

Meeting Notes

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

- **Havah Walther** has been working as our Vermont Partnership Development consultant. She has sent PHC information to all of our 22 Vermont towns. After trying to collect petition signatures in 7 Vermont, to request funding at Town Meeting, we got enough signatures to get on 4 town warrants: Norwich, Strafford, Chelsea, and Washington. Extreme cold and snow storms got in the way of completing the others. We will start much earlier next year.
- **Brian L'Heureaux** is an MPH student from University of New England interning with All Together. He will be presenting today.
- **Nancy Dumont** announced that APD staff received training the previous week in an effort to be able to do "presumptive eligibility" for Medicaid.
- **Martha Tecca** recommended Tri-State Learning Collaborative on Aging (TSLCA) webinars on housing options.
- **Barbara Farnsworth** announced that the Community Health Needs Assessment survey should be public in 4 to 5 weeks. She asks people to complete and share it. Hartford Community Coalition is also looking for the Coordinator for a 6-month Vermont CURES grant project.
- **Whitney Hussong**, HCRS and Hartford Police Department, mentioned their homeless outreach work. Plain clothes officers connect with homeless people and try to get them connected to services. This is an extension of their CIT work. So far, they have had contact with 5 families, all of whom have gone to the Haven for services.
- **Heather Rigney** announced a Stop the Bleed training in March and an MRC orientation.
- **Jeana Newburn** shared the LSRVNA Bereavement Support Group flyer.
- **Alice Stewart**, MAH, discussed new events at The Junction Youth Center, including social events for LGBTQ youth. In December, they had 40 teens attend. Events are announced on The Junction's facebook page.
- **Donna Ransmeier**, Mascoma Community Health Center, announced that they have over 1,000 patients as of January 1st. They have started their no-cost family planning grant program, providing education to everyone in need of family planning as well as contraception. A family planning nurse practitioner is available 3 days each week in the clinic. They take NH and VT Medicaid.
- **Julia Griffin**, Hanover, described a group in Hanover working on supportive housing options for adults with developmental disabilities and mental health concerns. They are looking at Visions as a model. Tracy Street property (IPHT) has 4 units available for this approach and has the needed permits.
- **Neil Twitchell**, State of NH, announced a lobbying and advocacy training on February 15th offered by NH Public Health Association.

Director's Update:

None given in the interest of time.

PHC Work Sessions:

Environmental Strategies for the Prevention and Harm Reduction of Legal Drugs (Facilitated by Jacqui Baker, All Together)

Observations from a Community Tobacco and Alcohol Environmental Scan: Advertisement and Sale Practices in the Upper Valley of New Hampshire, Bryan L'Heureux, MPH Candidate, University of New England

- Bryan looked at tobacco and alcohol placement and advertising in 45 stores in our NH region. (Presentation available on PHC website's News section).
- AT sent a merchant education letter after the fact.
- Findings included many schools close to schools, most stores are following a number of best practices, but there is still work to be done.
- Some other work is happening in NH to reduce minors access to alcohol and tobacco; e.g., Breathe NH is advocating to raise the legal age to but tobacco to 21.
- House Bill would put the NH State Liquor Commission in charge of selling legal marijuana.

Lebanon Outdoor Smoking Restrictions, Paula Maville, Interim Town Manager

Paula shared information on Lebanon's successful effort to restrict smoking in outdoor public spaces. There have been no problems to date and people are using the designated smoking areas. She shared copies of policy materials and ordinance language.

Tobacco Prevention in the Mt. Ascutney Region, Alice Stewart, Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partnership

- Working in the Windsor and Hartford areas on tobacco advertising, retail density, and use restrictions.
- They have done "counter tools assessment" in Vermont.
- They are thinking about ordinance and zoning efforts that address age-restricted products more broadly so the relevance lasts longer.
- Hartford is trying to ban (or contain) flavored tobacco products.
- Windsor is exploring where people are smoking and what is the impact of second hand smoke.

Working Group Development:

- Healthy Eating and Active Living (Alice Ely)
 - Jan Eberly shared information on Vermont's 3-4-50 campaign.
- Oral Health (Barbara Farnsworth)
- Aging in Community (Alice Ely)
- All Together (Angie Leduc)
 - Announced a February 13th NARCAN Training event at the Kilton Library
- RCC for Emergency Preparedness (Steve Yannuzzi)

Other:

Julia Griffin discussed the push by the Lottery Commission to see that Keno gets on town warrants this March. Hanover Selectboard has elected not to put it on the warrant because there has been no public request for it. Paula Maville shared that the Lebanon City Council voted not to put it on the ballot, but that a group of residents connected to the VFW club are conducting a petition drive.

Next Meeting:

Friday, March 16, 9:00 to 11:00 am
Hypertherm, 71 Heater Road, Lebanon

Meeting Attendees (January 19, 2018)

Jacqui Baker, All Together/DHCH
Nancy Bishop, Grafton County
Bill Boyle, PHC and Partners for Community Wellness
Stacey Chiocchio, Hypertherm
Patrick Christie, Resident
Cathee Clement, Thetford resident
Linda Cook, Norwich
Regie Cooper, NE QIN-QIO
Greg Crowley, Dartmouth-Hitchcock
Hilary Davis, VNH
Nancy DuMont, Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital
Jan Eberly, VT Department of Health, WRJ Office
Alice Ely, PHC
Jim Esdon, Injury Prevention Center/CHAD
Sue Etkind, Grantham resident
Paul Etkind, Grantham resident
John Farrell, Norwich
Jan Grady, CommunityCare of Lyme
Julia Griffin, Town of Hanover
Matt Herbert, All Together
Whitney Hussong, HCRS/ Hartford Police Department
Terry Hyland, VNH
Bryan L'Heureux, University of New England, DHCH Intern
Larry Lowndes, Second Wind Foundation
Paula Maville, City of Lebanon
Emily Musty, Lebanon High School
Jeana Newbern, Lake Sunapee VNA
Donna Ransmeier, Mascoma Community Health Center
Heather Rigney, VT Department of Health, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Alice Stewart, Mt. Ascutney Prevention Partners
Martha Tecca, Community Care of Lyme
Valerie Thompson, Dartmouth Hitchcock Weight and Wellness Center
Neil Twitchell, NH Division of Public Health Services
Kristen Vigneault, Greater Sullivan County Region Public Health Network
Havah Walther, Start Change
Steve Yannuzzi, DHCH, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
Angela Zhang, LISTEN Community Services