

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber and duly noticed in two places, including the City's website, in accordance with the requirements of RSA 91-A:2 II.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance.

The roll call was taken with 5 members of the Human Affairs Committee present:

Chairman Thomas Lopez presided.

Members of the Committee present:

Alderman-at-Large Amber Morgan
Alderman Tim Sennott
Alderman James Ravan
Alderdwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly, Vice Chair
Alderman Thomas Lopez, Chair

Members of the Committee absent:

Also in Attendance: Alderman Paula Johnson

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSIONS AND/OR PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation by Revive Recovery Resource Center on recovery housing

Chairman Lopez recognized Executive Director Jessica Carter.

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS - None

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN KELLY TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Alderman Tim Sennott
Committee Clerk

Recovery as a community issue and a community opportunity

Revive Recovery Resource Center | Human Affairs Committee

Jessica Carter
Executive Director

September 21, 2020

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Revive Recovery is a non-profit, peer recovery support center serving Greater Nashua, Greater Derry, Greater Manchester, and Milford and the Souhegan Valley.

Our mission is to open doors, hearts, and minds for the recoverees in our community by providing a wide range of services for mental, physical, and spiritual well-being.



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Recovery Court

Corrections

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Community Service & Volunteerism

Overdose Response Education

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Harm Reduction- SSANA

Financial Resources

Community Events and Activities

Job Readiness & CRSW Trainings

Recovery Friendly Workplace

Youth and Families- Camp Mariposa

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• RECOVER
• COMMUNITY
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STRONGER TOGETHER

CAMP MARIPOSA
REVIVE RECOVERY
PART OF THE CLASH OF IDEAS

HIVE
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BEYOND JUSTICE NP
NEW PATHS, NEW POSSIBILITIES & NEW HOPEFULNESS
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COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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Revive is part of Nashua's recovery infrastructure

Revive is a peer-led Recovery Community Organization rooted in Nashua and serving people and families across Southern New Hampshire.

A place to start

One-on-one peer support, recovery navigation, groups, telephone support, community connection, and practical resources.

A bridge between systems

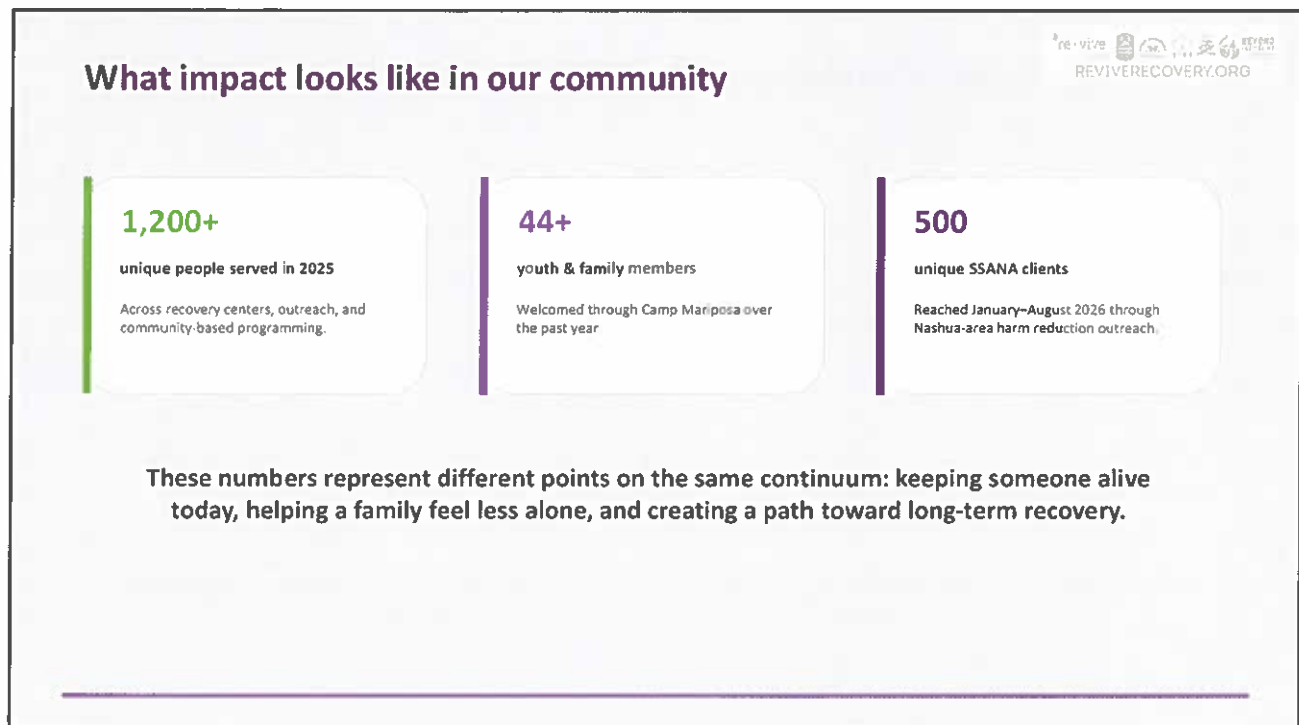
Revive works alongside healthcare, public health, first responders, courts, corrections, treatment providers, schools, and community partners.

