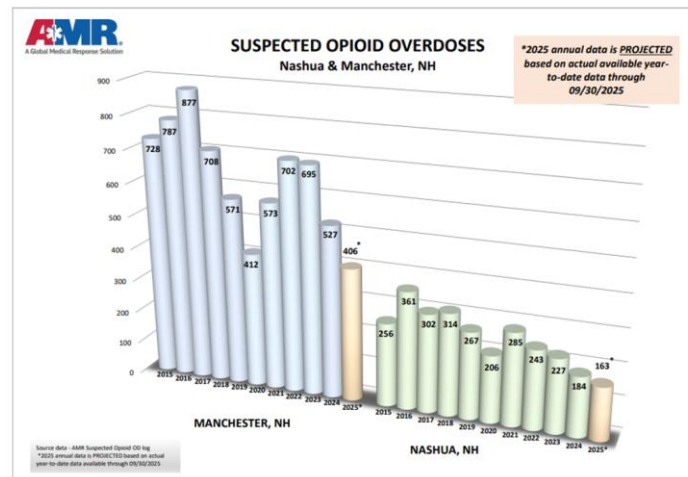
Behavioral Health (BH)Update

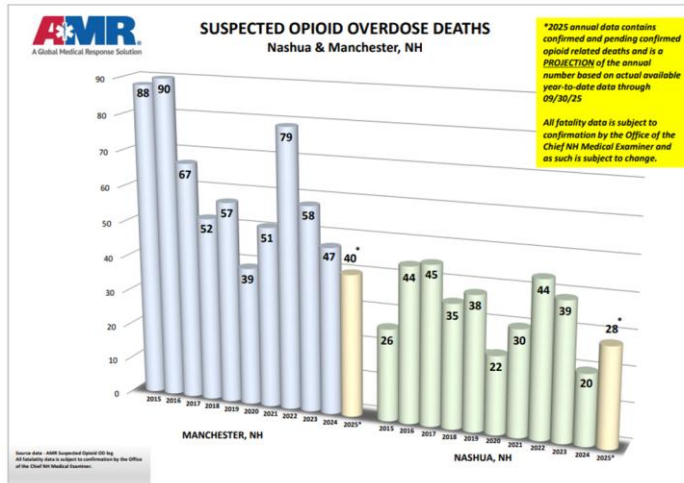
- Please let the BH Specialist know if you are interested in helping with the planning of the upcoming Legislative Breakfast.
- The discussion at the Legislative Breakfast will be on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) – focused on the effects of trauma as a root cause of behavioral health, mental health, and substance use disorders, and strategies to address prevention and treatment.
- Drug Take Back Day will be held on Saturday, October 25th, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at 9 Stadium Drive in Nashua.
- The Nashua Getting to Y Training is scheduled for December 9th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, with the location to be announced.
- Additionally, Mental Health First Aid Training and Naloxone Training are available upon request.

Opioid Abatement Trust Fund Update

- An update was provided on the settlement amount, expenditures and the grants awarded.

