CARROLL COUNTY RESPONDS TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

Minutes – August 5, 2025

Prevention – Continuum of Care Workgroup

Meets First Tuesday of Feb, Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec.

FMI:

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See Minutes and Agendas here:

http://www.c3ph.org/initiatives/continuum-of-care-for-substance-use-disorders

See Shared Folder for flyers and announcements here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BFsX-kCE6IZ2VfKwWa2gB6IJ0vWaV wr?usp=sharing

8:55 Register for Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtceigqDluHtRorTn80ou-lizThDOxqgR8

Attendance:

Ed Talbot	Executive Director, NH Council on Problem Gambling,
	info@nhproblemgambling.org
Kate Ratka	Recovery Friendly Workplace Advisor, Recovery Friendly Workplace,
	kate@recoveryfriendlyworkplace.com
Jackie DiFonzo	Children Unlimited Family Resource Center, jdifonzo@childrenunlimitedinc.org
Jennifer Smith	Addiction Medicine, Maine Health Memorial Hospital,
	Jennifer.L.Smith@mainehealth.org
Angelic Macut	Addiction Medicine, Maine Health Memorial Hospital,
	Angelic.Macut@mainehealth.org
Sarah Cain	Community Engagement Coordinator, New Futures, scain@new-futures.org
Katherine Leswing	Office of Social and Emotional Wellness, NH Department of
	Education, Katherine.A.Leswing@doe.nh.gov
Matt Plache	Executive Director, White Horse Recovery,
	Matt@whitehorseac.com
Troy Barnes	White Horse Recovery, troy@whitehorseac.com
Caleb Gilbert	Director of Public Health, C3PH, caleb.gilbert@graniteuw.org
Catalina Kirsch	Continuum of Care Facilitator, C3PH, catalina.kirsch@graniteuw.org
Jen Thomas	Prevention Coordinator, C3PH, jennifer.thomas@graniteuw.org
Emily McArdle	Outreach Consultant, C3PH, <u>u25carrollcounty@outlook.com</u>

Objectives	Updates	Follow up items, By Who
Special Presentation:		
Building Bridges to	A presentation by Ed Talbot, founder of the NH Council on Problem Gambling. Understanding,	Reach out to Ed for outreach materials
Problem Gambling	Identifying and screening for problem gambling.	(magnets and rack
Solutions. Ed Talbot.		cards):

Connections to substance use disorder and suicide risk, and resources to get help. Ed Talbot See attached slides for more info NH Council on Problem To learn more: Gambling https://www.nhproblemgambling.org/ (603) 724-1605 NH Council on Problem Gambling Helpline: info@nhproblemgamblin 603-724-1605 g.org. Find recovery meetings in NH at https://www.nhproblemgambling.org/get-Kate/Recovery Friendly Discussion about charitable gaming in NH-Workplace and C3PH are The Charitable Gaming Commission is interested in obtaining reviewing legislation about charitable materials. gaming, currently there is a limit of 18 locations in NH for the next 10 years. One piece of legislation is about making a centralized database for voluntary exclusion for charitable gaming/casinos (people can Ed will look further into voluntarily put their names on a list to not whether the casinos are be allowed to gamble or if they do, the liable at all for allowing casino can press trespassing violation people on the voluntary charges, or their earnings will be exclusion list to play and confiscated). Question about whether the will follow-up with Matt. casinos are liable. Discussion about sports betting and young males who are getting involved in that-Could focus prevention efforts on that, especially in high schools. Discussion about protective factors and prevention for problem gambling- Trying to raise awareness about problem gambling, reduce stigma associated with it, protective factors are similar to protective factors for substance misuse. The NH Council on Discussion about how the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs are Problem Gambling is also interested in including problem looking for board gambling- Debbi LaPlante and Heather Gray members (virtual at Cambridge Health Alliance would be great meetings every other month)- If you know of to have on the board. The Commission may also be interested in having Ed do a anyone that would be a presentation as well. The DOE could look at good fit, especially those how to raise awareness on this issue for with legal, educational, students. financial, or medical See a copy of the presentation slides here or backgrounds, let Ed know. contact us for a copy. CC Responds to SUD Flyers Folder here Stakeholder assistance in See CC Responds to SUD Flyers Folder information dissemination here and add your own flyers, event/service announcements. Take a

