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ASSOCIATION

Representing
Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers
in New Hampshire

NH Providers Association Newsletter

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Save-The Date for The NHPA's Annual Meeting!

Date: July 20th, 2017

Location: Mills Falls at the Lake - Meredith, NH

Time: 9am-3pm

Registration and agenda coming soon!

Become a Member Today

The NH Providers Association has a beneficial membership for everyone, whether you work directly in the field of substance misuse, work with populations in need of substance use services, or are studying to work in the field, the NHPA has a benefits package specific to your unique needs as an individual or agency! Learn more about the benefits of membership by visiting [OUR WEBSITE](#).



Complete [THIS APPLICATION](#) for membership to join.
Send the application to kiri@nhproviders.org or mail to:
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Or, support our mission by [DONATING](#) today!

Regional Collaborative Meetings

The NH Providers Association is excited to announce its NEW Regional Collaborative Meetings! The NHPA will be working with the region's Continuum



Letter from the Executive Director

Happy April!

I hope you are all enjoying the great weather we have had this week. It felt great to walk dog and do yard work this weekend!

As you can imagine, NH Providers Association has been focusing on a few legislative initiatives over the last couple of months. We have been focusing on a few specific bills. Please be sure to review our legislative update to review NHPA's legislative priorities for this session.

We have a couple of dates for you to save!

First, we will be convening our **Annual Meeting on Thursday, July 20th at the Mills Falls in Meredith from 9am-12pm**. Following the Annual Meeting, providers will have the opportunity to earn two (2) CEUs at our Confidentiality: New Rules and New Practices training program from 1pm - 3pm. Lunch will be available from 12pm-1pm. Please stay tuned for registration information for our Annual Meeting, lunch, and/or our Confidentiality: New Rules and New Practices training.

Second, we are so excited to announce our annual conference information! As you know, this year we partnered with NHADACA to host the 2016 Behavioral Health Conference. This year we will be partnering with both NHADACA and the Community Behavioral Health Association to host the 2017 NH Behavioral Health Conference and Public Policy Summit. **The 2017 NH Behavioral Health Conference and Public Policy Summit will be a two day conference on November 6th and 7th at the Radisson in Manchester.** Please mark your calendar and look out for coming event information and registration.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to NHPA if you have questions or concerns. We are always happy to hear from our members!

Enjoy the spring sun!
Courtney

Legislative Update

The NH Providers Association is working to track, monitor, and affirmatively support and oppose legislation that impacts substance use disorder providers.

The Providers Association is affirmatively working on the following pieces of legislation.

- **SB 43 - relative to non-academic surveys administered by a public school to students**

SB 43 seeks to require parental consent for non-academic services. However, there is a carve out for the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). NHPA will work to ensure that carve out continues to be included.

- **SB 54 - relative to licensure of alcohol and drug counselors**



of Care facilitators, NHPA members, and other stakeholders to organize quarterly collaborative meetings. These meetings will allow providers, across the continuum of care, and other key partners to convene and discuss their current concerns, receive important information, and determine what other informational needs they may have. At these meetings, providers will also have the opportunity to discuss the best ways to assure communication and collaboration between providers in order to assure that clients seeking help are connected to a compressive continuum of care no matter where they seek services.

Provider swill be courage to use this time to not only discuss concerns with each other, but to discuss regional barriers to the NH Providers Association so that the Providers Association can work with them and the Regional Public Health Networks to identify solutions.

[CLICK HERE TO FIND A COLLABORATIVE NEAR YOU](#)

Committee Work Opportunity

The NH Providers Association Board has established two new committees -The Policy Committee and the Membership Committee. Each committee will meet every other month.

The Policy Committee will work to establish direction for the NHPA advocacy work. The membership committee will work to identify new members and member needs, and strategize and carry out engagement and retention efforts. As members, you are the experts on what our community of professionals need.

The committees will be comprised of at least three board members, and at least two provider members. That's you! If you are interested in getting involved at the board or committee level, please contact Courtney@nhproviders.org.

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SB 54 is currently drafted to achieve a few different goals:

1. Increase the number of hours required for initial licensure for a MLADC or LAI Although this seems counterproductive when we are facing a workforce shortage change will bring NH's education requirements parallel with IC & RC standards, therefore allowing for reciprocity.
2. Amend RSA 330-C to deem a provider who is already licensed in another state that meets the NH licensure requirements able to practice in NH not more than 30 days after their complete application has been received. The board shall adopt administrative rules to ensure timely review and approval applications.
3. Requires all occupational regulatory boards provide information about reciprocity and license renewal on their websites
4. Establishes a committee to study the LADC Board.

