

# Carroll County Veterans Coalition

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## Agenda

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1. Round table introductions/updates:

- a. David Teed/Easterseals Veterans Count- Works with organizations around NH to do outreach and address housing needs.
- b. Stephanie Higgs/Easterseals Veterans Count- Easterseals Veterans Count mental health services currently has no waitlist and offers telehealth appointments to

veterans across NH, or they can come to Manchester. The referral process is by calling the intake line at: 603-315-4354. Accepts VA insurance and many other insurance providers as well.

- c. Drew Wiley and Jaime MacDonald/Clearpath Veterans New England- Assists with housing (if veterans are behind on rent or homeless, etc.) and offers other services including benefits specialists, recreational programs, K9 services, and more.
  - d. Megan Frost/Care Coordination Program of NH- Free, confidential assistance for currently serving military members that live, work, or serve in NH.
  - e. Alexandra Baer/Harbor Care- Provides outreach for suicide prevention and provides suicide prevention trainings throughout NH.
  - f. Laura Barker/Hero Pups- Trains service dogs for veterans and first responders. Focuses on service dogs for mental health/psychiatric challenges from serving. Contact: <https://heropups.com/>
  - g. Jennifer Walton- Retired navy veteran, active in the VFW in Carroll County.
  - h. Soyla Hernandez/C3PH- Community health worker, helps people with applying for assistance and patient advocacy.
2. Jen Thomas-
- a. Conference updates- May 4, 1100-1500 hours at Mount Washington Valley Adult Day Center. Please register here: <https://forms.gle/ZGCwHqCTZxDZDck96>
    - i. Who is coming? Easterseals Veterans Count and Clear Path for Veterans New England will be coming.
    - ii. Please find more people and help spread the word!
    - iii. Jen T. will send Alexandra vendor info.
    - iv. Everything will be free; vendors bring their own table but everything else will be provided.
  - b. Merchandise Store
    - i. Funds to non-profit?
    - ii. Suggestions
      - 1. Delta Dog and Hero Pups? Check in with Laura about Hero Pups.
      - 2. Scholarship fund for behavioral health services?

c. Stand Down Event- Doesn't sound viable for our area right now. Could look more into doing the event next year. Would have to find a host site, etc.

d. Website

i. Please email me meetings or activities to add to the calendar.

ii. Emily – updates on content/design

1. PDF of Veterans Resource Guide on Resources page

2. Form on Events page if you'd like to add an event to the calendar:

<https://www.carrollcountyveteranscoalition.org/events-1>

e. Fisher Cats game May 24<sup>th</sup> and tickets!

i. Each purchase puts a percent amount into a fund managed by PPH for Veteran Coalitions to use.

ii. Please share the link!

iii. <https://fevo-enterprise.com/Partnershipfor6>

iv. PDF link to flyer



PPH Fisher Cats  
Poster Final.png

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3. Provider Planning

a. Survey

i. Ask Bethany Darling for guidance.

ii. What would you like to see in the survey?

iii. Including "Ask the Question" campaign.

iv. How to raise awareness about veteran needs?

v. Any ideas on the best way to reach out to medical providers?

4. Outreach ideas for providers or other groups?

5. Presenter/subject area expert ideas?

a. Stephanie- Military culture training to providers in Carroll County.

i. Jen T.- Planning on doing trainings for providers, first responders, and schools that after the survey.

ii. Stephanie has a slide deck that can be shared for trainings. Lakes Region military culture training for providers was based off Dare Mighty Things

and have also been doing trainings at the community college. Lakes Region also did a survey for providers.

6. Outreach ideas or other places to partner with? Let Jen T. know if you think of any.
  - a. Alexandra- Idea to have a conference for all the NH Veterans Coalitions so they can all work together/connect. David seconds this idea- Has been seeing problems with referrals not getting to where they need to be quickly, so connecting with other coalitions and partners would be helpful.
    - i. Jen T.- Has begun that conversation with the other coalitions. The Partnership for Public Health (fiscal agent for Veterans Coalitions) would most likely organize it. Everyone could share what they're doing, their initiatives, and their resources. There are currently eight veteran coalitions in NH. Jen T. will email Joe and the VA about this.

7. Resources/Activities/Flyers

- a. Women's Veterans Newsletter



- b. PACT Act Extension



- c. ID updates



- ii. **Office Hours** *Share logo designed by Beah Peterson*



- d. New England Veteran Publication



- e. PACT Act Summer Vet Fest

- i. Wednesday July 26 0900-1400
- ii. Manchester VA Medical Center

1. 718 Smyth Road Manchester NH
- f. Press Release about NH veteran coalitions.
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    - i.
  - g. Innate Therapeutic Services- Veteran and Military focused substance use recovery services.
    - i. Mike Frost
    - ii. 67 Industrial Park Drive Franklin, NH 03235
    - iii. 603.671.7045
    - iv. [www.innatetherapeuticservices.com](http://www.innatetherapeuticservices.com)
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Innate Therapeutic Services.pdf
    - v.
  - h. Close
    - i. Links to resources will be provided as attachments in minutes.
    - ii. Thank you!
    - iii. Next meeting
      1. May 28th

