

Public Health Council of the Upper Valley

Partner Meeting

March 17, 2023

Attendees: Alice Ely, Lauren Chambers, Maggie Coleman, Andra Daunhauer, Andrea Smith, Anna Hullinger, Anthony Knox, Barbara Farnsworth, Brett, Bridget Mudge, Bridgett Taylor, Cara Baskin, Chelsey Canavan, Cherry Sullivan, Emily Zanleoni, Eric Harbeck, Hanna Brooks, James Esdon, Jeana Newbern, Jenny Levy, Kate Stokes, Kym Williams, Laurie Harding, Lindsey Boisvert, Lisa Champagne, Lyrica Stelle, Martha Tecca, Meghan Butts, Nizhoni Maddox, Paige Bielaski, Pamela Bailey, Peter Mason, Regina-Anne Cooper, Roger Osmun, Ruth Storey, Ryan Fowler, Sandeep Krishna Reddy, Sarah Jackson, Stacey Chiocchio, William Boyle, Taralyn Bielaski, Alice Stewart

Recording Available:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rdSmfRfRWE6aTmxqXiElunzAkh6CQFmp/view?usp=share_link

We are working on providing a link via YouTube. Will post to PHC website when available.

Upper Valley Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Intervention & Continuum of Care Work

1. All Together Coalition Plans & Programs for Substance Use Disorder Prevention & Continuum of Care (Slides available)
 - a. Working on new strategic plan for 2024-2027
2. DH Vaping Prevention Resource Toolkit (Toolkit attached to email)
3. Weaving the Safety Net Project (Slides available)
4. Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center's Substance Use Disorder Programs (Slides Available)
 - a. To join the Windsor County Substance Use Disorder Collaborative, contact Anna Urrea (Anna.Urrea@mahhc.org)
 - b. To learn about and order materials (swag) from the We Are Worthwhile Campaign: <https://www.weareworthwhile.org/>
 - c. For the Cannabis and Pets flyers, contact Alice Stewart (alice.stewart@mahhc.org)
 - d. Melanie.Sheehan@mahhc.org
5. Hartford Community Coalition (Emily Zanleoni)
 - a. Emily was not a scheduled speaker, but Alice invited her to share information as well.
 - b. HCC is also providing Naloxone boxes in the Hartford area, using a model that includes audio instructions for how to use Narcan. They are also working on strategies to increase SUD services for teens.

UV Community Health Improvement Plan (Final Draft available)

- Let Alice know if there are organizations missing from the partners lists
- Will be updating priority areas on the website
- Will be listing partner organizations on the website

Partner Sharing

Headrest/Eric Harbeck –

- Headrest became the main call center for 988 in NH again, and serves as the backup call center for VT. They provide a warm hand-off to mobile crisis teams. Be aware that the 988 system still uses the callers area code to route calls, meaning that callers with out of state area codes may need to be routed back to their local services.
- Headrest also hired new Executive Director, Judi Caprio, who will start in April.

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UV Refugee & Asylum-Seeking group/Martha Tecca –

- Upper Valley Welcome of refugees and asylum-seekers – [UV Neighborhood Support Team \(NST\)](#), founded in partnership with Ascentria Care Alliance, and [SHARE](#) (Supporting & Helping Asylees and Refugees) are working to coordinate efforts across the Upper Valley to welcome and support the growing number of newcomers. Please help strengthen connections among service providers, advocates, and businesses. Contact us to share programs or services targeted for refugees or to be part of the organizational effort. Or volunteer as an individual or family! Contact uvnst.welcome@gmail.com or martha.tecca@gmail.com, 603-443-0283.
- Geisel Medical Student Amaka Okorie, who worked with the NST to support an Afghan evacuee through medical appointments, surgery, and recovery, was recently awarded a Schweitzer Fellowship to expand and formalize the medical accompaniment model involving Geisel students. The project plan involves a Community Health Navigation Team, serving as a liaison between the newcomers, students, and welcoming organizations to identify resources and make connections to facilitate access to the best care possible. Would you like to join the effort? Contact martha.tecca@gmail.com or alice.werbel@gmail.com.

HCC/Emily Zanleoni –

Are you, or do you know someone who is looking for a short-term, part time work with HCC's summer meals program Take A Bite Out of Hunger? <https://www.hccvt.org/programs-taboooh> we are looking for someone to help us stay organized with State and Federal paperwork!

CommunityCare of Lyme/Martha Tecca –

Planning programming for May's Mental Health Awareness Month. Asks how best to connect mental health and substance misuse?

Mental Health First Aid/Laurie Harding asks is there is a charge to take this class –

- Hartford Community Coalition can provide for free.
- In NH, UNH Cooperative Extension can provide classes for free.

Next meeting May 19th will be in person, if possible, location TBD.