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Representing
Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers
in New Hampshire

NH Providers Association Newsletter

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NH Providers Association
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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 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

Letter from the Executive Director

Happy February!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful winter. I was fortunate enough to get some on the slopes after I was hitched on the 11th. The conditions were amazing. New England is really a magical place to live and work!

As you can imagine, we have been popping over the State House and Legislative Office Building to track, monitor, and oppose and support legislation. Additionally, the NH Providers Association has also been working to coordinate regional collaborative meetings. We will be reaching out directly to our membership in each region. Stay tuned to a Collaborative coming near you!

Stay warm and enjoy the rest of this snowy winter!
Courtney

Legislative Update

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

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

- SB 158 would prioritize authorization and utilization reviews for medications to treat substance use disorders for 24 months after the initial prior authorization is obtained.
- SB 157 requires health insurance carriers to annually notify a consumer of their appeals rights and ability to access out-of-network services if services are not reasonably available in-network.



News and Resources

The Legal Action Center has released a brief overview of SAMHSA's Final 42 CFR Part 2 Rule.

The Legal Action Center ("LAC") has released a brief overview of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration ("SAMHSA")'s Final Rule on the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Patient Records ("42 CFR Part 2" or "Part 2"). The Final Rule (which makes changes to 42 CFR Part 2), and a Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("SNPRM") (which proposes additional changes to 42 CFR Part 2) were published on January 18, 2017. The SNPRM received stakeholder comments on the additional proposed changes.



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 will 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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New Futures

Both the Final Rule and the SNPRM are on hold until at least March 20, 2017, pursuant to a memorandum from President Trump. LAC's overview of the Final describes the major changes in the regulations, which will go into effect on Mar 20th if there is no further action by the Trump administration.

LAC's overview of the Final Rule first summarizes provisions of Part 2 that remain the same in the amended regulations (e.g., who must satisfy Part 2's requirements, information is protected by Part 2, how information protected by Part 2 can be disclosed, and the prohibition on re-disclosure). LAC's review then identifies the provisions of Part 2 that will change when the Final Rule goes into effect (e.g., consent options, Qualified Service Organizations, revised and new definitions, s for records, and the list of disclosures requirement). The purpose of these char to protect sensitive substance use disorder information while responding to a changing health care environment, which has seen increasingly integrated health delivery settings and practices and widespread exchange of electronic health da

[LAC's Overview of Final 42 CFR Part 2](#)

Speak up NH Campaign Launch

Speak Up NH is a campaign designed to address stigma experienced by individuals living with an addiction. It is a rallying cry for NH to change the way we, as a community, think and talk about addiction. The overarching goal is to begin create more supportive, inclusive environment that presents individuals with fewer roadblocks to recovery.

We will be launching the campaign at the Executive Council Chambers where we want you to come and help us stand together to Speak Up against stigma.

When: February 8th, 2017 at 10:00 AM

Where: Executive Council Chambers
107 North Main Street, State House, Room 207
Concord, NH 03301

To RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/speak-up-nh-launch-tickets-31523243871>

One Mind Campaign and the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

The International Association of Chiefs of Police had called on all police agencies in the United States to train 100 percent of sworn officers and other support staff in Mental Health First Aid through the [One Mind Campaign](#). The One Mind Campaign seeks to ensure successful interactions between police officers and persons affected by mental illness.

The campaign also called on police departments to establish partnerships with community mental health organizations to help facilitate more effective responses to calls for service, improve outcomes for people affected by mental illness and public safety.

Is your local police department part of the One Mind Campaign? As a National Campaign member, you can be an important part of this effort in the following ways:

1. Encourage your local department to take the One Mind Campaign pledge and support them by forging a lasting partnership. Read the [Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit](#) to find out how to begin and maintain a successful partnership.
2. Apply for a grant to get your local police trained in Mental Health First Aid. Each year, the Bureau of Justice Assistance distributes grants to local public safety entities and mental health providers through the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program, and you can apply with your local police department. The grant window for Fiscal Year 2017 just opened, so move quickly! The deadline for completed proposals is midnight, April 4, 2017.

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHP) supports innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system. BJA is seeking applications that demonstrate a collaborative project between criminal justice and mental health partners from eligible applicants to plan, implement, and expand a justice and mental health collaboration program. Deadline to apply is April 4th, 2017.

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Granite Pathways RAPS



Granite Pathways Regional Access Point Services (RAPS) initiative has been live since October 31, 2016 receiving more than 800 calls in the first 3 months. RAPS is a statewide initiative funded by the NH Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services which is designed to help individuals and families impacted by substance use disorders navigate access to treatment and recovery services. Through a system of direct provide referrals and working directly with the Statewide Addiction Crisis Line 1-844-71 HELP (4357), Granite Pathways RAPS staff team work directly with clients to provide immediate screening, referral for evaluation and treatment services, critically case management to reduce barriers, and recovery monitoring support. RAPS has knowledgeable and skilled staff who are connected to existing resources and providers throughout the state and can help residents access services within their communities or community of choice. If you would like to learn more about RAPS and/or become a referring partner please contact the RAPS direct line at 1-844-640-RAPS (7277), or email Doreen Shock Director of Programs and Services at dshockley@granitepathways.org

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