Data Review





AMR
A Global Medical Response Solution

SEPTEMBER	OD	Deaths		OD	Deaths		OD	Deaths
2025	13	2		37	1		50	3
		15%			3%			6%
	NASHUA			MANCHESTER			OVERALL	
HOME OR RESIDENCE	2	15%		9	24%		11	22%
ROADWAY OR VEHICLE	4	31%		13	35%		17	34%
PUBLIC BUILDING OR AREA	4	31%		11	30%		15	30%
HOTEL OR MOTEL	2	15%		0	0%		2	4%
BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL	1	8%		2	5%		3	6%
BAR OR RESTURANT	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
MEDICAL FACILITY	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
FIREHOUSE/EMS STATION	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
JAIL OR PRISON	0	0%		2	5%		2	4%
	13	100%		37	100%		50	100%
NASHUA	6	46%		0	0%		6	12%
OTHER NH COMMUNITY	2	15%		1	3%		3	6%
UNHOUSED	3	23%		22	59%		25	50%
OUT OF STATE	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
MANCHESTER	0	0%		9	24%		9	18%
UNKNOWN/NOT REPORTED	2	15%		5	14%		7	14%
	13	100%		37	100%		50	100%
NARCAN GIVEN PTA	5	38%		12	32%		17	34%
1st time OD	4	31%		23	62%		27	54%
repeat OD	9	69%		14	38%		23	46%
UNKNOWN/NOT REPORTED	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
	13	100%		37	100%		50	100%
Unique individual encounters	13	100%		35	95%		48	96%
Repeat individual encounters	0	0%		2	5%		2	4%
	13	100%		37	100%		50	100%
male	9	69%		22	59%		31	62%
female	4	31%		15	41%		19	38%
	13	100%		37	100%		50	100%
average age	44			41			42	
CAUCASIAN	11	85%		28	76%		39	78%
HISPANIC OR LATINO	0	0%		2	5%		2	4%
UNKNOWN/NOT REPORTED	2	15%		4	11%		6	12%
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	0	0%		3	8%		3	6%
AMERICAN INDIAN	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
OTHER RACE	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
ASIAN	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
	13	100%		37	100%		50	100%

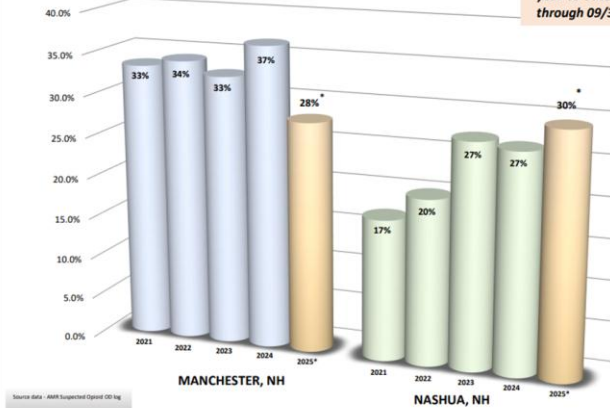


2025	OD	Deaths		OD	Deaths		OD	Deaths
thru	122	21		304	30		426	51
30-Sep-2025		17%			10%			12%
	NASHUA			MANCHESTER			OVERALL	
HOME OR RESIDENCE	62	51%		82	27%		144	34%
ROADWAY OR VEHICLE	14	11%		88	29%		102	24%
PUBLIC BUILDING OR AREA	22	18%		92	30%		114	27%
HOTEL OR MOTEL	12	10%		3	1%		15	4%
BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL	8	7%		22	7%		30	7%
BAR OR RESTURANT	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
MEDICAL FACILITY	1	1%		4	1%		5	1%
FIREHOUSE/EMS STATION	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
JAIL OR PRISON	3	2%		13	4%		16	4%
	122	100%		304	100%		426	100%
NASHUA	63	52%		3	1%		66	15%
OTHER NH COMMUNITY	8	7%		12	4%		20	5%
UNHOUSED	36	30%		183	60%		219	51%
OUT OF STATE	0	0%		2	1%		2	0%
MANCHESTER	2	2%		73	24%		75	18%
UNKNOWN/NOT REPORTED	13	11%		31	10%		44	10%
	122	100%		304	100%		426	100%
NARCAN GIVEN PTA	36	30%		84	28%		120	28%
1st time OD	72	59%		158	52%		230	54%
repeat OD	50	41%		141	46%		191	45%
UNKNOWN/NOT REPORTED	0	0%		5	2%		5	1%
	122	100%		304	100%		426	100%
Unique individual encounters	118	97%		288	95%		406	95%
Repeat individual encounters	4	3%		16	5%		20	5%
	122	100%		304	100%		426	100%
male	80	66%		191	63%		271	64%
female	42	34%		113	37%		155	36%
	122	100%		304	100%		426	100%
average age	43			42			43	
CAUCASIAN	94	77%		223	73%		317	74%
HISPANIC OR LATINO	13	11%		9	3%		22	5%
UNKNOWN/NOT REPORTED	10	8%		55	18%		65	15%
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	5	4%		16	5%		21	5%
AMERICAN INDIAN	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
OTHER RACE	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
ASIAN	0	0%		1	0%		1	0%
NATIVE HAWAIIAN	0	0%		0	0%		0	0%
	122	100%		304	100%		426	100%