NHPA is supporting SB 54 as a measure to address our workforce crisis.

- **SB 157 - relative to network adequacy and consumer rights under managed care law**

SB 157 sets out require a health carrier to notify consumers, at least annually, of their consumer rights. This written notification would be approved by the Insurance Department. Additionally, SB 157 also requires a carrier to notify a covered individual of their right to out-of-network services when they contact the carrier directly requesting for assistance in finding clinically appropriate in-network care. NHPA will continue to work to advocate for the passage of this bill.

- **SB 158 - relative to authorization for clinician-prescribing substance use disorder services**

SB 158 prohibits insurance carriers from requiring a prior authorization or utilization review, after the initial prior authorization, for a MAT prescription for 30 days. NHPA will continue to advocate for the passage of this bill.

News and Resources

Funding Opportunities:

The Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services has a couple of request for proposals open:

[Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Support Services \(RFP-2018-BDAS-01-SUBST\)](#)

[Substance Misuse Prevention Direct Services \(RFP-2017-BDAS-04-SUBST\)](#)

Be sure to regularly review the RFPs the DHHS website. [Click here](#)



National Council Contracting Training Program

The National Council Contracting Training Program prepares community behavior health organizations to negotiate beneficial contracting arrangements with payer vendors, employees and other provider organizations.

Program participants study four areas:

- Contracting Basics, including types of contracts, remedies and unlawful contracts
- Standard Contract Provisions, including scope of services, arbitration, confidentiality, insurance, indemnification, severability and amendments
- Types of Healthcare Contracts, including confidentiality, business associate agreements, employment, professional services, affiliation, managed care and accountable care agreements
- Contracting Process, including conflicts of interest, competitive procedures, preparing and conducting negotiations, and reviewing contracts

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Interested in preserving the financial future of your organization? Check out the Contracting Training Program RFA and submit your application before COB on April 2017.

For more information about the National Council Contracting Training Program, please contact Adriano Boccanelli at AdrianoB@thenationalcouncil.org or (202) 774-165

New Membership Experience Coming Soon

You may notice some changes in the coming months.... the NH Providers Association is revamping our website, email formats, and overall user experience!

In our efforts to better serve our membership community, we are upgrading our website, database, and membership platform to enhance your membership experience. Our website will become more user-friendly to make sure you get the information you need easier! Soon, members will be able to take advantage of:

- Upgraded advertising in our membership directory. Use your online membership profile to advertise your programs and services on our soon-to-be newly redesigned and streamlined website.
- Individualized member landing pages on our website, so you have the information you need most easily accessible.
- No more email forwarding necessary! Link your organizational membership to all of your employees so they can get the most up-to-date information on learning and networking events, grant opportunities, and legislative and association updates.
- A more robust job listing page; resources and toolkits; social link options to connect with other providers you collaborate with; integrated event registration, renewals, and make-a-payment options; and so much more!

We can't wait to reveal our new look! As always, let us know if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions!

Exercising Your Nonprofit's Tax Alternative Could Mean Thousands in Savings

Recently, your organization received its first quarter unemployment tax notice from the state.

Have you ever wondered about the gap between what you pay in taxes and what your former employees actually collect in unemployment benefits? Last year, after evaluating more than 100 eligible nonprofit organizations, UST found they were **losing a combined \$4,781,957**.

By Federal law, 501(c)(3) nonprofits do not have to pay state unemployment insurance taxes.

Endorsed by NH Providers Association since 2013, UST helps organizations like yours to keep more money in the nonprofit community without compromising the benefits paid out to deserving former employees. More than 2,200 organizations are already benefiting from a cost-effective way to exercise their unemployment tax exemption and lower the hidden costs of HR, like hours spent filing paperwork.

If you're a tax-rated employer (or already direct reimbursing), please submit the online [Unemployment Cost Analysis form](#) and UST will readily determine whether you can save time and money with their program. If you are currently overpaying, a UST Cost Advisor will provide you a custom two-year savings projection for free.

It only takes about 15 minutes to fill out the form-and UST participants often see savings of up to 60%-so we really encourage you to do it today.

When you join UST, you'll be introduced to your dedicated Unemployment Claims Advisor, receive access to a live HR hotline and nearly 300 employee training courses within 48 hours. Expedite your free Cost Analysis, go to www.ChooseUST.org/savings-evaluation and enter Priority Code: **2017NHPA-E**.

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