



COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Minutes

January 21, 2022

Next Meeting: February 18, 2022

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.

Barbara Slayton

[Deanna LaFrazia](#), Center Manager for Franklin Family Resource Center and Tilton

[Kandyce Tucker](#), Franklin Mayor's Drug Task Force

[Tara Nelson](#), Riverbend Community Mental Health Center- Franklin

[Eva Thurston](#), Early Head Start, Home Based Services Coordinator- Franklin, Laconia

[Kristen Forge](#), Health First

[Carisa Corrow](#), Educating for Good, Portrait of a Franklin Graduate Facilitator

[Kimby Wade](#), Partnership for Public Health

[Nicole Clark](#), Health First

[Matt Gross](#), CAP Merrimack/Belknap County Head Start

Claire, Plymouth State, Intern for Lakes Region Community Services

[Kristen McGraw](#), UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center

[Crystal Emery](#), Headstart

[Sam Ducharme](#), Lakes Region Consultant, NH DOE Office of Social and Emotional Wellness

[Krystal Alpers](#), Franklin Parks and Rec

[Carol Stone](#), Lakes Region Community Services Community Collaborations Coordinator

Not Present:

[Kelsey Heinemann](#), Family Support- Merrimack County

[Ken Darsney](#), FMS Principal

[Oriana Filiault](#), FMS Intervention Counselor

[Craig Houston](#), Merrimack County Human Services- Community Prevention Coordinator

[Tina Poirier](#), DCYF Concord DO Resource

[Kayla Robbins](#), DCYF Concord

[Linda Sheff](#), Winnisquam Regional High School Counselor

[Kathryn Conway](#), UpReach Therapeutic Equestrian Center

[Jule Finley](#), Curriculum Coordinator SAU 18

[Melissa Lee](#), UNH Cooperative Extension

[Samantha Ratacik](#), Winnisquam Regional School

[Sarah Fox](#), Portrait of a Graduate/ NH Alliance of Early Childhood Coalitions

[Taylor St. Jacques](#), FHS Intervention Counselor
[Ashley Douthart](#), Health First
[Mike Foss](#), Chief, Franklin Fire Department
[Dan Legallo](#), Franklin Superintendent
[Councilor Jay Chandler](#), Franklin City Council
[Brian Bernard](#), Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of NH
[Sarah P.](#), CCCNH- Crisis Center of Central NH
[Karen Kersting](#), UpReach
Stephen Jordan, [Innate Therapeutic Services](#)
[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
[Sandy Alonzo](#), NAMI NH
[Anya Twarog](#), Head Start
[Susan Blair](#), Principal Paul Smith School
[Tim Dow](#), Chairperson Franklin School Board

SCHOOL UPDATES:

Franklin: Limping by today... 10 counselors in district and 5 are out, ½ building admin are out, lots of staff out... lots of creative and energetic things happening despite the pandemic. Still open to volunteers and outside providers... we know that while resources are down, needs are up.

Winnisquam: Nobody from Winnisquam was able to attend today's meeting because they are experiencing similar issues and absences. Tricia Eisner from the Resource Center will reach out to Linda Sheff regarding coordinating community efforts in WRSD.

Grants Updates:

- **Promising Futures Grant: Barb** MTSSB implementation grant
 - 1/19/22 **NAMI NH CONNECT** training, 4 hour introduction to the model for peer education, gatekeeper training... 10 staff from Franklin including teachers and counseling staff as well as staff from Interlakes and NewFound SD, Ascentria Healthcare and a couple community members. About 23 participants with 4 CEUs.
 - There is an all day training in middle of February with about 10 high school students along with the adults who were there on Tuesday. Sophomores and Juniors are getting trained in suicide prevention and then can train 9th graders. Connects Trained students can train staff and adults. There is a provider room at the high school for Health First, Riverbend etc.. The room has new furniture that has more comfortable space.

- **Portrait of the Graduate: Carisa**

- **STOP Grant: Barb**
 - [Link to NaBITA Risk Rubric we learned about and will be working to incorporate into practice in Franklin schools](#)
 - Department of Justice Grant... Stop Grant... id, manage and assess violent threats... working to adopt a model that helps us so that we can collaborate with community partners.

- Merrimack County has a STOP grant... they are going to give an overview of some restructuring. We are no longer sending truancy referrals to Merrimack County Diversion because it was not proving effective, as there were several “repeat” offenders. Instead we will be able to access [3rd Millennium](#) program to provide Evidence Based, online learning module to students based on specific needs.
 - **SAP: Barb**
 - Continuing to teach [LEAD](#) in middle school, provide individualized supports
 - Jamie will be starting an Adventure Club to introduce/support participation in exciting outdoor activities
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Partner Updates, Announcements, Needs

Upreach: Kristen...

- Horses are coming back to Merrimack County May 2-October with a few off weeks in between sessions.
- Looking to do a program for women who experience trauma.
- Also working with at-risk youth and parents. (Resilience Reins)
- Franklin ACERT team is up and running

Greater Tilton/Franklin Area Resource Center: Deanna...

- Resource Center in collaboration with PARK in Plymouth is offering a Recovery Coach program in March. Anyone can take the classes even though they are not becoming a Recovery Coach. Example, if you want to participate in only Suicide Prevention you can just pay for that class. These will be on Zoom.
- Play groups at Bessie Rowell continue. Thinking about how to make space for parents to socialize while kids socialize.
- Active Parenting class registration coming soon.

Lakes Region Community Services: Carol Stone...still have 900 board books about Lead testing.

Franklin Mayor’s Drug Task Force: Kandyce...

- cancelled February event because of covid; it will be an outside event later in the spring.
- Current legislative action proposes changing YRBS to “opt in” HB1639.
- New mentoring grant for Elementary to Middle School students. In conjunction with Parks and Rec.

Head Start/Early Head Start: Eva...still taking applications for Early Head Start and home based programs. Virtual services for home based. New application is coming for pre-natal Early Head Start.

Riverbend: Tara... still looking for 2 therapists and have 60 kids on the waiting list.

Health First: Kristen... waitlist is not as long Riverbend

- marriage counselor is now at Health First
- problem is finding space.

Partnership for Public Health: Kimbly...

- NH Rapid Response Access Point brochure is ready to be shared with the community; NAMI NH is doing a presentation on 1/27.

- Kathy Ireland Recovery Center just opened up in Laconia. Looking for starting Sober Living Housing.
 - Partners of Community Wellness: Prevention Summit coming back focusing on mental health.
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Discussion about **Emergency Housing Assistance**... frustration that some people report a three month wait on applications through CAP, and wondering what the barriers/solutions might be. After the meeting, Eva provided this email update:

Hello all,

I connected with Freeman from CAP and addressed the issues you have been experiencing. I will quote him here to get his message out to you all.

"We are constantly battling volume. Currently the wait time is approximately four weeks which is the shortest wait time of all the CAP Agencies But we are always trying to improve the system. We are presently dealing with worker shortages due to Covid but are also in the process of trying to get some additional team members to keep up with the increase in volume."

"The biggest thing I'm noticing on the clients' end is that they don't have working voicemails and they are not checking their emails in a timely fashion. That is the most common factor in why an application is taking longer than it should."

"If folks have a question or need an update on their application have them reach out to nherap@capbm.org or call 603-841-3440"

Freeman said that it is best to email to the email provided above rather than his.

I appreciate that this was brought up today and out in the open. It is always best to ask someone directly from an agency if issues arise. People can then explain and we can move forward. Otherwise, potentially wrong messages can make their rounds. Again, thank you Deanna!

Warmly,

Eva Thurston