



**Carroll County Public Health Advisory Council
Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2023: 9:00-10:00am**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87202017044>

Minutes

1. Quick Introductions and updates

Jen Thomas/ Substance Misuse Prevention. C3PH, Catalina Kirsch/ SUD Continuum of Care, C3PH, Caleb Gilbert/ Public Health Director, C3PH, Marianne Jackson/ Age Friendly Community, Gibson Center, Scott Boisvert/ TCCAP Mobility Manager, Lindsay Richardson / C3PH Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Julie Everett Hill/ Dir of Ops, WMCHC, Sue Ruka/ Dir of Community Health, Memorial Hospital, Monika O'Clair/Chief Strategy Officer, Huggins Hospital, Schelley Rondeau/Granite VNA , Sandy Ruka / Exec Director, CC Visiting Nurses Home Care & Hospice

- Caleb: Brief Discussion of required documents for membership in PHAC LT
- Note: Monika O'Clair represents community hospitals on State Health Improvement Plan group. FMI <https://nhliveswell.org/about-report/>

2. Updates and Discussion – CHIP Priorities:

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Across the Lifespan , Lindsay Richardson, Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
 - Gathering supplies information. Hopes to receive challenge grant from AARP to create Emergency preparedness backpacks for older adults. Planning education and outreach related to preparedness for older adults. File of life folders. Pricing materials needed to assemble backpacks. Waiting for the grant decision.
 - Registries by town of vulnerable citizens. Doing outreach to municipalities to encourage registries to identify and respond in emergencies. (ie severe weather events, flooding)
 - Brief mention of state rules change to now allow domestic pets to emergency shelter operations. Also a mention of DART Disaster Animal Response Teams in NH to respond to provide emergency shelter and care for animals.
- Access to Comprehensive Physical Health Services

- Soyla Hernandez – Community Health Worker – has been helping to establish a medical home for clients served. There is a CHW Community of Practice which has statewide membership.
- WMCHC – accepting new patients – Marcelo, NP, bilingual. Have a medical assistant who is bilingual. New Clinical Director Betty Jo Heney.
- Marianne Jackson – one goal of Age Friendly Community is to strengthen telehealth in the region. Sue at Memorial mentioned that some barriers can include provider licensing when they work in both Maine and NH. Huggins will be working on a telehealth strategy. Affordable Internet Access Assistance is ending soon which has helped subsidized access for many. Idea: libraries could loan out hotspots. David Smolen is working on making the Gibson Center into a benefits application assistance center.
- Jen Thomas – mention of barriers for providers to qualify as telehealth provider can be steep.
- Scott Boisvert – found a new driver for Carroll County Transit – Bus will be located at DOT garage in Conway. - At Your Service, Laura Slit, is providing rides. Private pay. - CDC Grant ends May 31. Working on sourcing sustainability. Were able to bring on second garage, Johnson's Auto, Redstone, about 100 people will complete program thru May. Bicycles being donated to Starting Point and MWV Supports Recovery. Families reaching out. Students reaching out for bicycles. Increase anticipated with spring weather. 115 have been donated. Bike drive Sat 10-1 in Jackson. CC Adult Education: will become fiscal agent for bike tech program, seeking new program coordinator to continue the program through a CDS grant, hopefully. Project Updates – send referrals for bike donation. Julie Hill – mention of importance of bike safety community education.
- Access to Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services
 - HRSA grant being examined by a collaboration of partners between Carroll and North Country.
 - Naloxbox installations outreach and installation happening across
 - Anti-Stigma Community Education is a priority. Catalina is now trained to deliver Responding to Addiction Training
 - Youth Suicide Prevention Team is in final year of 5-year grant
 - Veterans Coalition for Suicide Prevention – website is up.
www.carrollcountyveteranscoalition.org Sat May 4, There will be a Carroll County Veterans Conference. See website listed for registration info or email jennifer.thomas@graniteuw.org
 - Working to set up Creating Connections Alternative Peer Groups in partnership with UNH Extension, one in Ctr Conway at Terra Equine Therapy and one at Kingswood Youth Center, Wolfboro
- Healthy Aging

- Marianne Jackson, Gibson Center. Age Friendly Community Coordinator. Role is to help chairs of domains to keep up with logistics of moving work and updates forward. Liaison work with committees such as planning, conservation commissions and others, to keep community alert to the importance of including older adults, their valuable contributions and their needs as part of their outlook and their work. www.mwvagefriendly.org The group is glad to collaborate and promote the initiatives of others.
- Dementia Capable Community Grant is coming to a close. Sue Ruka is working on sustainability to preserve the Community Health Worker position. Want to continue training developed under the grant. Opening minds through Art Program is another item. Palliative Care program – Sandy Ruka. Crossings Grief Program – a lot of interest in revamping the program – how can we revise and reopen and stay under visiting nurses. Stay tuned. Will need a location.
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- Healthy and Thriving Early Childhood Experiences
 - Preschool Development Grant – Carroll, Coos, Upper Grafton – came together to form Early Childhood Coalition Leadership Team. Put in for a Congressional Directed Spending request (enter amount here) Will be used for quality improvement initiatives, mentorship programs for personnel recruitment, retainment; classroom environment, behavioral health classroom strategies. There are two coalitions, one in MWV and one in Southern Carroll County to support early childhood education. Almost 800 childcare slots went vacant due to staffing challenges

3. Emerging Trends or Issues not yet discussed

- a. \$2M of Congressional Directed Spending came into Carroll County
- b. HIV testing, self-administered kits may soon be available at recovery centers. Training from Joan G Lovering Center will be available for recovery center staff.
- c. Cannabis use among pregnant patients
- d. Take Back Day April 27, 10-2. Many police departments in Carroll County participate.
- e. Cyberattack threats – some hospitals are not getting paid related to a Change Healthcare cyberattack. Huggins had suspicious activity recently. Related possibly to Change Healthcare.
- f. Eclipse will bring potentially large numbers of visitors. NH Emergency Operations Center will be open

4. Advocacy Grant with NHCF and New Futures

- a. C3PH will be running advocacy events and awareness activities this spring through June.

5. Wrap-up & Adjourn

Next PHAC EC Meeting: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 19, 2024 at 9am