



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

**Notes**

**Attendance:** Julie Everett-Hill, Scott Boisvert, Sue Ruka, Sandy Ruka, Kera Favorite, Marianne Jackson, Valeda Cerasale, Schelley Rondeau  
C3PH Staff: Catalina Kirsch, Soyla Hernandez, Lindsay Richardson, Jen Thomas, Caleb Gilbert

**1. Quick Introductions and updates**

Introduction of Scott Boisvert to the PHAC Leadership Team. General introductions, round table.  
Caleb-rundown on what the PHAC Leadership Team does, objectives.

**2. Updates and Discussion – CHIP Priorities:**

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Across the Lifespan
  - Lindsay R.- provided updates on school Flu Clinics. 18/20 schools participated. Students and staff attended. Vaccine “burnout” maybe contributed to a lower turnout. But still decent attended. Brewster – did not participate. Robert Frost and North East Woodland, also did not participate. Caleb-vaccination decline since Covid. Would be interested in learning more about the data. Volunteers were abundant. Extra vaccines for Covid-how do we get them out. Caleb reached out to Ossipee Concerned Citizens. Sandy Ruka-will let staff know to ask around during home visits. If any interest reach out to Lindsay or Caleb.
  - Caleb-Flooding from last week. Shelter was activated at KMS but changed to Kennett High School due to rising water. Helicopter rescues. Swift Water Rescue was unable to reach via water. Anyone affected by the flood please call 211. Lindsay-doesn't have to be catastrophic damage, please report to 211. Information will be used to determine if formal disaster declaration is necessary for Carroll County.
  - Caleb- Flooding becoming more common
  - Lindsay - NH jurisdictional Risk Assessment – what will be the priorities for the next 5 years. Surveys are out. Current ID'd – cyber attack, active shooter, heatwave/wildfire, influenza pandemic, anthrax attack, (missed 2). More info. Coming out soon.

- Kera F. – Survey and process was interesting. The details showed an interesting picture
- Access to Comprehensive Physical Health Services
  - Julie WMCHC-non-English speakers patient increase. High levels of no transportation or barriers (cost) for transportation. Travel fund available, but limited. Looking for additional funds.
    1. Caleb-how increase travel fund? Grant?
    2. Julie-fundraising is current method.
  - Caleb- CHW group established. Soyla is spearheading. Assessing capacity currently.
  - Scott-*At Your Service* transportation-paid service, fees being established . Anyone/anywhere for any reason can use. 603.726.6624 from Bartlett to Ossipee.
  - Julie-Medicaid changes /loss making it difficult to receive care. Ie: HIV management.
    1. Caleb – HIV Case Manager- out of Laconia. CC is covered.
  - County Navigator meeting next month
  - Catalina-Jennifer Smith is trying to develop the SUD management
    1. Dental Health services clinic-was it used?
      - a. Julie -urgent dental needs were sent to the dental clinic
      - b. Monthly clinic per Kera, not much more information came through
- Access to Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services
  - Sue Ruka-Jennifer Smith – Director of Addiction Medicine at Memorial Health-working to develop/build according to a model developed by MaineHealth
  - Catalina-telehealth access options.
    1. PIP data from citizens health initiatives available.
    2. ECHO MAT treatments
      - a. Caleb-WMC-UNH PIP trauma informed ACEs screenings
        - i. Other providers do ACES screening
    3. CCSUD meetings-harm reduction focus for 2024
      - a. Naloxboxes out, where?
      - b. Caleb-where, let Catalina know if where. Strategic placing possibilities.
  - Sue Ruka-Memorial hired new BH providers for different ages. Moving along.
    1. MindUp program in some of the schools. Starting in preschools in the spring.
      - a. Caleb-we can talk more about supporting this

- Caleb- Bill to say no SEL in schools allowed:  
<https://legiscan.com/NH/text/HB1473/2024>.. Also many other important bills: -
- Catalina-Youth Behavioral Health Collaborative
  1. Also a CALM trainer
  2. Wakefield staff Connect training.
- Valeda-Fully staffed in Wolfeboro, not in Conway
  1. TERRA Equine therapy – newly licensed.
- Healthy Aging
- Healthy and Thriving Early Childhood Experiences
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CC Veterans Coalition – assessing providers’ knowledge of military care. Also assessing in behavioral health providers as well. Terra Equine therapy – fully up and running in Conway (contact info here). Veterans’ Coalition still seeking suicide. Dr. Smith is now Director of Addiction Medicine. Memorial has increased Behavioral Health Staff. “Mind Up” program. Looking to hire 5 clinicians in Conway (using Terra Equine to help fill current needs). Wolfeboro up to full capacity.

- Healthy Aging

Marriane retiring as Gibson Center ED. David Smolen will be taking over as ED on 1/16/24. Marriane will be staying on as MWV Age-Friendly coordinator. Domain Chair meeting on Friday, 1/5/24. Mobile Integrated Health as health domain. SNAP and nutrition access. Medicare Counseling.

- Healthy and Thriving Early Childhood Experiences

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### **3. Emerging Trends or Issues not yet discussed**

COVID, RSV, and Flu. Seeing higher callouts and more tests.

### **4. Advocacy Grant with NHCF and New Futures**

SNAP and nutritional access. List NF Priorities below. C3PH annual meeting w/ outreach to policymakers in May.

### **5. Wrap-up & Adjourn**

**Next PHAC EC Meeting:** Next meeting is scheduled in March 2024 – lookout for invite.