	look in the Google Folder. Lots of valuable info!
Advocacy	Follow these organization pages and social media sites for opportunities to speak up for access to behavioral health services, prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery: 1. https://new-futures.org/ 2. https://www.naminh.org/take-action/ 3. https://nhhungersolutions.org/take-action/ 4. https://drugfree.org/advocate-for-change/
Strategic Prevention Model: assessment, capacity development, planning, implementation, evaluation - Jen	1. We have launched a Carroll County Youth Wellness Team. For more information contact jennifer.thomas@graniteuw.org The group will meet monthly on 2nd Wednesday at 11 by zoom. Meeting ID: 811 5121 1790 2. Carroll County Veterans Coalition (CCVC) is hosting a free QPR Suicide prevention Training- Thurs. Sept. 25 at Moultonborough Safety Building, 9am to 12:30pm, 3 LADC and 3 Social Worker CEUs are offered for free, please register here 3. CCVC will also be hosting an upcoming free CPR and AED training, no date set yet 4. Mental Health Court for Carroll County, pulling together standard operating procedures 5. In the process of working with SOS Recovery for a Youth Diversion Program 6. CCVC- Doing more work addressing SUD and prevention for SMVF, integrating that and having discussions at the state level. Working with Forge VFR and NH Harm Reduction Coalition, in conjunction with the Ask the Question campaign 7. Planning open houses and school engagement 8. National Night Out tonight, Aug. 5., Castle in the Clouds in Moultonborough, 4:30pm to 7:30pm
Other updates?	

Early	ID	&
Interv	er	ntion

Treatment & Recovery

Memorial Hospital Addiction Medicine:

- Jen: Working with the behavioral health team on safe stimulant prescribing guidelines that Portland is using because it's becoming a bigger problem in this area-Have been seeing an increase in stimulant misuse and seeing a large demand for stimulants from patients.
- Jen will look into some type of gambling screening and will bring that to her team, will get resources for problem gambling to put up for awareness
- Jen is meeting with Maine Health on stigma training for the entire Maine Health system, starting with onboarding employees.
- Angelic is getting involved in an education committee for Maine Health, will help bring some more educational programs to Maine Health
- Angelic needs Narcan- North Conway White Horse could provide some or C3PH can provide some as well
- Catalina has also been in touch with someone to bring a Responding to Addiction training to Memorial in the early Fall

New Futures/Sarah:

- Just completed the budget year, next year coming up is focused on policy
- New Futures is planning on hosting more trainings, including Advocacy 101, lobbying vs advocacy, and how to work with legislators on an individual level
- New Futures also typically does lunch and learns on policy issues

Katherine/DOE:

- Upcoming opportunities:
- Concord school district will be hosting a free NAMI Suicide Postvention training on Aug. 19, register here:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepa ge.aspx?id=NjMqAtnfh02n-HFJV5hYB4rZf4oCKIZFrrPanmZvnBVUQ05O WEIZMzJDVkhPWUFaRUdNVlpEVFI5OS4u&r oute=shorturl

 Starting a MTSS-B (Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports for Behavioral Health and Wellness) Community of Practice for School Staff- Meetings twice a month, see flyer below.

Kate/Recovery Friendly Workplace-

 Continuing to work with the businesses to become Recovery Friendly. Angelic will reach out to Troy about obtaining Narcan from White Horse

C3PH is interested in hosting virtual advocacy trainings with New Futures

Catalina and Jen will share the MTSS-B Community of Practice info to the Youth Wellness Team

Send Kate any Recovery Month related events/activities for the

	 Preparing for Recovery Month in September and working on a Recovery Guide like last year- if you haven't been contacted by Pam who is putting this together or if you have any events or anything going on that you'd like to include in that guide, reach out to Kate or Pam Catalina has been meeting with staff at the Shed in North Conway to collaborate on Recovery Month activities- See events below 	Recovery Guide- kate@recoveryfriendlyw orkplace.com
Flyers/Announcements	Click here to access flyers folder and get information about the following upcoming events NH MCAP Access Line. Provider to Provider Child Adolescent Psychiatry line at Dartmouth August 7 Narcan Training and Distribution, Ossipee August 8 Revolving Coset Back to School Backpacks, school supplies and clothing giveaway, North Conway August 9 Party in the Park, Ossipee August 13 & 20, Understanding Dementia Program by Tamworth Nurses Association August 14 Way Station Resource Fair, North Conway August 19 International Overdose Awareness Day table at MWV Farmers Market August 30 International Overdose Awareness Day table at Tamworth Farmers Market August Calendar for North Country Peer Support – Conway Center Sept. 12 Narcan Training in Moultonborough Sept. 17- Healing a Village Book Club Sep 24 Mental Health Training for Emergency Dispatch Personnel, Moultonborough Sept 25 The Shed Open House Stay tuned for more event announcements for September Recovery Month. Is your Org doing an event? We would love to hear!	

