

Public Health Council of the Upper Valley

Partner Meeting

May 17, 2024

See list of attendees at the end of the notes.

PHC Partner Meeting Topic: Violence Prevention & Lowering the Temperature in Public Discourse

Angie Leduc and Jim Esdon, Injury Prevention Center, Dartmouth Hitchcock Population Health

Using examples of the Injury Prevention Centers firearm safety programs, Angie and Jim discussed their approach to changing the dynamics of divisive conversations by recognizing the complexity of the issue, finding common ground, and using language as a way to be neutral, welcoming and avoid being divisive.

- *Presentation Slides are available on the PHC Website and attached to email.*
- Discussion Notes & Questions:
 - I'd be interested in seeing this data alongside intersectionality data, like disability, race, and LGBTQ+.
 - Interested in an example of using person-first language around firearms? Most of the examples were around person first language with disabilities. Struggling to understand how it would be used around firearms.
 - Report presented at recent Alcohol Policy Conference has relevant information: [2023-may-cgvs-alcohol-misuse-and-gun-violence.pdf \(jhu.edu\)](https://www.jhu.edu/~pep/2023-may-cgvs-alcohol-misuse-and-gun-violence.pdf)

Post-Meeting Reflections from Tracey Hayes:

Thank you all for attending and participating in the May 17th PHC Partner Meeting: Violence Prevention & Lowering the Temperature in Public Discourse.

It was an honor to facilitate this meeting. I hope you will indulge me in my personal reflections and thank you. Angie and Jim, thank you for walking us through your important work in violence prevention as well as sharing your personal experiences for better communication and presence for the work. Coupling “lowering the temperature in public discourse” with the update on violence prevention efforts, for me, added a means to better connect with this important information. Your data presentations painted clear facts of the human suffering and death due to violence, whether intentional and unintentional, experienced in NH and VT. I was personally moved and more attuned by the evidence, discussion, and resources. I so appreciate all the work of Angie and Jim as well as all those in the room to decrease lives affected or lost by violence. Thank you for all those who participated.

Partner Sharing & Introductions

June 18, 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Free Connect Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training

Virtual, offered by ALL Together. *Flyer attached to email.*

For more details and to register:

[GSCPHN/ALL Together Mental Health Trainings - Google Docs](#)

July 10, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Free Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Virtual, offered by ALL Together. *Flyer attached to email.*

For more details and to register:

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Multiple Dates & Locations. *Flyer attached to email.*

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training: Harm Reduction and Naloxone

Offered by ALL Together.

Rudy Fedrizzi

- Be on the lookout for ticks and practice good prevention.
- Measles and Mpox are on the rise, consider vaccination and reach out to Rudy for help.

Mark Boutwell

- VT has changed how they administer case management services in long term care through Medicaid, shifted to Area Agencies on Aging immediately, therefore looking to hire 6 case managers ASAP in Upper Valley area.

Kathy Stoker

- Hosting an advocacy collaborative in September around authentic community partnerships and firearm safety. Will be watching documentary "Hear Me."

Beth O'Donnell

- Working with DHMC on Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Need support from partners to distribute surveys at events (such as LISTEN Meals). Survey will be open at least until the end of June, and more results are needed from participants under 45, participants who make less than \$50k per household, and participants of color. Focus is on APD and DHMC service areas.
- *PowerPoint attached showing current response statistics.*

Nancy Kreis

- Mid-April we did final COVID vaccine clinic (for now), after successful awareness and promotion campaign about getting boosters.
- Currently working on Integrated Preparedness Plans for the region.

Rebecca Desilets

- Lebanon winter shelter closed down after successful first season, 53 individuals had needs.
- Plan to continue winter shelter next winter at same location, and potentially use same space for non-winter months for other needs while the Haven is working on establishing a permanent shelter in WRJ.
- Twin Pines is adding affordable housing to the community at various locations. The Haven secured funding for rent support and in-services in support of housing targeted to people who experience homelessness.

