

Public Health Council of the Upper Valley
March 19th, 2021

Attendees: Alice Ely, Lauren Chambers, Mark Belanger, Susan Wnuk, Angela Zhang, Chelsey Canavan, Danna Bare, Elizabeth Craib, Em Zanleoni, Faye Grearson, Jeana Newbern, Laurie Harding, Martha Tecca, Michael Redmond, Nadine Lamontagne, Peter Mason, Rudy Fedrizzi, Ruth Storey, Elizabeth McShinsky, Gregory Crowley, Hilary Schuler, Lynne Goodwin, Rebecca Woodland, Sara Kobylenski, Stacey Chiocchio, Susan White, Wendi Germain, Andrea Smith, Birge Jeannette, Havah Armstrong Walther, Heather Murphy Hicks, Kendra Withington, Maggie Monroe-Cassel, Roger Osmun, Carmina Garciadealba, Liz Swanton

Overview of Unite Us Software and Implementation Plans in the Region – Mark Belanger, Region 1 IDN

- Mark shared slides with the group (available with notes)
- Discussion/questions:
 1. Can VT residents be linked into the platform to be served by NH orgs?
 - a. VT residents can be referred through the platform to NH-based organizations that are network partners
 2. What keeps a consumer from cycling through nowhere-land if nobody in the "owner" of their case?
 - a. Intention to address this exact problem, to give more visibility and coordination. Possible to take ownership of a case and orchestrate, there can also be multiple "case managers". No client should be left in limbo, the system works to prevent this.
 3. When cases are shared, which organization does the billing?
 4. What is the nature of the cost if the state says the community has to carry that cost at some point in the future?

UniteUs holds open information sessions (these include a software demo) twice per month. To register for a future session:

<https://uniteus.com/new-hampshire-events/>

Contact Nadine Lamontagne, Unite Us, nadine.sacco@uniteus.com, for more information.

Community During COVID - Social Media Campaign - Alice Ely

PHC worked with Dartmouth students on a media campaign to address COVID fatigue to highlight to great successes that have happened in the last year. Students interviewed local community organizations and created social media posts to be shared. Alice can share these source materials, please share the posts!

Updates on COVID Vaccination Efforts Across the Region

- **Vermont:** Rudy Fedrizzi provided an update.
All up to date information can be found here: www.healthvermont.gov
Timeline for vaccinations for all VT residents coming soon
Educators and childcare clinic on 3/29 in WRJ area still has open appointments.
- **New Hampshire:** Alice Ely provided an update.
NH has started vaccinating school and childcare staff.
Congregate living sites, community mobile clinics in rural areas are ongoing.
Homebound visits have begun. VNAs and APD are vaccinating their own patients. Laurie Harding offered this information: If people have questions about vaccinating homebound clients, please email nhmobilevacs@dhhs.nh.gov.
Starting to think about clinics for NH food service workers 50+

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Opportunities for Partner Sharing

April 24th – National Drug Take Back Day

(https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/#:~:text=DEA's%20next%20National%20Prescription%20Drug,potential%20for%20abuse%20of%20medications)

Waypoint has hired Danna Bare as manager for their soon-to-be Family Resource Center of Quality. Welcome Danna!

HIRING: Hartford Community Coalition: is hiring for our summer meals program. Take A Bite Out of Hunger is a robust 9-week program that began 7 years ago with a goal of feeding our Hartford students who are served by free/reduced meals during the school year. We now serve the greater Hartford and Lebanon area (and the UVPHC is a key partner in connecting us with funding for our Lebanon neighbors' meals) - last year we distributed almost 30,000 meals in Hartford and Lebanon. It's a FUN, FAST and REWARDING way to spend a summer. Please pass these job descriptions on to your college students, teachers, and others looking for short-term employment this summer.

- Job Descriptions (3) attached to Notes email.

HIRING: Twin Pines hiring: Real Estate Development Manager, be part of building affordable housing. <https://www.tphtrust.org/employment/>

NH Advocacy Alert: Greg Crowley shared about House Bill 544 – seeks to prohibit content related to race and gender in organizations that are state funded. Will share brief and opinion piece (attached to notes email). Scheduled for House vote in April 7th-9th, then would go to Senate, then Governor. Gov. has said he would veto it in its current form, but he could sign an amended version.

New Futures has advocacy alerts you can sign up for to be updated on legislative actions as then progress. NH Businesses for Social Responsibility has signed a letter opposing and several NH businesses are joining.

For each week's legislative calendar: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/caljournals/default.aspx>.