Support across the continuum

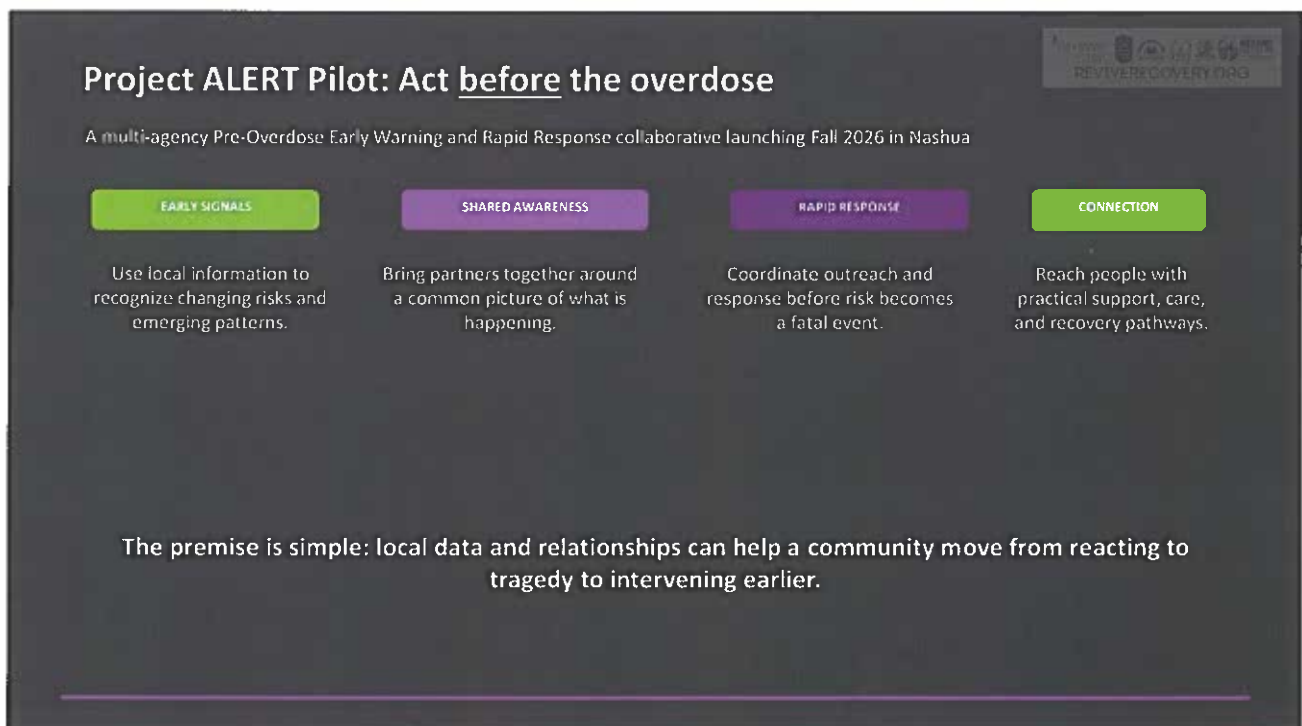
Prevention, overdose and infection prevention (harm reduction), recovery support, youth and family programming, workforce support, housing, and community education.

The goal is not to make people navigate a maze of programs. It is to make sure there is a trusted door they can walk through.

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SSANA: compassion that also protects public health



Syringe Service Alliance of the Nashua Area

415

overdoses reversed
reported in 2026 through August

90+%

syringe return rate
2026 cumulative

2,475

transactions
January–August 2026

2,470

behavioral health referrals / information
2026 cumulative

Harm reduction is **not** giving up **on** recovery. It is keeping people **alive**, reducing infectious-disease and community risks, **building** trust, and creating repeated opportunities for connection to care.

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Camp Mariposa: supporting children before substance use becomes their story



Who it serves

Youth ages 9–17 impacted by the substance use of a family member. Youth and teen camps are offered at no cost.

What it provides

Six overnight, weekend camps each year, mentoring, prevention education, recreation, coping skills, connection, and leadership opportunities.

Why it matters

It gives young people a safe place to be understood, build resilience, and connect with peers and caring adults who share context.

Recent feedback showed the impact reaching beyond camp:

friendships • improved grades • return to medication • sports • employment • graduation

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How we talk about substance use matters

Substance use disorder is a health condition. Stigma can create bias, shame, and barriers to care.

Instead of...		Try...
"addict" / "junkie"	→	person with a substance use disorder
"clean" / "dirty"	→	abstinent / actively using
a moral judgment	→	curiosity about what support is needed

Compassion does not mean ignoring community concerns. It means responding to those concerns in ways that preserve dignity and make solutions more reachable.

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Community concerns deserve a response

When Nashua has concerns related to substance use, public spaces, discarded supplies, overdose risk, or someone who appears to need help, Revive wants to be part of the solution.

Listen

Share what residents, businesses, city staff, and partners are seeing. Concerns are useful information.

Problem-solve

Use outreach, peer engagement, harm reduction, referrals, education, and partner coordination to address the underlying issue.

Stay connected

Keep communication open so solutions can be adjusted as conditions change.

Revive can be a resource before a concern becomes a crisis.

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What we hope this group remembers



People are more than a diagnosis or a difficult moment.

Dignity and accountability can coexist.

Recovery is happening every day in this community.

Connection creates opportunities for change.

Revive is here for the **whole community.**

Call us with a concern, a question, a referral, or an idea.

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Questions & discussion



Revive is here, please don't hesitate to reach out.

- For people seeking support
 - For families
 - For city partners
- For community members with questions or concerns

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