



COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes

October 15, 2021

Next Meeting: November 19, 2021

ZOOM 9-10:30

Vision: *We envision an integrated Franklin Community that fosters the overall health and wellbeing of youth and families.*

Mission: *Our mission is to increase accessibility to local supports and resources that nurture healthy reliant youth, families and schools in the Franklin Community through collaborative partnerships.*

Participants: Note the hyperlinks that should get you directly to the participants' email. Please let me know if yours is incorrect.

[Jule Finley](#), Curriculum Coordinator SAU 18
[Craig Houston](#), Merrimack County Human Services- Community Prevention Coordinator
[Deanna LaFrazia](#), Center Manager for Franklin Family Resource Center and Tilton
[Kayla Robbins](#), DCYF Concord
[Kandyce Tucker](#), Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force
[Carol Stone](#), Lakes Region Community Services Community Collaborations Coordinator
[Melissa Lee](#), UNH Cooperative Extension
[Eva Thurston](#), Early Head Start, Home Based Services Coordinator- Franklin, Laconia
[Carisa Corrow](#), Educating for Good, Portrait of a Franklin Graduate Facilitator
[Kristen McGraw](#), UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center
[Krystal Alpers](#), Franklin Parks and Rec
[Tara Nelson](#), Riverbend Community Mental Health Center- Franklin
[Kristen Forge](#), Health First
[Nicole Clark](#), Health First
[Samantha Ratacik](#), Winnisquam Regional School
[Sarah Fox](#), Portrait of a Graduate/ NH Alliance of Early Childhood Coalitions

Not present today

[Kathryn Conway](#), UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center
Sara Skoglund, Governor Wentworth
[Taylor St. Jacques](#), FHS Intervention Counselor
Rebecca Kennedy, Merrimack Valley School District
[Kimby Wade](#), Partnership for Public Health
Linda Sheff, Winnisquam Regional High School Counselor
[Heather Garcia](#), Lead School Psychologist/ Project Aware Grant Manager, Hillsborough
[Ashley Douthart](#), Health First
[Mike Foss](#), Chief, Franklin Fire Department
[Steve Swanson](#), Lakes Region Community Services Community Collaborations Coordinator
[Dan Legallo](#), Franklin Superintendent
[Lynn Haskell](#), Merrimack City Juvenile Services
[Councilor Jay Chandler](#), Franklin City Council
[Brian Bernard](#), Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of NH

[Sarah P](#), CCCNH- Crisis Center of Central NH
[Kelsey Heinemann](#), Family Support- Merrimack County
[Ken Darsney](#), FMS Principal
[Karen Kersting](#), UpReach
Stephen Jordan, [Innate Therapeutic Services](#)
[Robin Djurta](#), [GTAFC](#)
[Alexis Mango](#), FHS sophomore student
[Jennifer Campbell](#), New School Counselor at FMS
[Jamie Bryant](#), new SAPC for Franklin School District
[Jillian Burns](#), Merrimack County Advocacy Center
[Scott Burns](#), Pemi Youth Center Franklin, School Board
[Megan Kelliher](#), PSS School Counselor
[Sandy Alonzo](#), NAMI NH
[Anya Twarog](#), Head Start
[Tina Poirier](#), DCYF Concord DO Resource
[Susan Blair](#), Principal Paul Smith School
Tom Anderson, My Turn, Job Developer (275-0203): has left position as of April 2021
[Tim Dow](#), Chairperson Franklin School Board
[Oriana Filiault](#), FMS Intervention Counselor

SCHOOL UPDATES:

School Functioning Updates and Priorities:

- School year- social, emotional, mental health needs are front and center this year- some students, this is their first full year of full in person education- we swapped times so our schools are adjusting to that- high school has created an entire new schedule- we are down staffed/ biggest gap is in para educator positions and we have a few other gaps
- Counseling department has struggled with staff out for various reasons- we have been at about half staff for most of this year so far- team is working really well to support each other and work together
- A lot of covering for each other
- behavioral issues are frequent as are mental health crisis (suicide), disclosures about abuse that is ongoing and also happened during covid and is now being revealed- a lot of DCYF referrals
- Barb has worked with Tara to get out some suicide prevention materials and resources for the community
- covid cases are daunting as well and add extra stress- especially at middle and high school
- some parents are choosing to keep their children home as cases increase and/or because they do not wish for their children to wear masks
- Craig asked about how students were receiving their education while home- Barb stated that it's individualized based on grade levels and schools
- Samantha gave an update from Winnisquam- mental health is at forefront- assistant principal has already done multiple bullying investigations- tolerance is an issue school wide- Winnisquam Edit/ an Instagram page where they are posting slandering, nasty posts about students and staff- social media is a challenge- Gruller- social emotional curriculum rolling out to middle and high students but some are resisting- covid cases

are a struggle as well as staff absences- there are some positives: Homecoming, Bear Ambassadors- hiring a new Business Teacher- looking for a biology teacher

- We have a nice space for outside supports to come in and use- we are calling it student support area- furniture is coming! If there are resources that should go into that space- let Barb know!

