



Carroll County Veterans Coalition

Minutes

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1. Round Table Introductions

2. Guest Speakers

- a. Emily Crall MSW
 - i. Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Officer
 - ii. New Hampshire National Guard
 - iii. Phone: (603) 892-4713
 - iv. NHNG Joint 24/7 SAPR Helpline: (603)-856-6700
 - v. DoD Safe Helpline: (877) 995-5247
 - vi. DoD Safe Helpline Chat: Online.SafeHelpline.org
 - vii. DoD Safe HelpRoom: SafeHelpRoom.org





- b. NH National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program: 24/7 confidential resource to support. Provides support to survivors including:
 - i. Safety: Safety assessment, protective orders, High Risk Response Team
 - ii. Support: 24/7 Helpline, crisis response, hospital, court, and law enforcement accompaniment and ongoing victim advocacy
 - iii. Services: Referral to other confidential services internal and external to the NHNG
 - iv. Also provides reporting options, including unrestricted and restricted reports
 - v. Special Victims' Counsel- Legal resources that are housed at National Guard Bureau
 - vi. CATCH Program- Gives adult sexual assault victims the ability to anonymously submit suspect information to help the DoD identify serial offenders. Anonymous and voluntary program.
 - vii. Education and Awareness Campaigns: Provides education, awareness, and prevention, with at minimum of one hour of SAPR training per year.
- c. Program mostly aimed at currently serving Service Members, but can also provide services for Veterans: Can assist with veterans who are trying to track down documentation to get resources at the VA, can connect them to other resources, and takes crisis calls from veterans. Can provide support to any Veterans and Service Member (not just those in the National Guard)
- d. Always looking for events to attend and to spread awareness
 - i. Jen will keep Emily informed about upcoming events
- e. Emily C. would like to learn more about how the Ask the Question campaign has been developed and implemented
 - i. Connect with Stephanie
- f. Brainstorm ways to get information/engagement out to Carroll County providers
 - Discussion about reaching out to Starting Point, Memorial Hospital, and White Mountain Community Health Center to spread resources and incorporate Ask the Question campaign information





- Memorial Hospital contact: Paula suggests Jessica Breightenbach,
 Quality Specialist. Also reach out to new Social Worker at Behavioral Health.
- 2. White Mountain Community Health Center: Cheryl Frankowski
- g. Emily C. will share slides and PDFs of materials

3. Partner Organization Updates

- Paula will be attending the Together with Veterans Suicide Prevention Conference in Colorado with the Lakes Region Veterans Coalition
- b. Joshua: Working on finalizing the DMAVS funding and will be reaching out to every coalition to meet
- c. Sarah: New to this meeting, interested in learning about housing and resources for Veterans.
 - i. Sarah Losier Wight: swight@tccap.org and Erik Becker Program Director ebecker@tccap.org. Erik works directly with staff and clients. I am easier to contact by email but my number is 603-752-7001.

4. CCVC Updates

- a. Mission/vision/objective revision
 - i. Incomplete will send out with minutes
- b. Incorporating more ATQ
 - i. DMAVS discussions with different sectors
 - ii. Healthcare system how integrate?
 - 1. Barriers to ATQ implementation/discussions
 - 2. SWOT
 - iii. Discussion about reaching out to Memorial Hospital and White Mountain Community Health Center (see above)





c. Transitional Services for New Hampshire SMVF

- i. Your Transition Assistance Program
- ii. Transition Assistance Program | U.S. Department of Labor
- iii. Knowledge of? Thoughts? Resources?
- iv. SWOT
- v. Will review next time

d. QPR suicide prevention training Thursday September 25th 0900 - 1300

- i. See flyer below
- ii. 3 social worker CEU's provided
- iii. Please register here
- iv. See flyer below and please share!

e. Dispatcher trainings

- i. Online CIT (Crisis Intervention Training) scholarship available through GUW
 - 1. This form is to indicate interest of participation in the CIT International "CIT Support Training for 911" course.
 - 2. Please look at the course schedule at:
 - <u>https://www.citinternational.org/CITST911</u> and choose the date of the course that your staff is interested in.
 - Fill out this form: https://forms.office.com/r/T5ghtQmAUJ.
 - Once you have received confirmation of this form being received, you must register for then register for the course at:

https://www.citinternational.org/CITST911. *Only courses before 10/31/25 will be approved for reimbursement.