Addendum	News that came in after our August 5	
	meeting.	
	Cranita United May (CUMA) has been	
	Granite United Way (GUW) has been	
	selected by the New Hampshire Department	
	of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS) on	
	behalf of the NH Opioid Abatement Advisory	
	Commission to manage a new statewide	
	Opioid Abatement Community Grants	
	Program. This program, approved by	
	Governor Ayotte and the Executive Council	
	on June 25, 2025, will provide \$10 million in	
	funding over the next two years to support	
	projects that help communities combat	
	opioid misuse and its effects. Fmi	
	https://www.graniteuw.org/our-work/oacgp	

10:30 Adjourn.

Happy Healthy Summer! Thanks for all you do! If you would like to unsubscribe from this email list, send a message that says "unsubscribe" to continuum@c3ph.org.

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Catalina Kirsch, continuum@c3ph.org

You are invited to our next Zoom meeting.

When: Oct 7, 2025 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtceigqDluHtRorTn80ou-lizThDOxqgR8

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



(603) 650-4741

Provider-to-provider child psychiatry support

Dartmouth Health Children's. Consults are available to primary care providers that care for children NH MCAP is your connection to provider-to-provider support from the Child Psychiatry team at and adolescents in NH and are provided by phone, during regular business hours.

HOW IT WORKS



PCP needs support managing a pediatric behavioral health concern Support needs may
be patient-specific or more
general and include diagnosis,
medication, and other
treatment options.



PCP or support staff call the Access Line at (603) 650-4741 to schedule a provider to provider phone consultation

Be prepared to provide patient demographic data, a direct line to the PCP (back office or cell), and scheduling availability.



Child & Adolescent
Psychiatrist returns call
at scheduled time to
complete consult

Most consults are scheduled within 1-3 business days and last about 15 minutes. PCPs can bill for time spent preparing and completing the consult.



Consult recommendations are e-faxed to PCP

A summary of the consult is sent to include in the patient chart.







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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What kind of questions can providers call NH MCAP Access Line about?

A. The Dartmouth Health Children's Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist that supports the Access Line can answer mental health questions about assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning including medication management or other treatments. Examples include questions about specific medication dosing or side effects and help with differential diagnoses or appropriate levels of care.

Q. What's the best way to frame my question?

A. Prior to speaking with the Dartmouth Health Children's Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist we will collect some basic intake data. During the consultation, it is helpful to understand what you are looking for help with and what you have tried so far.

Q. What is the average wait time to speak with a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist?

A. Most consults are available within 2 days of request, depending on the overall volume of requests.

Q. How long will a call take?

A. The average consultation takes about 15 minutes, but you will get as much consultation as you need.

Q. What if I need a response right away?

A. The NH MCAP Access Line is not a crisis service, but NH does have resources to help! NH Rapid Response Access Point (833-710-6477) is a 24-hour service that can help you and your patient determine next steps which may include phone support, dispatch of a Rapid Response Team, or referral to an Emergency Department. More information can be found here:

Acute Crisis Care | Children's Behavioral Health Resource Center (nh.gov)

Q. How do I bill for this?

A. Interprofessional telephone/internet Electronic Health Record Consultation code 99452 may be reported by the treating/requesting physician, NP, or PA for 16-30 minutes in a service day preparing for the referral and/or communicating with the consultant.

Q. How does NH MCAP manage patient data?

A. Patient data and recommendations made during the consultation are recorded in Dartmouth Health's secure, HIPAA protected electronic health record and e-faxed to the requesting provider following the consult. All data used by NH MCAP for program evaluation is de-identified.