REPORTED PUBLIC NARCAN® USE
PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF FIRST RESPONDERS

*2025 annual data is
PROJECTED based on
actual available
year-to-date data
through 09/30/25





September 2025

Site	Item	Quantity Dispensed	Cumulative '25
SSANA	Overdoses Reversed	48	281
SSANA	Safer Tips Information Provided	327	2,039
SSANA	Secondary Contacts	1,009	6,427
SSANA	Cocaine	270	1,621
SSANA	Heroin/Fentanyl	301	1,921
SSANA	Methamphetamine	230	1,500
SSANA	Other Substances	1	27
SSANA	Nasal Kits (2 doses)	185	1,399
SSANA	Behavioral Health (Mental Health / SUD)	328	1,860
SSANA	Healthcare	328	1,860
SSANA	HIV / HCV / STI testing	328	1,860
SSANA	Delivery Service	0	0
SSANA	HIV Taskforce	0	0
SSANA	Other Location	0	6
SSANA	Street Outreach	328	2,166
SSANA	Fentanyl Test Kits Distributed	158	911
SSANA	Xylazine Test Kits Distributed	83	732
SSANA	Wound Care Kits Distributed	127	1,080
SSANA	Safer Smoking Bubble Kits Distributed	203	1,923
SSANA	Safer Smoking Stem Kits Distributed	205	2,092
SSANA	Safer Smoking Foil Kits Distributed	203	1,574
SSANA	Safer Snorting Kits Distributed	110	1,030
SSANA	Safer Boofing Kits Distributed	86	739
SSANA	Hygiene Kits Distributed	79	203
SSANA	Stay Warm Bags Distributed	0	82
SSANA	Feminine Hygiene Kits Distributed	24	212
SSANA	Safer Injection Kit	823	7,391
SSANA	Short Tip Syringes	19,710	205,790
SSANA	Return Percentage	96%	100%
	Total Transactions	329	2,174
	Total Unique Clients	148	495

Discussions

- A Point-in-Time (PIT) count was conducted in July to assess whether individuals were coming from Manchester, but the results did not indicate a significant movement from Manchester.
- Overdose deaths seem to have increased, likely due to the increased potency of substances. Reporting is inconsistent, which affects data interpretation. The question remains whether Manchester's death rate decreased while Nashua's increased.
- NARCAN may not be effective on all substances, as many overdoses involve mixed drugs.
- The proximity to Massachusetts also affects patterns of substance use and overdoses. It is important to review overdose data from neighboring MA towns and monitor trends, especially after new ordinances are implemented.
- Efforts to reduce harm are difficult to sustain without adequate housing.
- The committee discussed the impact of criminalizing unhoused individuals, emphasizing the need for funding and structured support.
- While encampments are unsafe, alternatives such as engagement centers or overnight accommodations should be provided.
- Ordinances were introduced in response to business complaints and safety concerns.

	• Many individuals are unaware of available help, highlighting the importance of continued outreach and follow-up. • Science shows that mental health and substance use disorders are diseases, not choices. Most people do not choose to live in encampments. • United Way can support a Resource Center with volunteers, and partners need to consider what they can contribute. • If legislation passes, it will take effect immediately.
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Follow-up Items		
Action Item	Person/Organization Responsible	Date Completed

Next Meeting November 18, 2025