Upon completion of the Course, please send course invoice, receipt of payment, and certificate of completion for the attendee to:

marlamay.zarzour@graniteuw.org and caleb.gilbert@graniteuw.org





- 3. Open to all dispatchers, 25 scholarships available
- ii. **In-person trainings from Forge VFR** registration flyer below, please share!
 - 1. Dispatcher focus, but all first responders welcome to attend
 - 2. 3 locations Moultonborough Safety building on September 24th

f. Tabelings/Outreach Events

- i. Past and current efforts:
 - 1. Emily M. has been doing outreach at local farmers markets, events, and open houses
 - 2. Variety of events for Recovery Month coming up, see flyer below
- ii. SWAM Summit September 9 Easterseals Veteran Campus
- iii. Seacoast Veterans Conference- Saturday, October 4, 0800 1230
 - 1. Community Campus, 100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth, NH
- iv. NH Veteran Stand Down- Friday, Sept. 19, 10am-2pm
 - 1. Community Partners can register here
- v. Women Veteran Conference October 25th Cathedral in the Pines
 - CCVC won't be able to make it, but if anyone is going and would be willing to bring our materials that would be great, please email Jen
- vi. VetFest November 8 Anheuser Busch, Merrimack, NH
- vii. Recovery events calendar of events below

g. Increasing regular involvement

i. Activity at the Gibson Center with Operation Biscuit- See flyer below





- 1. Monday, October 27 –1230 1430
- ii. Additional ideas

h. Trainings

- i. CALM Discussions with ATQ/Military Culture
 - 1. Reach out to Veteran owned gun shop about adding an aspect on handling firearms?
 - 2. Tack on Ask the Question (another half hour, so 2.5 hours total)
- ii. First Aid/CPR Paula B. waiting for funds
 - 1. Combine ATQ/military culture how? Who?
 - 2. Stephanie confirmed with Josh that CPR training wouldn't count as a training for the Coalitions. Not sure combining with Ask the Question or Military Culture would change this.
 - 3. Stephanie would be happy to add Ask the Question

i. SMVF substance misuse prevention

- i. NH Harm Reduction Coalition SMVF forward training coming
- ii. NHADACA training Jen building with multiple partners
 - Hidden in Plain Sight: Identifying and Supporting Women Veterans in Mental Health & Addiction Care

5. Resources

- a. Home | CCVC
- b. www.c3ph.org
- c. Home NAMI New Hampshire
- d. 2025 Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Toolkit | SAMHSA
- e. Suicide Prevention US DoD
- f. National Suicide Prevention Month: "Be There" | Military.com
- g. National Recovery Month | SAMHSA





- h. National Recovery Month Partner Toolkit | Overdose Prevention | CDC
- i. Elizabeth Dole Foundation Military & Veteran Family Resource Hub
- j. <u>Military OneSource</u> (See flyers below)
- k. Job Opening: The Town of Tamworth, NH seeks a full-time, highly motivated, community-oriented Police Social Worker
 - i. FMI: https://www.tamworthnh.org/home/news/job-opening-police-social-worker
- VA to extend caregiver support program eligibility for "legacy" Veterans, caregivers
- m. NH Care Connections <u>New Hampshire Department of Health and Human</u>
 Services (NH DHHS) Resource Directory
- n. Honor Flight New England
- o. Home Base Program Red Sox Foundation
- p. NH Transportation Survey https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/transport_nh
- q. Veterans Treatment Court Provides Hope and Second Chances

