

Meeting Notes

Introductions & Information Sharing (see list of attendees on last page):

Announcements included:

- NAMI hosting Mental Health First Aid for Veterans and their families (April 30)
- Christine Dyke shared information about training for Community Health Workers (1 day/week for 7 weeks – Alice to forward information via email)
- Suellen Griffin shared that WCBH is about to roll out a new patient scheduling approach, Access to Care. There will be a six-month rollout period.

PHC Meeting Schedule:

The members present voiced support for the current schedule of 8 meetings per year. Members expressed the value of frequent sharing and getting to know new people. Stacy Chiocchio added that Hypertherm does have call-in technology that could be made available as needed.

Transformation Waiver Section 1115 (Medicaid Behavioral Health Integration)

The State of NH has been awarded a waiver that allows the state to receive and spend \$30,000 over the next 5 years to integrate behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse) and primary care for Medicaid recipients and reduce the cost of care. The trick is that this is not a grant that provides new money; it is an incentive to use these funds to bring costs down. Over the 5 years, we must end up revenue neutral.

The State has set up 7 regions across the state. Applications to be the Administrative Lead for a Region are due to the state by May 31st. The application outlines a number of stakeholders who must be included in a leadership team, public health regions included. Not all regions are guaranteed to receive funding. Our region includes the Monadnock, Greater Sullivan County, and Upper Valley public health regions.

The next steps for our region are:

- Convene a meeting of partners soon;
- Reach out to Monadnock and Greater Sullivan County to begin collaboration;
- Steve Voigt suggested reaching out to Paul Bangston (St. Johnsbury) to learn about how Vermont's waiver was handled.

Working Group Development:

Healthy Eating and Active Living (HEAL)

We have scheduled a first meeting of the HEAL working group for April 4th. Will be working to expand this group, develop leadership, and set an initial direction over the next few months.

Aging in Community

Emma Hartswick shared results of her interviews with community-based volunteer and community nursing groups in the region. Alice will send the summary to PHC members. We will also be part of the March 29th Aging in Community Forum and expect to begin playing the role of convener for this group of community partners. The Aging Working Group is beginning to meet more regularly to set an initial direction.

Oral Health

The working group is currently focused on developing a pilot project in NH region of the site-based oral health screening project. Once this work is established, we will broaden the working group to work towards a more comprehensive and sustainable approach to an oral health safety net. Vermont provides a dental benefit

with Medicare, but New Hampshire does not; this fact changes the approach we need to take in NH for referrals. This challenge is part of what we are working through now.

Continuum of Care/Substance Misuse Prevention

The Hanover-based Circle Up! coalition is working with the new cannabis dispensary to reduce the negative impact of this new entity.

PHC Marketing

We expect to send out a Request for Proposals to hire a marketing firm to help us with branding the PHC. We have the website and logo, but need to focus on how to let people know who we are and what we do. We have received some suggestions for whom to send the request to and welcome others. Julia Griffin suggested reaching out to the Dartmouth Consulting Group, undergraduates who have done a great job for the Town of Hanover.

Next Meeting:

Friday, May 20

9:00 to 11:00 am

Hypertherm, 71 Heater Road, Lebanon

Meeting Attendees (March 18, 2016)

Rosemary Affeldt, Halls of Hope Mental Health Court

Jacqui Baker, Dartmouth Hitchcock Community Health

Karen Borgstrom, Partners for Community Wellness

Margaret Brown, Dartmouth Hitchcock Community Health

Stacey Chiocchio, Hypertherm

Gretchen Cole, Senior Solutions

Christine Dyke, Dartmouth Hitchcock Community Health

Alice Ely, MVHI & PHC Coordinator

Jim Esdon, Injury Prevention Center

Barbara Farnsworth, Second Growth

Julia Griffin, Hanover Town Manager

Suellen Griffin, West Central Behavioral Health

Emma Hartswick, MVHI Fellow

Ellen Heuduska, DHMC Pediatrics

Whitney Hussong, HCRS/Hartford Police Department

Stephanie Kelly, Health Promotion Research Center at Dartmouth

Kate Medeiros, Special Needs Support Center

Marjorie Matthews, Parent Advocate, NAMI-NH Volunteer

Brett Mayfield, Spark! Community Center

Wes Miller, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Sharon Miller Dombroski, Kendal at Hanover

Aita Romain, Dartmouth Hitchcock Community Health

Donna Stamper, Parent Advocate, NAMI-NH Volunteer

Steve Voigt, ReThink Health:UCRV

Susan Wnuk, Belknap-Merrimack Community Action Program (WIC, CSFP)