



January 2025 Community of Care Collaborative Meeting Minutes

Featured Speaker: Shari Woods – Better Life Partners

Next month –

Shari Woods, Street Outreach Associate, Better Life Partners

- Statewide, already present in Maine
- Now offering injectables – names??
- Medically assisted treatment for opioids and alcohol
- Mental Health care/medication, non-emergency care including, birth control, antibiotics for those experiencing SUD
- 1269 café walk-in clinic open 8-8 M-F, 8-6 Saturday, Call service for medications Sunday
- Attending outpatient clinical groups as well
- Insurance not necessary – call to schedule an appointment. Medications are available for out-of-pocket costs. Case Managers are available to assist with obtaining insurance.

January is first Annual Substance Use Disorder Treatment Awareness Month, promoted by SAMHSA!

Pillar Updates:

- Homelessness Support – Irina Owens
 - Winter warming at 39 Beech is going very well
 - PIT count between 5am and 9am Thursday January 23, contact Irena to volunteer
- Overdose Trends – Andrew Warner
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- Mental Health Care – Jonathan
 - Open Access care model at MHGM is going very well with a positive response

Other Updates:

- Concerns regarding unhoused individuals can be directed to Andrew Warner and his team. They can assist by bringing resources to them.
- Matt Bohannon – opening LGBTQ+ housing center with board of (board name?) within the YWCA building
- Shari Woods looking for tabling events/street outreach opportunities – please contact to collaborate

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February at 10:00am.

Please be sure to RSVP!