6. Upcoming Activities

- a. NH DMAVS Service and resource survey
 - i. https://unh.az1.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ezBscF0nYjjdFZO?O_CHL=gr
- b. VA Manchester Women Veterans Focus Group
 - i. September 10, 2025, 5:30pm-6:30pm, Northfield, NH
- c. Women's Veterans Retreat Camp Resilience
 - i. Women Veterans Retreat | Camp Resilience
 - ii. October 27, 2025
- d. 3rd Annual Women Veterans Conference October 25 –Cathedral in the Pines
 - i. 3rd Annual Woman's Veteran Conference | Cathedral of the Pines





7. Close

a. Next meeting September 23rd 1000

Action Plan

Objective action is tied to (see our Objectives)	Action	Who?	Resources needed	Progress (0- 5 where 5 is complete)	Completion date goal	Evidence of action
1	Connect Emily Crall and Stephanie to Memorial and White Mountain Community Health Center	Jen, Emily Crall, Stephanie	Email, meeting	1	9/23 (next meeting)	Emails, meeting set up
6	Plan CALM Discussions training	Jen, Justin, Stephanie	Email	1	October	Set date for training
6	Plan CPR training and check with Joshua re adding ATQ	Jen, Paula, Stephanie	Email	0	November	Set date for training/event
1	Connect Stephanie and Brent Fraser to Starting Point	Jen	email	2	October 1	Meeting set
2	Promote Operation Biscuit	Jen, Emily, coalition	Word of mouth, email, stakeholder groups, social media	2	October 20	registrations
2, 3	Find online SMVF groups (gaming or other), join,	Jen, Emily, anyone else?	Social media, email, face to face	0	November 1	Join group, one new member on





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Objectives:

- 1. Increase mental health supports by addressing the needs iterated by service members, veterans and their families (SMVF)
- 2. Decrease social isolation for service members, veterans, and their families (SMVF)
- 3. Meet with stakeholders one time per month
- 4. Hold at least two events to raise awareness about veteran suicide or needs
- Conduct a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) analysis per year.
 Review annually.
- 6. Conduct at least four trainings per year to include suicide prevention, military culture, PTSD, Ask The Question or any pertinent SMVF training, to stakeholders
- 7. Facilitator of the coalition to attend statewide coalition member meeting
- 8. Constantly receive input and assess needs all year round. With at least one formal needs assessment to be done in a manner which is deemed viable. Activities, capacity, and objectives will be adjusted as necessary





HOST: Carroll County Coalition for Public Health



Sept 25, 2025



9-12:30 PM EST



2 1035 Whittier Highway (Route25) MOULTONBOROUGH, NH 03254



QPR Suicide Prevention Training

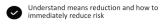












Recognize and identify common risk factors and warning signs of suicide

This training offers FREE LADC 3.0 CEs and NASW NH 3.0 Category A CEs in Suicide Prevention (NASW NH CE # 4341)

LET'S REDUCE THE STIGMA **AND SAVE LIVES**

Become a Gatekeeper! Join us for a QPR training, a three-step prevention and intervention training, where you will learn how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, how to offer help, and how to save a life.

Are you 'Asking the Question?' Learn how asking about military service can enhance your ability to best support service members, veterans, and military families!

LIMITED TICKETS. This is a FREE training taught by our certified QPR instructor.

> **REGISTER** NOW!

Click here or use the QR code.



For further information, email a.baer@harborcarenh.org.



Presented by SSG Fox Suicide Prevention Program

CARROLL COUNTY COALITION

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The Role of 911 Call-Takers in CIT

Training Just for Call-Takers

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CIT International offers an 8-hour online course for 911 call-takers to prepare them for their role in the crisis response system. The course is delivered by live instructors in two, four-hour virtual sessions conducted on consecutive days. The course teaches call-takers to identify possible mental health calls, utilize techniques to de-escalate the caller, and triage the call to dispatch appropriate services or complete a warm handoff to crisis services. Call-takers will also learn when it is appropriate to dispatch a CIT officer, and which information should be gathered and relayed to the responding officer.



- Understanding the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model
 The role of 911 in a crisis response system

- Call management
 Scenario-based training





CIT ONLINE COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WH EMERGENCY DISPATCHERS

Granite United Way, in partnership with the Carroll County Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) Team, an initiative of NH Judicial Branch, is offering a *limited number of scholarships* to suppor participation in an online mental health and crisis intervention training specifically designed for NH dispatch personnel. The funding comes from an HCA Healthcare Foundation grant.

