

New Hampshire Regional Public Health Networks (RPHN)

Building a Safe and Healthy New Hampshire



There are 13 Regional Public Health Networks (RPHNs) involving broad public health interests, including local health departments and health officers, health care providers, social service agencies, schools, fire, police, emergency medical services, media and advocacy groups, behavioral health, and leaders in the business, government, and faith communities, working together to address complex public health issues.

One way the networks are building regional capacity is through the work developing a comprehensive, effective, and well-coordinated substance misuse services (health promotion, prevention, early identification and intervention, treatment, recovery support services) Continuum of Care (CoC) in each RPHN.

Continuum of Care (COC) Development in New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services (BDAS) has determined that the best way to prevent and/or decrease the damage that substance misuse causes to individuals, families, and communities is to develop a robust, effective and well-coordinated continuum of care in each regional public health network, and to address barriers to awareness and access to services. Regional continuum of care development work is carried out within RPHNs by a fulltime COC facilitator. CoC development will coordinate efforts with emerging initiatives (e.g., Integrated Delivery Networks), as well as works with primary health care and mental health service providers on collaboration and integration to ensure that people in need of services can find help no matter where they seek it.



The role of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Facilitator is to bridge the components of the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Continuum of Care in their respective networks, including **health promotion, prevention, early identification and intervention, treatment, recovery supports** and coordination with primary health and behavioral health care.

Key Objectives of the COC Facilitator

1. Increase Awareness of/ Access to Services

Assure that every resident in every community in every region can get information or help no matter where they seek it.

2. Improve Communication and Build Collaboration

Assure that providers (including primary and mental health) are aware of each other's services, work together to develop referral relationships, and inform CoC development needs based on service utilization.

3. Build Capacity/Expand Delivery

Assure increased capacity through the expansion of existing services and/or the development of new services.

Ways we are working to address needs

Needs	How we are addressing the needs	How we will know if we are successful
Prevention education in schools	Collect data to better understand the gaps in early childhood prevention	Increased prevention services available in the region
Coordinated assessment and referral process	Understand assessment and referral process and assist/guide organizations in increasing consistency across organizations	Increased coordination reported among partners providing care assessments and referrals
Access to substance use disorder treatment	Address the barriers of those in need of services without insurance	Increased access to services
Support Groups	Develop a recovery network to build recovery capacity	Increased support services for family and friends of those suffering with the disease of addiction

CARROLL COUNTY COALITION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH

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Vision Statement: *that the people of Carroll County understand addiction as an illness of the mind, body and spirit; are free from the stigma associated with addiction; and actively support prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery.*

The CoC closely aligns with the work of the 1115 Medicaid Transformation Waiver Program in Integrated Delivery Network Region 7 as well as 2 of the 6 community health priorities as identified in

Carroll County Promise 2020: C3PH's Community Health Improvement Plan:

- Access to Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services
- Substance Misuse and Addiction

For more information about Carroll County Coalition for Public Health's work regarding the Continuum of Care, go to: <http://www.c3ph.org/continuum-of-ca> (603)301-1252 x303.