



City of Nashua
Division of Public Health and Community Services



Mayor's Task Force on Substance Misuse Meeting

Tuesday, 01/20/2026

9:30 – 11 a.m.

Facilitator: Savitri Horrigan, Behavioral Health Specialist

Location: City Hall Auditorium, 3rd Floor

Minutes

Partner Updates

- ARC: An update was provided on the Milford Memorial Project that will share stories of children and loved ones who have died from overdoses. The project has limited bed capacity due to space constraints.
- Police Department's Opioid Abatement Program, small group sessions are being held to help individuals connect with available resources.
- Division of Public Health and Community Services: An update was given on the Opioid Fatality Review Committee, noting that members will be legally appointed and that the appointment process is currently underway.
- AMR: A press release has reported a decrease in overdose deaths in New Hampshire. This progress was highlighted as a testament to the collective efforts of all involved. New Hampshire has moved down from being ranked second in the nation.
- Harbor Care: shared information about the MERIT program for individuals with a history of homelessness. Referrals should be made to recovery houses. While there is a waitlist, applications are being accepted.

Encampment and Warming Station Update

- Two small encampments remain on private properties.
- The Warming Station is serving an average of 40 guests each night.
- A resource fair will be held on Point In Time (PIT) Day to support data collection. There are many volunteers, and efforts will be made to capture data from additional areas. Over 30 locations in Nashua will be included in the PIT count. Hospital data is pending, and follow-up will occur once information is received. The resource fair format will make it easier to engage individuals. Nonprofits and agencies plan to participate by providing giveaways and services.

BH Breakfast

- MOTF Legislative Breakfast
- Date: January 30
- Time: 7:00–8:30 AM

	• Location: Southern NH Medical Center Conference Room
Funding Update	• SAMHSA training funding was temporarily cut but has since been reinstated. • There is no update on settlement funding. The remaining \$400,000 is being used to support Warming Station payroll. Additional funding opportunities are available through Granite United Way, and agencies may apply. A state request for applications is forthcoming. Updates will be provided at the next meeting. • The federal government is prioritizing funding for states that focus on harm reduction efforts. Additional funding is available, including some through opioid abatement funds. Harm reduction and prevention are key priorities. Data is used to justify the use of funds for harm reduction and prevention.
AMR Data for December 2025	• Total overdoses: 8 cases, with 0 deaths • Location: Most overdoses occurred at home or residence-4 (50%); Public Building/Area – 3 (38%); Business/commercial areas – 1 (13%) • Residency: Majority were Nashua residents (50%); 38% in unhoused population. • Naloxone (Narcan): Given prior to arrival in 63% of cases(5).
SSANA Report	• Client Engagement & Outreach: While unique client count dipped slightly, outreach and secondary peer contact volume increased significantly — indicating deeper engagement per participant and stronger peer network mobilization. • Despite a slight dip in naloxone kits distributed, SSANA supported over 130 more overdose reversals in 2025 than 2024 — suggesting stronger bystander response and/or increased potency of substances in circulation.

Next Meeting February 17, 2026