CIT International "CIT Support Training for 911" Format: Online (Two 4-hour sessions)

Cost: \$250 per participant payable directly to CIT by your agency, reimbursed by Granite United Way upon completion

Eligible dates: Only courses completed before October 31, 2025 will be reimbursed

- Course Topics Include:

 Understanding the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) model

 The role of Dispatchers in a crisis response
- system
- Indications of mental health disorders
- Suicide assessment and intervention
 Crisis intervention strategies
 Call management
 Scenario-based training

- How to Participate:

 1. Review available training dates here: CITST911. Schedule

 2. Indicate your interest using the QR code below or click here: https://bit.ly/CITNH2025
 3. After receiving confirmation you must register directly for your chosen session at the course website https://www.citinternational.org/CITST911
 4. Upon completion, please send course invoice, receipt of payment, and certificate of completion for the attendee to: marlamay.zarzour@graniteuw.org and caleb.gilbert@graniteuw.org
 5. Granite United Way will process reimbursement for each approved
- participant

Scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope you take advantage of this training and look forward to working with you and your staff on managing some of the most difficult calls they receive.

























MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING DATES FOR NH EMERGENCY DISPATCH PERSONNEL

Presented by Forge Health - Veterans & First Responders Program (VFR)

PURPOSE

A trauma-informed, in-person training tailored for emergency dispatch professionals, designed to strengthen mental health call management, address habitual callers, reinforce de-escalation skills, promote empathy, wellness & resilience

TARGET AUDIENCE

Emergency dispatch personnel

FORMAT

a full-day in person session 8:00am registration 8:30am - 3:30pm training Includes: light breakfast, lunch afternoon snack (grant funded)

CHOOSE A LOCATION NEAREST YOU

Moultonborough, Sept 24, 2025 at Moultonborough Safety Building

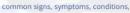
Concord, Oct 22, 2025 at Primex, Bow Brook Place, Concord

Derry, Nov. 5, 2025 at Derry Municipal Center

CORE TOPICS



MENTAL HEALTH 101





ADDRESSING HABITUAL CALLERS understanding motivations, choosing interventions





DE-ESCALATION TECHNIQUES



EMPATHY & COMPASSION FATIGUE





TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSE,

VICARIOUS TRAUMA & RESILIENCE

seeing through a trauma-informed lens, impact on caller & dispatcher, and self-care.















Attention Women Veterans

Join the VA Manchester Healthcare System in our focus group for Women Veterans. We want to hear your feedback on your VA health care experience.

DATE: September 10, 2025 TIME: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: American Legion Post 49 4 Park Street Northfield, NH 03276

Please RSVP to Participate:

Natasha Burton Women Veterans Program 603-624-4366 ext. 205173 Natasha.Burton@va.gov



Your experiences matter. If you would like to participate in this one or future groups, please contact the person above.







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STARTS NOW IN CARROLL COUNTY, NH

Thursday, August 7, 5:30-6:30 at Ossipee Concerned Citizens, 3 Dore St, Ossipee

Narcan Training and Distribution, Ossipee

A free in person training on how to carry and use Narcan/naloxone to respond to an opioid overdose emergency. Open to the public. Includes a no cost Narcan kit.

Tuesday, August 19, 3-6pm, MWV Farmer's Market, NCCC, North Conway
International Overdose Awareness Day Info Table
Carroll County Coalition for Public Health and White Horse Recovery will host a table of resources, information, and Narcan at the Farmer's Market in North Conway.

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Tuesday, Sept 16, 05:30 - 6:30pm, The Shed, White Horse Recovery Ctr, N. Conway

Narcan Training and Distribution, North Conway

A free in person training on how to carry and use Narcan/naloxone to respond to an opioid overdose emergency. Open to the public. Includes a no cost Narcan kit.