Jim Esdon

- Running 20th Safe Kids 301 NH Motor Speedway event next Thursday, May 23rd. Registration is at 4:30 pm and participants are allowed on the track from 5-9 pm. There is a link on DH Children's Facebook page: [\(5\) Safe Kids 301 20th Bike Safety Event | Facebook](#)
- Also working on drowning prevention, water temperatures are still cold, we have life jackets available and will be launching a loaner program in 20 communities soon.

Jeana Newbern

- Will be offering foot care clinics this summer in the Upper Valley

Angie Leduc

- Finished Safe and Active Helmet Program - 29 communities received up to 75 helmets for Bike Safety Education
- Can offer Teen Driver Safety Program, Child Passenger Safety Program, and Suicide Prevention Trainings

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Cara Baskin

- Shared about GUVIST (Greater Upper Valley Integrated Services Team) and some of the integration projects underway:
 - Educating people on Lead Prevention
 - Two projects on Early Childhood: Strengthening Families programming and the Early Childhood Service Delivery Integration Network

Stacey Chiocchio

- New campaign “No really, how are you?” at Hypertherm.

Greg Wilson

- Creating a support system focused on families and friends of people who might be using substances destructively (Vershire area). Training more facilitators for the support group.
- Looking to hold an educational event in Thetford and Bradford to potentially offer a 6-week long support group.

Kendra LaRoche

- Special Needs Support Center will have all Police Officers in catchment area trained in Disability Understanding and De-escalation soon
- If you have staff willing to learn about disabilities and de-escalation techniques, reach out to Kendra.
- Training dates for Disability Understanding and De-escalation Techniques:
 - Windsor Police Station: Wednesday, May 22nd (Time TBD)
 - Woodstock Police Station: Wednesday, June 5th; 2:30-4:30pm
 - Hanover Police Station, Thursday, June 6th, 1:00-3:00pm
 - Lebanon Police Station: Wednesday, June 12th, 8:00-10:00am
 - Windsor County Sheriff Station: Wednesday, June 12th 6:00-8pm
 - Hartford Police Station: Tuesday, June 4: 1-3pm AND Wednesday June 5: 8-10am

Kate Frey

- Link to New Futures updates on current legislation in NH: <https://new-futures.org/current-legislation>

Lauren Chambers

- Holding several harm reduction and naloxone trainings this spring/summer - see attached flyer for dates and locations, open to anyone from any community

Andrea Smith

- Held AMHFA trainings with Hypertherm. If anyone is interested in an Adult Mental Health First Aid Training, reach out to Andrea, Lauren, or Hanna

Next Meeting:

Topic: Restorative Justice Trends and Changes in NH & VT

Friday, June 21, 2024, 9:00 to 11:00 am

Location: 71 Heater Rd, Lebanon at Hypertherm

Or Join with Teams on your computer, mobile app, or room device:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 218 036 632 758

Passcode: sVBw5P

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Attendees:

Baskin	Cara	GUVIST
Boutwell	Mark	Senior Solutions
Boyle	Bill	PHC Advisory Council
Brooks	Hanna	DHMC
Chambers	Lauren	DHMC
Chiocchio	Stacey	Hypertherm/HOPE Foundation
Desilets	Rebecca	City of Lebanon
Esdon	Jim	Injury Prevention Center, Dartmouth Health
Fedrizzi	Rudy	VDH/WRJ
Frey	Kate	New Futures
Hayes	Tracey	Public Health Council of the Upper Valley
Jackson	Sarah	Vital Communities
Kreis	Nancy	Dartmouth Health
LaRoche	Kendra	Special Needs Support Center
Leduc	Angie	Injury Prevention Center, Dartmouth Health
Mudge	Bridget	Hanover Community Nurse
Newbern	Jeana	LSRVNA
O'Donnell	Beth	Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital
O'Neil	Peggy	WISE
Redmond	Michael	The Haven
Smith	Andrea	DHMC
Stocker	Kathy	DH CHAD
Storey	Ruth	CHaD Family Advocacy Board
Wilson	Gregory	
Zanleoni	Emily	Hartford Community Coalition