

## **PHC Partner Meeting**

**August 20<sup>th</sup> 9-11am**

**Attendees:** Alice Ely, Lauren Chambers, Andrea Smith, Danielle Mackey, Barbara Farnsworth, Hilary Schuler, Lyrica Stelle, Rudy Fedrizzi, Anna Hullinger, Roger Osmun, Kym Williams, Laura Vanderhill, Elizabeth Craib, Liz Swanton, Regina Anne-Cooper, Stephanie Bergeron, Michael Redmond, James Esdon, Peggy O'Neil, Kristin Barnum, Heather Rigney, Nadine Lamontagne, Wendi Germain, Stacey Chiochio, Janice Eberly, Rob Schultz

### **Agenda:**

**9:00 am – Welcome**

**9:05 am – COVID-19 Updates**

NH (Anna Hullinger): Continuing to offer and schedule community-based clinics and location clinics with partners. Looking for more MRC volunteers for fall clinics coming up.

VT (Rudy Fedrizzi): VT cases increasing to about 100+/day now with higher numbers of people hospitalized and in the ICU; contract tracing and testing capacities are ramping back up, meaning some folks are being deployed back to these roles again; hired an epidemiologist (Lyrica Stelle), who will be working specifically on COVID response for the time being.

- For updated data on Vermont cases and vaccine rates: [www.Healthvermont.gov](http://www.Healthvermont.gov)
- Some folks are frustrated that without the Governor's emergency authorization, the State of VT is no longer providing detailed guidance for schools and other settings. Guidance to schools that is out now is brief and offers suggestions. No movement at this point to reinstate emergency authorization.
- VDH is planning for booster distribution when it is authorized, 3<sup>rd</sup> doses being recommended for people who are immune compromised, and 2-11 year olds.
- VT National Guard is currently running clinics for children ages 12 to 16 and we have recently learned that they will continue in this role through December 2021
- At this point, 85% of Vermonters have at least one dose of vaccine.

### **9:20 am – West Central Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Response Team (Roger Osmun)**

There are 10 community mental health centers in the state are currently responsible for conducting mobile crisis outreach. In Jan 2022 the statewide crisis line will be active (Beacon). WCBH still receiving calls through our center until the Beacon line goes live.

Anyone experiencing crisis contacts the Beacon state line – many calls can be handled by phone. When they cannot, they dispatch the closest mobile crisis team (WCBH serves our catchment area and sometimes wider).

WCBH creating two office-based teams (Lebanon & Claremont) to successfully meet the goal to arrive at a crisis in the community within the one hour parameter. Two teams gives Beacon the opportunity to have one team deployed and one on standby when needed.

- Previous state model was emergency services (ES) typically responding at ER's to determine next steps in hospitalization and stabilization. Goal is to reduce hospitalizations and over-utilization there. When crises are small and early, they can be mitigated in the community.
- Can serve anyone in the state regardless of residence, wherever they need

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- Will take a while to change the culture in the community to get people to use this service and not first responders and ED depts.
- Workforce challenges – only half staffed right now as we work to build up the program

### **9:40 am – Vital Communities Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Projects (Rob Schultz)**

Secured funding for a new program to build cohort of non-profit organizations who will come together with their leadership teams to engage in learning around diversity, equity, and inclusion. Training and supporting organizations to develop action plans for long-term work. Creating a community of practice for accountability and shared learning. Selecting 4-6 non-profits, build a cohort for learning, and coordinate action planning. If pilot year goes well, funders would like to see this keep recurring.

### **10:00 am – PHC Strategic Planning Initiative (Kym Williams)**

Working on strategic planning process for FY2022-2025, organizational level plan (different work than the CHIP). Kym's slides are included in email with notes. The survey link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3RSW37S>

### **10:20 am – Partner Sharing & Discussion**

- DHMC CHNA link will be open until end of September.
- Barbara Farnsworth announced the date of the next Team Up Take Action Conference is November 4, 3:30 to 6:00 pm (virtual). Registration details to follow.
- DHMC and partners are planning a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vaccine Confidence ECHO series for the fall. To learn more about the ECHO format go to: <https://www.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/project-echo>
  - Rudy and the team are looking for a few ECHO planning committee partners who represent social service provider organizations to represent the perspectives of the people we hope to get vaccinated. Planning Committee members will be asked to attend one planning meeting, attend as many of the sessions as possible (4 to 7), and provide feedback after each session to improve upcoming sessions. Please email Rudy or Alice if you'd be interested in being part of the planning team.
- Rudy also shared that the CDC disparities grant is still pending, but his team is considering how they may be able to use these funds to address housing insecurity in their district.
- Alice shared that PHC is recruiting a VISTA and is looking for ideas to help with housing if needed. Please let her know if you have thoughts.
- PHC is also planning community flu clinics in October. Details to follow soon.