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NHPA E-Newsletter



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Representing
Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers
in New Hampshire

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Become a Member Today

The NHPA 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](#), reviewing our [MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS](#) page or by completing an [APPLICATION](#) today.



NH Providers Association

We are pleased to offer you another installment of the NH Providers Association's E-Newsletter!

Why choose the NH Providers Association?

The mission of the NH Providers Association is to represent its members in advancing substance use prevention, treatment and recovery through public policy, leadership, professional development, and quality member services.

We envision a New Hampshire with an all encompassing continuum of care that successfully addresses the public health impacts of substance use.

If you enjoy receiving these updates and communications, consider membership with the NHPA and get even more frequent communications and updates from the NH Behavioral Health Field.

[VIEW OUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS PAGE](#)

[LEARN MORE ABOUT US AND JOIN!](#)

News and Resources

NH Providers Association Policy Update

The Policy Committee recognizes how difficult it is for individuals and agencies to stay abreast of important legislative actions. There are many House Bills and Senate Bills coming out. This year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, many bills will be grouped into Omnibus Bills to expedite the legislative process. This means that the next few weeks are very important for the 2021 Legislative Session. We have identified several Policy Priority Topics that we will be keeping members up to date on as they move through the legislative process:

- Cannabis Reform
- Criminal Justice Reform as it relates to people with Substance Use Disorders

NH Behavioral Health Job Board

The **NHPA JOB BOARD** exclusively serves those representing behavioral health service providers in NH and is promoted to over 3,000 professionals across the state and beyond.

Recent Listings include:

- PHP MLADC, Elliot Hospital - Manchester, NH
- Experienced Substance Use Disorder Therapist, Foundation Medical Partners - Nashua, NH
- ACT Therapist, Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc. - Portsmouth, NH
- Residential Counselor, Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc. - Portsmouth, NH

Regular listings are currently free for NHPA organizational members!

POST OR REVIEW THE LISTINGS TODAY!

In the News

[How did we get here? Diagnosing the behavioral health crisis in New Hampshire](#)

[State mental health system struggles as pandemic continues](#)

[New bill pushes state to help children facing mental health crisis](#)

[Calls for help for alcohol abuse increase as pandemic continues](#)

- Telehealth/Telemedicine
- Equity and Access to Care
- Reimbursement Rates
- The allocation of funds to support New Hampshire's growing unhoused population and the development of Commissions to address the housing crisis.
- The State Budget which will be released as HB1 and HB2.

The NHPA has added a **POLICY PRIORITIES** page on our website so that you can keep abreast of our current legislative work. Members will receive weekly updates regarding time-sensitive updates on bills, hearings, and our position on key issues that impact our members.

NH STATE SENATE PUBLIC GUIDANCE FOR REMOTE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

We are happy to inform you that it is now very easy to weigh in on state bills through Zoom and an online sign-in sheet. We are including a link below that will take you to the NH Legislature website to sign in, in favor or in opposition to a bill, speak during a public hearing on a bill, or submit a letter regarding a bill.

To sign in to speak on a bill or to simply register support or opposition, you will utilize the newly created calendar sign-in form located on the general court website available here: <http://gencourt.state.nh.us/remotecommittee/senate.aspx>

For more detailed instructions, [CLICK HERE](#)

BUILDING FUTURES TOGETHER NH

Building Futures Together is a training opportunity for paraprofessionals interested in helping children, youth, and families. This program is designed to prepare paraprofessionals in healthcare and school settings to provide specialized enhanced care coordination to children, youth, and their caregivers impacted by opioid use disorders (OUD) and other substance use disorders (SUD).

Training for the second cohort will begin in Fall 2021

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METHAMPHETAMINE USE DISORDER BREAKTHROUGH, NEW HHS GUIDELINES FOR BUPRENORPHINE

Last week, the New England Journal of Medicine released a **randomized control trial (RCT) study** on the use of bupropion and naltrexone for the treatment of methamphetamine use disorder (MUD). Among the 403 study participants, nearly 14% of those who took the combination presented mostly drug-free urine samples. Currently, there are no medications on the market to treat methamphetamine use disorder treatment, making the results of the study extremely promising. Also last week, HHS **announced new guidelines** allowing physicians to more easily prescribe the opioid addiction treatment buprenorphine to patients. Now, any physician can prescribe buprenorphine (any formulary) to a

person with an opioid use disorder (OUD). The prescribing cap for non-waivered physicians is 30 patients unless they are in a hospital setting.

SURVEY FOR COMMUNITY RESPONSE GUIDE

Evident Change, DCYF, community partners, advocates, parents, and Casey Family Programs are conducting a survey to gather information to inform the development of a community response guide. What Is a Community Response Guide? The community response guide will be a web-based tool that can be used by individuals who are worried about a child or a family. The tool will guide users on how to respond to the concern, such as making a report to DCYF or connecting the family to community supports.

Please take the survey to help ensure that all voices of the community are heard in creating the guide. Deadline to complete is February 28, 2021.

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

RELEASED: "INFORMING THE CONVERSATION - COVERING THE CARE"

The Institute for Health Policy and Practice is pleased to release another installment of its "Informing the Conversation – Covering the Care" data and policy brief series. Health Insurance Coverage in New Hampshire | 2020 Update provides an overview of the health insurance landscape in New Hampshire, as well as updated policy explanations for shifts and changes in access. The brief highlights demographic details, including a break down of health insurance coverage types by age, county, and income. This year's brief also includes a special focus on premiums and deductibles in the commercial health plan market in NH.

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Upcoming Events

PCSS: HALF AND HALF MAT WAIVER TRAINING INCLUDES 4-HOUR LIVE, INTERACTIVE WEBINAR

Date: Monday, February 22, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm - 9:30 pm PST

What: Live portion of 8-hour MAT waiver course

Sponsoring organization: American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine (AOAAM)

Course Director: William Morrone, DO

How it Works: When you have completed the entire course, you will receive a certificate of completion. Physicians will then be able to apply for the waiver to prescribe buprenorphine. All other eligible providers can apply for the waiver after completing an additional 16-hour course here for advanced practice nurses and here for PAs.

[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: EVOLVING TRENDS AND BEST PRACTICE TIPS



Tuesday, February 23rd
1:00 PM - 2:00 PAM (EST)

Workforce development offers strategies to improve an employee's potential in the workplace—creating economic prosperity for individuals, businesses, and communities. Establishing and sustaining a learning culture that aligns with overarching business strategies can help improve overall organizational efficacy.

Hosted by UST, **this [live webinar](#) will take a deep dive into the workforce development trends that came out of the global pandemic** and review what you should be thinking about going forward. In this session, you will learn:

- How workforce development trends have impacted the nonprofit sector
- Ways to fit development and training into organizational goals
- How your workforce and the choices you face as an employer are changing

Join Kathy Keeley, Executive Vice President of Programs at Georgia Center for Nonprofits, to discover what you can do to keep your staff engaged while supporting their professional growth and development as we continue to adapt for the future.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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