FREE NARCAN TRAINING. INCLUDES A FREE NARCAN KIT



- Understand Harm Reduction and the Role of Naloxone
- Understand what Naloxone is
- · Identifying the Signs of an Overdose
- Proper Naloxone Administration
- Necessary Steps and Personal Safety
- Rescue Breathing
- Tips for After an Overdose
- Naloxone Storage
- Where to get Naloxone in Carroll County NH

SAVE A LIFE. CARRY NARCAN.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING AN OVERDOSE PREVENTION TRAINING TO YOUR ORGANIZATION IN CARROLL COUNTY NH, CONTACT CATALINA.KIRSCH@GRANITEUW.ORG



wwww.c3ph.org







STARTS NOW IN CARROLL COUNTY, NH

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Thursday, August 7, 5:30-6:30 at Ossipee Concerned Citizens, 3 Dore St, Ossipee
Narcan Training and Distribution, Ossipee
A free in person training on how to carry and use Narcan/naloxone to respond to an opioid overdose emergency. Open to the public. Includes a no cost Narcan kit.

Tuesday, August 19, 3-6pm, MWV Farmer's Market, NCCC, North Conway

International Overdose Awareness Day Info Table
Carroll County Coalition for Public Health and White Horse Recovery will host a table of resources, information, and Narcan at the Farmer's Market in North Conway.

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Virtual Book Club, Healing a Village, by Mark LeFebvre
Discover how communities can rise together in response to the addiction crisis in Healing a Village: A Practical Guide to Building Recovery Ready Communities. Author Mark Lefebvre shares a message of hope rooted in real-life solutions. https://www.healing-a-village.com/events/maine-dhhs-virtual-book-club

Thursday, Sep 25, 05:30-7:00pm, The Shed, 2977 White Mtn Highway, N.Conway
Recovery Month Open House, The Shed North Conway
Visit The Shed North at White Horse Recovery. Meet the trained Recovery
Coaching staff and learn about services available for walk-in peer recovery
supports including coaching, support groups, community activities and
family supports.

Tuesday, Oct 7, 9:00-10:30am on zoom

OCT

Carroll County Responds to Substance Use Disorder
1st Tue of Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug by Zoom. 9:00-10:30am This meeting
is for anyone in healthcare, social services, public safety, education,
business, government and concerned citizens who want to work together in
a community wide response to substance use disorder.
https://www.c3ph.org/newsevents/events



FREE NARCAN TRAINING. INCLUDES A FREE NARCAN KIT



SEPT 12, 2025 5:30-6:30PM IN PERSON

THE SHED NORTH CONWAY
WHITE HORSE RECOVERY
2977 WHITE MTN HIGHWAY
NORTH CONWAY NH
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SAVE A LIFE. CARRY NARCAN.





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Way Station Resource Day

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH 12PM-4PM AT THE WAY STATION

You are invited to the Way Station Resource Day!

Come and learn what services are available to you

If you need transportation

Contact Troy at White Horse Recovery 603-651-1441 extension 1302



Service Providers register for a table here https://forms.gle/6gWxreA7T1AEt8kT6

The Way Station

15 Grove Street North Conway, NH 03860

Accommodations available, including language access services, upon request before an event at unh.how/request The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer. UNH, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, and New Hampshire counties cooperating. Direct inquiries to unh.civilrights@unh.edu. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

	North Country Peer Si	ry Peer Support	.	August 2025	2025	
	Conway	y Center		Calendar of Events	f Events	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Add	Address: 6 Main Street Conway, NH Phone: (603)447-1765 Hours: Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm	Street Conway, NH 03818 (603)447-1765 nday through Friday am to 4pm		Morning Meditation gam – 10am Community Connection Hybrid Group 10am – 11am Cards & Games 1pm – 3pm Weekly Wind Down 3pm – 4pm	Closed
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31 Closed	Join us for l	unch every Mo	onday, Wedne	Join us for lunch every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12 to 1pm!	1y from 12 to 1	.pm!



FREE TO ATTEND!

NH Multi-Tiered System of Supports for Behavioral Health and Wellness

MTSS-B Community of Practice for School Staff

Monthly support for your MTSS-B implementation!

