



**Carroll County Public Health Advisory Council
Leadership Team Meeting
Wednesday, December 17, 2025: 9:00-10:00am**

Zoom

Attendance:

David Smolen, Executive Director, Gilbson Center

Schellee Rondeau, Program Manager, Granite VNA Home Visiting Program for Belknap and Carroll

Caleb Gilbert, Director of Public Health, C3PH

Jennifer Thomas, Prevention Coordinator, C3PH

Lindsay Richardson, Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator, C3PH

Soyla Hernandez, Community Health Worker and Navigator, C3PH

Ardis Yahna, Executive Director, Children Unlimited

Monika O'Clair, Chief Strategy Officer, Huggins Hospital

Kera Favorite, Director of Community and Patient Relations, Huggins Hospital

Chuck Henderson, Office of Senator Shaheen

Agenda

1. Quick Introductions and updates

- Welcome Carrie Burkett, Senior Program Manager-Community Health MaineHealth Memorial Hospital. There are now 2 Community Health Workers on staff. Will lead Community Health Needs Assessment implementation

2. Updates and Discussion – CHIP Priorities:

- CHIP Revision Underway – narrative is in development.
- Draft Priorities:
 1. Community Conditions: Social Drivers of Health (SDOH)
 2. Prevention & Screening: Addressing Chronic Disease
 3. Behavioral Health and Wellness
 4. Emergency Preparedness & System Resilience

3. Emerging Trends or Issues not yet discussed

4. New Projects:

- NH Connect Navigator program is live. Soyla has received several assistance requests and has used the Unite Us Platform to provide resources to clients (see attached outreach material for Connect Navigator). Navigator program is underway. Soyla will split her duties between Connect Navigator and Community Health Worker. Starting to process referrals on the Unite Us platform as well. QR code and rack card available. See attached and please share assistance request form. Soyla can help individuals establish medical home and other connections to services. Before closing a case, Soyla will make sure individual has information they need and then the person can start a new referral at a future date once the current case is closed.

5. Updates

- Jen Thomas –
 1. Mental Health Court launching in Ossipee as a collaboration between Northern Human Services, Wolfeboro PD and the court system for misdemeanors and for persons with health coverage for mental health services; Starting pilot based on prosecutor capacity. Goal eventually is to cover all of Carroll County. Next pilot may be in Tamworth.
 2. Preparing a presentation for the Dept of Education; Suicide Prevention and Military Culture Trainings;
 3. Planning spring Veterans Conference for Carroll County Veterans Coalition.
- Ardis Yahna
 - Holiday season activities
 - Hiring
- Huggins Hospital
 - Year end wrap of activities, implementation plan by January
 - Working on Cardiology program development
 - Pressure on Primary Care Dept due to other regional closures. Those pressures have leveled out a little bit. Access to care did not rise as high in current priority assessment, though access to specialty care continues to be a priority.
 - Concord Hospital opening offices in Wolfeboro.
 - Pain clinics have closed down across the state and the hospital is looking to see how best to meet the needs of local pain management patients. Info needed on MAT
- MaineHealth Memorial Hospital – Carrie
 - MaineHealth Urgent Care looking at a January opening, location in North Conway near Sea Dog Brewing
 - Rural Health Transformation grant and Opioid Abatement grant exploration
 - Food insecurity initiative underway connecting patients to vouchers to food vendors locally
 - Education collaborations underway. Veterans education is planned. There was collaboration with Starting Point. Connecting with schools on youth mental health. Matter of Balance education collab with Gibson Center. Air Fryer class with dietician.
- David Smolen – Gibson

- On pace to deliver 60k meals, contracted for 45k
- Nutrition contracts, subcontracts with organizations to allow Gibson and any org that goes over contract to benefit from unused units at other organizations and have better coordination of meal delivery.
- Air Fryer Education at MaineHealth Memorial Hospital
- Christmas theme luncheon.
- Office of Senator Shaheen – Chuck Henderson
 - Working to speak up for extension of ACA subsidies, which are slated to end at the end of 2025.
 - Spoke words in support of the development of Mental Health Court
 - Spoke in support of Matter of Balance education and falls prevention.
 - Plans for retirement once Shaheen is out of office.
- Schelley Rondeau, Granite VNA
 - Accepting home visiting referrals from the Conway area
 - Is collaborating with MWV Perinatal Quality Collaborative and regional breastfeeding initiative
- Lindsay Richardson – Public Health Emergency Preparedness
 - Closing out school based flu clinic season reporting
 - Caleb: kudos to increase in vaccine uptake. Had stronger school participation. Increase was by 100 students or so!
 - Monika: saw slight increase in drive through flu clinic as well at Huggins.
 - Conducting trainings in Northern and Southern Carroll: Stop the Bleed, CPR/First Aid, and more. Stay tuned and contact Lindsay for more info.
- Catalina Kirsch – Continuum of Care, SUD services
 - Successful collaborations in the fall to deliver trainings: Responding to Addiction at MaineHealth Memorial Hospital; with CC Adult Ed for NAMI CONNECT Suicide Prevention training; with UNH for A.I.D. and Youth Mental Health First Aid; Naloxone Education and Distribution. Contact Catalina to bring any of these trainings to your organization.
 - Coming up in 2026 will be continued work on
 - Carroll County Youth Wellness Team
 - Carroll County Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM)
 - Mental Health Court
 - Transitional Re-entry housing
 - Mental Health Training for 911 Dispatchers
 - Behavioral Health Workforce Development
 - Juvenile Diversion Network Program development
 - New CHIP lists Social Drivers of Health as a priority and that strengthens and backs our presence at workgroups where the focus is transportation and food security.

- We will continue to work towards promoting communication and collaboration between providers, closed loop referrals systems, and promote naloxone and harm reduction education and supplies distribution.
- NH Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry came to Ossipee Dec 16 but it was not as well attended as previous events. Good reminders for area organizations to monitor calendar of mobile food pantry events and promote them when they come to Ossipee or Conway.

6. Wrap-up & Adjourn

Next PHAC EC Meeting: Next meeting will be in March 2026