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Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers
in New Hampshire

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NHPA Behavioral Health Job Board

The COVID-19 pandemic has made these times even more uncertain for our behavioral health workforce. It is more critical than ever for agencies to reach the right candidates and for professionals to access the career opportunities that best match their skills and experience. The NHPA job board exclusively serves those representing behavioral health service providers in New Hampshire and is promoted to over 3,000 professionals across the state and beyond. This ensures your listing will reach highly qualified candidates seeking positions in New Hampshire.

Listings are currently free for NHPA organizational members!

POST OR REVIEW THE LISTINGS TODAY!

Become a Member Today

The NHPA has a beneficial membership for everyone, whether you work directly in the field of

NH Providers Association Board of Directors Names Kerran Vigroux as Executive Director



Kerran Vigroux earned her Bachelor's degree in Science from Gordon College in Wenham, MA and her Master's degree in Public Health from Florida International University in Miami, Florida. She has over 23 years of experience in public health and community health services. Kerran has been the Director of Health Departments in Derry and Nashua, New Hampshire and most recently in Lowell, MA. She led the Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services in its

preparation and application for Accreditation and is extremely proud that they became the first accredited Health Department in the State of New Hampshire. In Lowell, she was successful in creating a new Department of Substance Use and Prevention as well as a Syringe Collection Program. She joined the NH Alcohol & Other Drug Service Providers Association in May, 2020 as the Executive Director.

Kerran can be reached at 603-541-7013 ext. 113 or kerran@nhproviders.org.

Save-the-Dates

NH Providers Association 2020 Annual Meeting

This year, our much anticipated Annual Meeting will be held virtually. Make sure you are "there" to meet our new Executive Director, hear association news, celebrate our members, and hear timely updates from the field. This event is free to attend. More information about registration and our guest presenter coming soon. Future updates will be available [HERE](#). Mark your calendars now!

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](#) or by completing an [APPLICATION](#) today.



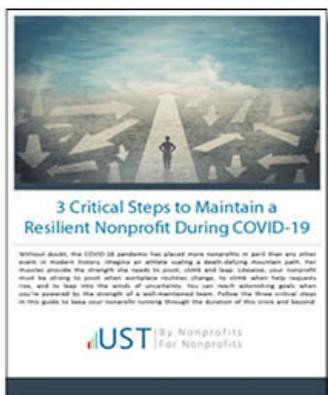
Member Benefit Spotlight



Discover How Your Brand Can Thrive During COVID-19

When you download UST's latest employer guide, *3 Critical Steps to Maintain a Resilient Nonprofit During COVID-19*, you'll discover helpful tips on maintaining (and improving) your nonprofit's operations during the current pandemic and beyond.

This guide will not only enable you to stay on top of strategy development, but also equip you with the tools you need to help your employees feel safe. Download your free copy today!



Download Guide

September 17, 2020
9:00 am to 11:00 am - Annual Meeting
11:00 am to 11:30 am - Networking

SPONSOR THE EVENT

NH Behavioral Health Conference

Save-The-Date for the much anticipated 2020 NH Behavioral Health Summit on December 7 & 8, 2020. The call for content has been released and we welcome you to submit a workshop proposal application at www.nhbhs.com.



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VISIT WWW.NHBHS.COM

Questions or Interesting in Sponsoring?

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In the Press

HB 578, Senate Effort to Provide Relief to Long-Term Care Facilities Impacted by COVID-19 Sent to Governor

Delegation seeks SUD funding, governor takes up virus bills

Trouble viewing this image? Visit www.nhbhs.com to view the Presentation Proposal Application.

News and Resources

COVID-19 RESOURCE PAGE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

The NH Providers Association has developed a frequently updated COVID-19 resource page for behavioral health providers. In the interest of dispersing timely information to the widest audience, this information is accessible to the public and members alike.

[VISIT THE RESOURCE PAGE](#)

SAMHSA Finalizes Changes to Part 2 Privacy Rules

The Trump administration finalized a much-anticipated rule updating the consent requirements governing the release of patient information for individuals seeking treatment for substance use disorder. The rule, developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), is designed to address barriers to care coordination for providers that treat individuals with substance use disorder (SUD), while maintaining privacy safeguards for patients seeking treatment for SUD.

[LEARN MORE](#)

NH HOUSING RELIEF PROGRAM

Governor Chris Sununu has authorized the allocation and expenditure of \$35 million from the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund ("flex funds") to support families or individuals in need of housing assistance as a result of COVID-19. Of the allocated \$35 million, \$20 million will be initially expended, with \$15 million being held in reserve, for rent stabilization and housing support.

The New Hampshire Housing Relief Program is designed to keep people from losing their housing and to secure or maintain permanent housing. The program has two components: one-time assistance grants; and a short-term rental assistance program.

Individuals should go to the WWW.CAPNH.ORG to find their local Community Action Program and for additional information.

NEW REPORT: Cost of COVID-19 to SUD Treatment and Recovery Providers

Cost of COVID-19 to SUD Providers: Survey Results



INSURANCE BILLED REVENUE (OVERALL):

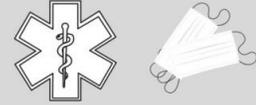
The estimated loss for all small and large group providers in NH by October (after 6 months of this crisis) will be at least **\$6,018,058.42** in insurance billed revenue.



The hardest hit month was April, just after the Stay at Home order was first issued. The average change of respondents' revenue from March to April was a decrease of **\$21,607.93**.

MEDICAID BILLED REVENUE:

Medicaid revenue was hit the hardest in April. The average change of respondents' Medicaid revenue from March to April was a decrease of **\$20,357.24**.



CANCELLED EVENTS AND LOST EXPECTED INCOME:

47.83% of respondents reported that their entities had to cancel events due to COVID-19, and all of them lost expected revenue or incurred costs that they cannot recover.

- The average revenue lost from cancelled events was **\$40,863.64** per respondent.
- The median revenue lost from cancelled events was **\$22,000** per respondent.

TECHNOLOGY AND PPE COSTS:

The average cost of new technology purchased by respondents was **\$6,324.26**. The average amount spent on PPE by each respondent was **\$3,155.70**.



73.91% of respondents invested in new technology to see clients safely during the COVID-19 crisis and 39.13% of respondents had spent money on personal protective equipment (PPE) by mid-May. 45% of respondents didn't receive any federal relief to offset expenses.

Projections show that \$15-18 million are needed to support, stabilize and expand SUD treatment capacity to meet needs anticipated in the months and years ahead.

"As a Substance Use Disorder treatment facility, we had to discontinue our in-house treatment in late March and convert our outpatient business (which constitutes a fraction of our total revenue base) to telehealth... It will take 3-4 months to get us back to "the new normal" which means a slow stream of clients served, additional expenses involved in testing and/or isolation, deep cleaning before and additional cleaning required out of the normal, PPE. Friendship House is a much-needed facility in northern New Hampshire serving a mainly low-income population." -Cathy Roy of North Country Health Consortium

[VIEW THE FULL REPORT HERE](#)

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