Grants Updates:

- **Promising Futures Grant:** just learned we got that from NH DOE- \$38,000- intention is to do Tier I implementation and MTSB- will do curriculum and training for staff- One Trusted Adult workshops- mostly PD and student support- wrote in bringing a trainer to provide the Peer Leadership on Suicide prevention
 - **Portrait of the Graduate:** Big picture thinking at this time- next week we are having student design sessions with a facilitator coming in- centering around how the Portrait applies and how they would like to see the school move forward- October 27 there is a dinner to offer discussion on POG and overview of the Portrait
 - **STOP Grant-** Department of Justice- work day is November 9- training day on Threat Assessment Teams
 - **SAP:** Barb needs to talk with Kandyce- Jamie is our SAP and is now counselor extraordinaire
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Partner Updates, Announcements, Needs

Kimby Wade: Partnership for Public Health:

BARB provided updates and flyers are attached:

- Drug take back day
- Int'l survivors of loss day
- Support for survivors of suicide loss group
- NH suicide prevention conference- November 3 and 4- there is scholarship money available

Tara Nelson, Riverbend Community Mental Health Center- Franklin

- been in FMS and FHS- 3 clinicians going into both schools- some weekly and some every other week
- going into Andover as well- have not started going into Winnisquam yet- Tara and Sam will connect on that
- understaffed but plugging away- hospital discharges take priority and have been on the rise

Carisa Corrow, Educating for Good, Portrait of a Franklin Graduate Facilitator

- Dinner on October 20 at Elks Club 6-8 pm
- We have seats available- it's free- just need to bring your brain to help do some thinking on how Franklin can be a playground for learning!

Kandyce Tucker, Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force

- October 23- Fall Fest in Franklin- also Drug Take Back Day at CVS
 - there will also be lock boxes at Fall Fest

- Still have spots for tables- 300 people or so
- All kinds of families- need more Soup makers!!
- Starting to look at a giving tree for Christmas time- email Kandyce with families and information- want to have set in November
- Trunk or Treat- you need candy for about 200 children

Kristen McGraw, UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center

- Wrapping up programming on October 27
- will have had 7- 3 week sessions- served 16 kids
- after school program was not hugely attended- had about 9- 10 kids
- in November they will begin planning for spring to reopen in early May and run through October- if anyone would like to talk about putting together a group, talk to Kristen
- During the winter- people can go to Goffstown and work with the horses inside

Barb Slayton, Franklin Office of School Wellness

- October 5- 80- 100 participants watched film *Tre Maison Dason* and stayed for panel discussion.
- Fantastic event with a lot of positive energy
- Carol said it was life changing for her
- Kandyce said the kid's room was great- they were very well behaved- the panel discussion itself was amazing- was amazed by the number of people

Early Childhood Coalition through Greater Tilton/Franklin Area Resource Centers

- Barb is leading workgroup help meet basic needs of struggling families- if anyone is interested let Barb know- focus is on early childhood- looking for ways to publicize the resources or find new ways to get those to people- first meeting is next week on zoom-
- Sarah Fox is on a workgroup focusing on the transition between preschool to kindergarten to build a program with family support

Eva Thurston, Early Head Start, Home Based Services Coordinator- Franklin, Laconia

- still looking for teachers- about 12
- had an event planned for people to see the facility but no one signed up
- some classrooms are closed due to short staffing and some are combined
- almost fully enrolled

Kayla Robbins, DCYF Concord

- DCYF reporting is down but that does not mean that it is not happening during covid
- now reporting is up and they are seeing more than they have before
- totally back to doing everything in person and seeing kids in person and in schools- will be asking to do more of that in schools

Carol Stone, Lakes Region Community Services Community Collaborations Coordinator

- the help on the CMT team helped her connect to 3-4 other places
- really appreciates the support from this team

Craig Houston, Merrimack County Human Services- Community Prevention Coordinator

- everything is public knowledge- but the money coming into the county- they are having weekly, and monthly meetings on how to spend that money- looking at global populations and housing

- Put an RFQ out to see who does the servicing and how to make it happen- an RFP will eventually come out next month

Melissa Lee, UNH Cooperative Extension

- SAMSA grant- helping to reboot and stand up in partnership with Drug Free NH
- working with colleagues- means there is a variety of trainings and tools
- great ways to network- get on their mailing list
- producing a series of videos to be used by community organizations
- next meeting is November 5 from 8:30- 11:30 am- contracting with Frameworks who will be joining to talk about how to Frame Adolescent Development- Melissa will send information to Barb