Wednesday, Sep 17, 06:00-07:30pm, virtual

Virtual Book Club, Healing a Village, by Mark LeFebvre
Discover how communities can rise together in response to the addiction crisis in Healing a Village: A Practical Guide to Building Recovery Ready Communities. Author Mark Lefebvre shares a message of hope rooted in real-life solutions. https://www.healing-a-village.com/events/maine-dhhs-virtual-book-club

Thursday, Sep 25, 05:30-7:00pm, The Shed, 2977 White Mtn Highway, N.Conway Recovery Month Open House, The Shed North Conway Visit The Shed North at White Horse Recovery. Meet the trained Recovery Coaching staff and learn about services available for walk-in peer recovery supports including coaching, support groups, community activities and family supports.

Tuesday, Oct 7, 9:00-10:30am on zoom

Carroll County Responds to Substance Use Disorder
1st Tue of Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug by Zoom. 9:00-10:30am This meeting
is for anyone in healthcare, social services, public safety, education,
business, government and concerned citizens who want to work together in
a community wide response to substance use disorder.
https://www.c3ph.org/newsevents/events

www.c3ph.org









Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

If you have lost someone to suicide, you are not alone.

Join our monthly Survivors of Suicide
Loss Support Group, a safe and
supportive space that offers
bereavement support for those who
have lost someone to suicide.
This group is open to family members,
friends, co-workers, neighbors,
clinicians, first responders, community
members or anyone else impacted by
a suicide loss.

Meeting Times:

3rd Tuesday of the month 6pm - 7:15pm

Registration is required.

To learn more about the group and see if it might be a fit for you, please call 603-323-8511







Employment Services Medical Care Food & Clothing Legal Advice Pension Claims Counseling Housing Assistance Mobility Assistance And More!

NH VETERAN STAND DOWN

A RESOURCE & SERVICE EXPO FOR FORMER SERVICE MEMBERS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

10AM - 2PM

Eversource Energy Park
780 N Commercial St, Manchester, NH 03101



Find more information at www.harborcarenh.org/stand-down









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Spouse Education and Career Opportunities



























New MilParent









Peer-to-Peer Support

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Career coaching, tools and information to gain meaningful employment.



Health and Wellness Coaching

Personalized support for your fitness, nutrition and well-being.



Wounded Warrior and Caregivers

Timely assistance for issues related to health care, benefits and more.



Education

Solutions from pre-K through grad school.



New MilParent

Support for parenting challenges for expectant parents and those with children up to age 5.



Adoption

Help navigating the adoption and foster care process.



△ Peer-to-Peer Support

Support from a peer consultant with firsthand knowledge of military life.



Spouse Relocation and Transition

Free, personalized support for every step of the process.



Special Needs

Answers about the care and education of your family member with special needs.



Elder Care

Resources to support service members and spouses caring for aging family members.



Building Healthy Relationships

Education-based consultation to strengthen your relationships.



Transitioning Veterans

Personalized support as you transition to civilian life.



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Expert answers to your financial and tax questions.



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Free translation services in real time and for qualifying documents.

www.MilitaryOneSource.mil 800-342-9647







Our counselors know military life so they understand your challenges and how to help. Nine out of ten people who have used non-medical counseling would use it again.

Confidential non-medical counseling can help you with:

- · Relationships at home and work
- Stress management
- · Marital and communication issues
- Adjustment to military culture
- · Phases of deployment
- Parenting skills
- · Grief or loss

If non-medical counseling is not appropriate for your situation, we will connect you with other vetted resources. Situations outside the scope of non-medical counseling include: long-term support, post-traumatic stress disorder, addictions, mental health diagnoses requiring medication, determining medical diagnosis and crisis situations.

For active-duty, National Guard and reserve service members, immediate family and survivors.

- Confidential non-medical counseling is not reported to command
- Up to 12 sessions per issue
- Counseling from licensed mental health clinicians

Call on us anytime.

- Contact us 24/7 by phone or website for an appointment
- Counseling sessions face-to-face, by phone, online chat or secure live video
- Face-to-face sessions also available through the Military and Family Life Counseling Program at installations worldwide

"Non-medical counseling helped improve my communication and self-awareness without affecting my job."