WHAT TO EXPECT

In this bi-monthly community of practice, participants will connect with others who are implementing MTSS-B and have the opportunity to problem solve with expert coaches around Tier 1 and Tier 2/3 implementation challenges at the school-level.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Membership is open to individuals currently involved in MTSS-B implementation in a school or school district in New Hampshire, at any phase, including early exploration.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Tier 1

First Thursday of Every Month 9:00am - 10:00am Zoom

Tier 2/3

Third Thursday of Every Month
9:00am - 10:00am
Zoom







Use the registration link above, or scan the QR Code to register.

A Community : Understanding Dementia

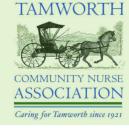


Julie Van Dyne, R.N. is a Positive Approach to Care Certified Independent Trainer with a passion for changing the culture of dementia care. She believes in meeting people where they are and from a place of love.

Where:

Tamworth Community Nurses Association Classroom, 86 Main Street, Tamworth Village

To Register: Call TCNA 603-323-8511



Virtual Dementia Tour

 Take a glimpse into the world of a person living with dementia and how they experience the world

Wednesday, 8/06/25 9:00AM-10:00AM or Wednesday, 8/06/25 4:00PM-5:00PM

Positive Approach to Care (PAC) Approved Workshop

- Normal Aging vs. Not Normal Aging Wednesday, 8/13/25 9:00AM-11:00AM or Wednesday, 8/13/25 4:00PM-6:00PM
- Positive Physical Approach™ & Hand-under-Hand

Wednesday, 8/20/25 9:00AM-11:00AM or Wednesday, 8/20/25 4:00PM-6:00PM

Sign up for 1, 2, or all 3 workshops at no cost to you!

Workshop Objectives:

- Simulate a dementia experience to provide a deeper understanding of a person living with dementia.
- Compare and contrast normal aging versus not normal aging related to various cognitive functions.
- Describe the five sensory input and processing systems, highlighting the dominant role of vision.
- Describe changes in visual processing
- Compare and contrast traditional social greeting and communication efforts with PPA as it relates to reactions and responses from the person living with dementia.
- Practice PPA in simulated situations
- Practice ways to help the person living with dementia to feel productive and valued

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MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING DATES FOR NH EMERGENCY DISPATCH PERSONNEL

Presented by Forge Health - Veterans & First Responders Program (VFR)

PURPOSE

A trauma-informed, in-person training tailored for emergency dispatch professionals, designed to strengthen mental health call management, address habitual callers, reinforce de-escalation skills, promote empathy, wellness & resilience

TARGET AUDIENCE

Emergency dispatch personnel

FORMAT

a full-day in person session 8:00am registration 8:30am - 3:30pm training Includes: light breakfast, lunch afternoon snack (grant funded)

CHOOSE A LOCATION NEAREST YOU

Moultonborough, Sept 24, 2025 at Moultonborough Safety Building

Concord, Oct 22, 2025 at Primex, Bow Brook Place, Concord

Derry, Nov. 5, 2025 at Derry Municipal Center

CORE TOPICS



MENTAL HEALTH 101

common signs, symptoms, conditions,



ADDRESSING HABITUAL CALLERS

understanding motivations, choosing interventions



RESOURCE & REFERRAL NAVIGATION guiding callers to the right supports



DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES

managing heightened emotions; scenarios, practice



EMPATHY & COMPASSION FATIGUE

sustaining empathy and preventing burnout



TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE,

VICARIOUS TRAUMA & RESILIENCE

seeing through a trauma-informed lens, impact on caller & dispatcher, and self-care.











HOST: Carroll County Coalition for Public Health



Sept 25, 2025



9-12:30 PM EST



1035 Whittier Highway (Route25) MOULTONBOROUGH, NH 03254



QPR Suicide Prevention Training











Understand common myths and facts surrounding suicidal behavior



Understand means reduction and how to immediately reduce risk



Recognize and identify common risk factors and warning signs of suicide

This training offers FREE LADC 3.0 CEs and NASW NH 3.0 Category A CEs in Suicide Prevention (NASW NH CE # 4341)







LET'S REDUCE THE STIGMA AND SAVE LIVES

Become a Gatekeeper! Join us for a QPR training, a three-step prevention and intervention training, where you will learn how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, how to offer help, and how to save a life.

Are you 'Asking the Question?' Learn how asking about military service can enhance your ability to best support service members, veterans, and military families!

LIMITED TICKETS. This is a **FREE** training taught by our certified QPR instructor.



Click here or use the OR code.



For further information, email a.baer@harborcarenh.org.

