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Serving the communities of: Atkinson, Chester, Danville, Derry, Hampstead, Londonderry, Plaistow, Salem, Sandown, Windham

All important work requires commitment, dedication and patience.

NETWORK COLLABORATORS

PROJECT LEADERSHIP Granite United Way, Contractor to DHHS Kate MacDonald, MPH - Lead Substance Misuse Prevention and

Continuum of Care

Subcontractors to Granite United Way

Greater Derry Community Health Services Donna Tighe, Lead Public Health Advisory Council

and

Community Health Worker/Health Disparities Grant

Parkland Medical Center Colleen Monks, Lead Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Medical Reserve Corps

The work required to identify, plan a response and act on the most pressing issues related to community safety, substance use prevention, education as well as mental health and equity issues in the region requires the commitment and cooperation of many partners.

They include: Regional First Responders, School Districts, Community partners such as SoRockNH, The Upper Room a Family Resource Center, Community Alliance for Teen Safety, Londonderry YMCA, Granite United Way, Parkland Medical Center, The Center for Life Management and numerous other human service agencies in the South Central region.



PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (PHAC)

SOUTH CENTRAL NH

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In the last year, the PHAC has supported the work of each Scope of Work in the network in delivering their critical services, but *broken* new ground in two important areas.

- Working with Amoskeag Health, the Upper Room and the Derry and Londonderry Police Departments, the PHAC is focused on establishing an ACERT(Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team);
- PHAC has been focused on improving food security in the region with partners;
- The PHAC Lead has been fulfilling an appointment to the Senate RPHN Committee to study the delivery of public health services through the Regional Networks;
- o PHAC is always looking to add new members interested in the health and wellbeing of all.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION/ CONTINUUM OF CARE (SMP/COC)



- The SMP/COC Scope focused on partnerships and targeted work in the region.
- o Social media messaging that reached an average of 1,700 users each month;
- Grad Tags were provided to graduating seniors at Pinkerton, Timberlane and Londonderry High School providing "adulting advice" on a handy key fob;
- o Prom tickets were provided with cautionary messaging on Alcohol, OD and social hosting;
- o Reducing harm, 30 Naloxboxes were installed with 150 individual Narcan doses provided;
- Worked with the NH Harm Reduction Coalition to create and run a harm reduction ad campaign, which ran 7,439 times at AMC Londonderry from 8/28/23 to 11/19/23;
- Plans are underway to provide an elementary school in Derry with Calming Boxes for distressed students and to support a Talk They Hear You campaign in the year ahead.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS (PHEP)



- The PHEP team is always focused on building strong relationships with community partners. • With the Winnipesaukee Public Health Network in the Spring, PHEP developed and
 - conducted Mission Set Workshops and a Table Top Exercise for NH Emergency Response Volunteers;
 - PHEP is working closely with the NH Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery on a Family Assistance Center (FAC) Plan including FAC and Reunification Toolkits to be shared with state, local and community partners when completed;
- In June 2024, PHEP also conducted the annual Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop with regional partners, where Family Emergency Preparedness and Reunification Planning were identified as Preparedness Priorities for the region.

Health Disparities/Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)



Health disparities exist when there are avoidable and unfair differences in access to critical services. They primarily impact those who have experienced greater social or economic obstacles based on their race, ethnicity, education, literacy, income level, sexual orientation or disability.

- This year, the SCRPHN, through Greater Derry Community Health Svcs., and The Upper Room, case management and support services to utilized to connect over 1,200 individuals facilitating connection to over 1,600 services and supports that they need including SNAP, Fuel Assistance, Electrical Assistance, Medicaid, Medicare Savings Plans, Social Security Benefits, VA programs, legal aid, WIC, unemployment and COVID related resources when able.
- The work has continued into the new year and client volume remains high. At the same time, introducing ways to increase knowledge and skill with an eye towards independent navigation within the human service system is also a secondary goal of the grant.

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