

Public Health Council of the Upper Valley

Partner Meeting

March 18, 2022

Notes

Attendees: Alice Ely, Lauren Chambers, Barbara Farnsworth, Andrea Smith, Chris Dugan, Jean Zanni, Roger Osmun, Rachael McMillan, Kathy Stocker, Danielle Mackey, Peter Mason, Jeana Newbern, Gretchen Cole, Anthony Knox, Anna Hullinger, Hilary Schuler, Liz Swanton, Rudy Fedrizzi, William Boyle, Lindsey Boisvert, Tara Bielaski, Nadine Lamontagne, Kathleen Vasconcelos, Laurie Harding, Stacey Chiocchio, Angie Leduc

COVID Update:

NH (Anna Hullinger):

- # of positive daily cases and hospitalizations are decreasing
- Mask mandates are starting to be lifted locally – Hanover, Dartmouth College, etc.
- State of NH closing vaccination and testing sites on March 31st. There will still be some capacity for the Mobile Vaccine Vans to provide clinics, but this will be reduced.
- Barbara explains the NH Declaration of a Public Health Incident expires on March 31st; Standing Orders state fixed site and RPHN vaccine clinics are authorized under that declaration and, without it, there is no mechanism to support clinics. The Mobile Vaccine Van contracts operate under different standing orders. This does not mean these things will end completely, but makes it more difficult for RPHNs to hold clinics.
- One vaccine clinic at Lyme Fire Station on 3/23 from 2-6pm
- Waiting for updates on the 65+ 4th dose rollout, and other boosters for rest of population – no information at this time
- Alice has supply of rapid testing kits to give to NH organizations to keep services open. Contact her to request 10 to 20 kits.

VT (Rudy Fedrizzi):

- VT also seeing their daily positive cases and hospitalizations decreasing
- Nearing sufficient inventory of therapeutics, so the Governor is relaxing restrictions
- Bulk of existing vaccine clinics seeing low turnout, need is very low and so will start closing those around 4/15 and shift to primary care. Also transferring this before the 6 month-5 year vaccine is approved; primary care sites likely better to provide these vaccines anyway.
- Moving away from fixed testing sites and to all home testing.
- Guidance for exposure or positive test has been simplified.

Rudy also announced an upcoming **blood drive** hosted by the American Red Cross and UV Medical Reserve Corps. Details:

April 4th, 11:30 am -4:00 pm

Link to DONATE www.redcrossblood.org or use the scan code on the attached flyer

Link to VOLUNTEER: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAAAC2EA0F8CF8-redcross>

Poster available and attached to PHC Partner Meeting F/U email.

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Community Health Improvement Planning Update:

Barbara shared a slide on the timeline for D-H's CHNA and CHIP that will be created over the next five months. Currently in the reflections and input phase, then will move into CHIP creation phase. Will have more information in a sharable format by mid-April. Liz Swanton says the APD approach to CHIP development will be similar. Anthony Know shared that VNH is still finalizing their planning approach.

Held two community summits – one in the morning (2/23) and one in the evening (3/2). 25 volunteers helped facilitate, take notes, and serve as subject matter experts. About 125 people attended the summits. Notes will be coming to the PHC website soon. PHC Advisory Council will help finalize plans for creating the CHIP. We will likely bring some of the discussion to future meetings. Hope is to follow some key principles, such as:

1. Work with existing groups/structures to develop priority-specific plans as available;
2. Focus plan around:
 - a. Collaboration
 - b. Education
 - c. Advocacy
3. Keep it simple and measurable.

Young Adult Assessment Discussion:

Danielle Mackay presented results of a recent assessment for young adult substance misuse strategies in the Upper Valley and Greater Sullivan County. Some data came from the 2019 NH YA assessment, which included responses from about 2,700 people. Data is from before the pandemic.

Assessment Resources:

- Slides available and attached to PHC Partner Meeting F/U email.
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Young Adult Assessment Final Report (UV & GSC) available and attached to PHC Partner Meeting F/U email.
- For the 2019 NH Young Adult Assessment Report: <https://drugfreenh.org/for-young-adult-providers/>

Danielle asked for feedback and input from meeting participants:

1. How does the data reflect what we see in the community?
 - a. Hilary Schuler says these results align with more recent work in the community (AT).
2. How can we use this information to better serve young adults?
 - a. Hypertherm HOPE Foundation wants to do more in area of prevention. This information will be useful.
3. Looking at recommendations (Slide 16), which should we focus on?
 - a. Anything that involves finding young adults where they already are. Where do young adults connect now?
 - b. Work with schools to connect with students before they graduate. Mary Drew, of Reality Check in Jaffrey, NH, has a specific certification to work in schools in this way. <https://www.realitychecknow.org/prevention-intervention>

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- c. How can we influence prevention at the time of transition for youth/young adults (17 going on 18 and graduating into work or college)?
4. Who else can benefit from the information provided?
 - a. Legislators, at Legislative Breakfast
 - b. Schools
 - c. Chambers of Commerce (UV Business Alliance, etc.)
 - d. Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative (Stacey Chiocchio can help get word out)
 - e. Vital Communities Corporate Council
 - f. Upper Valley HR group (Stacey Chiocchio has contact)

Partner Updates:

Blood drive April 4th from 11:30-4 in WRJ – Details and links provided on page 1.

Good Neighbor Health Clinic – 2nd Thursday LGBTQ health clinic, free 18+ - low engagement so far, looking for more patients! Flyer attached to PHC Partner Meeting F/U email.

ALL Together in the process of planning events/trainings for the month of May – stay tuned!

VT CDC Health Disparities Grant update –

1. Large grant awarded to Southern VT AHEC to support CHW advancement in VT.
2. The Haven applied for funding to integrate health care and mental health services for the homeless.
3. PHC is going to be the host location for the equity coordinator role (job description available). Kick off March 29th, 9-11am – Information sheet attached to PHC Partner Meeting F/U email.

Stacey (Hypertherm) – Volunteer Fair on May 17th, from 10 am – 4 pm. Open to the public at Heater Road site, Lebanon. Flyer attached to PHC Partner Meeting F/U email.

WIC - Cash value for fruits & veggies remaining at increased level. Similac formula recall, alternative brands can be purchased. Information attached to PHC Partner Meeting F/U email.

UV Medical Reserve Corps – If you're interested in joining the MRC, there is information on the PHC website, as well as information about Stop the Bleed classes. <https://uvpublichealth.org/featured-partner-upper-valley-medical-reserve-corps/>

Next meeting May 20th – stay tuned for information about if/when we might return to in person meetings or a hybrid of both options.

- Dwinell room at APD could be available for groups to use. Will soon be outfitted with technology for hybrid meetings.
- Hypertherm is scheduling outside meetings again.
- Alice asked what people prefer for meetings going forward. Remote meetings have brought a more diverse group together and reduced some strain of getting between meetings. Many people recommended having a couple in-person meetings a year and using hybrid approaches.