**Upper Valley Unified Community Collaborative Minutes**

**September 23rd 2024**   **8:30 am – 9:30 am**

4th Monday of every month

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* Reminder 2024 meeting schedule for the **4th Monday of the month**
  + **10/28, 11/25, 12/23**
* **Introducing Geneva “Neva” Cote,** The new Chronic Disease Prevention Specialist for VDH WRJ.
* **Introducing Ella Harper-Schiehl** – VDH prevention specialist.
* **Organization updates** 
  + **Maureen Boardman – Director of clinical research at LRHC –** Partnering withVDH on a CDC grant to improve increase CRC screening rates. Started sending FIT kits to low-risk patients. Already seeing an improvement in screening rates. LRHC will continue for another year. Rates are above 65% of eligible patients. **RMOMS –** HRSA grant from DH for improving maternal and prenatal healthcare – Mostly in north country (LRHC is southernmost region). LRHC is supporting patients who then give birth at DH. Ultrasound at Dartmouth at 18 weeks. Once a patient is 36+ weeks they transition to DH and then postpartum care returns to LRHC. It is an opportunity for a shared-care model.
  + **Marilyn Cook** – **BR housing counselor for Capstone –** Financial advisors holding session for public Wednesday at noon about budgeting, saving. Business startup session. Info is on the website. BR HeadStart staff have capacity for referrals for HeadStart services. Weatherization and programs.
  + **Rudy Fedrizzi – WRJ Public Health Services District Director -** Flu vaccine clinics. Celen Thompson school liaison. Getting people who are eligible signed on for services such as WIC (50% who are eligible are not signed up). Lead testing found about 100 were untested. We found that about 30 were tested and about 60 were untested for a variety of reasons. 40% who were tested did have some levels of lead. No degree of lead is considered safe.
  + **Kelsey – 302 Coalition Coordinator** – subgrantee for the Prevention Lead Organization grant. Working to distribute Narcan and information about it. Family dinner nights at BMU, NB Elementary. Showed “Just Getting By” Bess O’Brian.
  + **Casey Reiboldt – Randolph Housing Counseling for Capstone** – preparing community shelters for winter. Bethany Loft subsidized living – background check and more secure info about residents. No more than 20 days at a time as a steppingstone.
  + **Kim Russel**l **– SASH coordinator Upper East Orange** – Tough cases for housing. Her service range is Peacham to Bradford. Works with Marilyn and LRHC care coordinators.
  + **Cara Baskin** – Integration Catalyst from GUVIST – Pursuing an ECHO training to build a learning experience based on an analysis of UV families. GUVIST is also working with VT health clinics and a UVM intern to improve lead screening rates. Working with VDH and 2 clinical practices to address HTN and the impact of SDoHs.
    - Speaker series is wrapping for GUVIST
  + **Gretchen Pembroke – Clara Martin Center Director of Adult Services –** Continuing same-day access, once a week on Tuesdays. Continuing groups. Offering peer services in Bradford. Certification CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic) process. VT is a demo state for CCBHC. Enhancing the wellness program which integrates wellness with mental. On-site labs with *Quest* now one-day a week. New workflows have improved care. The wellness nurse will provide support for all programming. In-house tobacco use. TAY (transitional age youth) focuses on vaping.
    - Chelsea Health Clinic clinician for youth and adults. Working adults with substance abuse prevention. Partnering with Orange County Justice to install a Narcan box. Up for a trial period, which has gone well.
  + **Pat Ralston –** Maternal Child Health Coordinator for VDH WRJ– 2 new VDH staff; Jolene, a nurse started as School Liaison. New chronic disease specialist, Geneva. Wrapped up world breastfeeding month. Breastfeeding coalition meets quarterly.
  + **Ashleen Buchanan – LRHC Program and Grants Coordinator -** Vershire Wellness with Dr. Gregory Wilson for people with a family or significant other who is struggling with substance misuse. He would like to set up a warm hand-off with CMC and LRHC to help clients who need therapy in addition to group support.
    - Food Farmacy – some light guidelines established for on-site food pantries. Continuing to develop strategic plan. UV Parent child Center expanded their food pantry.

**Next Meeting: October 28th**