



City of Nashua
Division of Public Health and Community Services



PHAC Executive Committee Meeting

March 16, 2026

1:00– 2:30 PM

Facilitator: Bobbie Bagley

Location: Rivier University

Minutes

PHAC Role	PHAC provides guidance to the Division of Public Health and Community Services on priorities and future direction. The group will begin working on workgroups and focus on CHIP priority areas.
Quarter 1, 2 and 3 updates	- The Quarter 1 and 2 report have been shared with the state. Reporting included several domains under RPHNS requirements, including maintaining an active PHAC. The state sets overarching goals. - The CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) was completed in December. Current focus includes: - Enhancing roles and functions - Increasing understanding and awareness of RPHN (Regional Public Health Network) - Nashua oversees Greater Nashua, while other regions cover counties without public health departments. - Activities remain on track, including events such as the legislative breakfast to educate policymakers on community health needs. - Program Activities (Quarter 3) includes data collection, health promotion and education efforts, Public Health Week, Weekly Newsletter, Valentine's Day event, Radio and cable TV shows. - Members are encouraged to help share information about RPHN. A newsletter with a shareable link will be created, along with clear messaging for members to distribute. - Community and partner events included, Mock bedroom exercise, Community health events, Tabletop exercise, Shelter-in-a-box training, Fatherhood group emergency preparedness session. - Community Health Assessment (CHA)/Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) cycle is restarting soon. - The committee needs to focus on continued community engagement efforts, and needs to strengthen collaboration with partner organizations.
CHIP Priority Area Workgroups	- Workgroups for the following four priority areas: - Behavioral Health Access. - Intersection of PACEs and Substance Use Disorder. - Older Adult Health and Community Supports.

	○ Community Assets and Coordination • Each workgroup will focus on: ○ Clarifying goals and objectives for the priority area ○ Developing measurable strategies and activities ○ Identifying indicators to track progress ○ Sharing updates and outcomes at PHAC meetings • Participation may include planning, implementation, advising, data sharing, or coordination, depending on your interest and capacity. • Individuals and organizations are welcome to participate in more than one workgroup. Many of these priority areas overlap, and cross participation is encouraged.
Community Partner Updates	United Way (UW): • Older Adults Committee and Memory Cafés (in partnership with GNMH, YMCA, Gateways, and hospitals) • Increasing participation and community awareness • Promotion through flyers, senior centers, and Meals on Wheels • Shoebox Project featured in the state’s elderly newsletter Southern NH Medical Center: • Screening data shows high levels of loneliness and isolation among older adults • Exploring sharing of this data • Noted concerns about elderly individuals seeking therapy through AI Lamprey Health Care: • Strategic planning focused on sustainability due to funding cuts • Increase in missed appointments • Expanded services: pantries, mobile dental care, and partnerships • Participation in community asset mapping Nashua Prevention Coalition: • Lock It Up Campaign Reached 150 families • Focus on opioid safety for youth, engaging both parents and teens, 15 partner organizations involved Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter: • Focus on older adults, housing, and food insecurity • Summer meals program and pantry support • Supportive housing vacancies available • Outreach services include showers, IDs, and benefits enrollment • Warming station daytime services closing; overnight closes April 15 • Dental services through Traveling Tooth Fairies Health Promotion and Communication (DPHCS) • Public Health Week Kickoff is on April 6, 12–2 PM at the library. There will be Community resources, live music, and outreach, Free CPR, Stop the Bleed, and Narcan trainings available. Housing Services Officer (DPHCS): • Elm Street Middle School site closing April 15

	• Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (HUD-funded) will support individuals facing eviction due to illness/injury. Case management will be provided by CHWs (up to 6 months). Referrals accepted.
Other Discussions	• Annual PHAC Meeting: May 27 (Topic: Public Health Misinformation) • SWOT Analysis: Completed internally; external survey planned (required for accreditation) • Strategic planning continues.

Next Meeting June 15, 2026