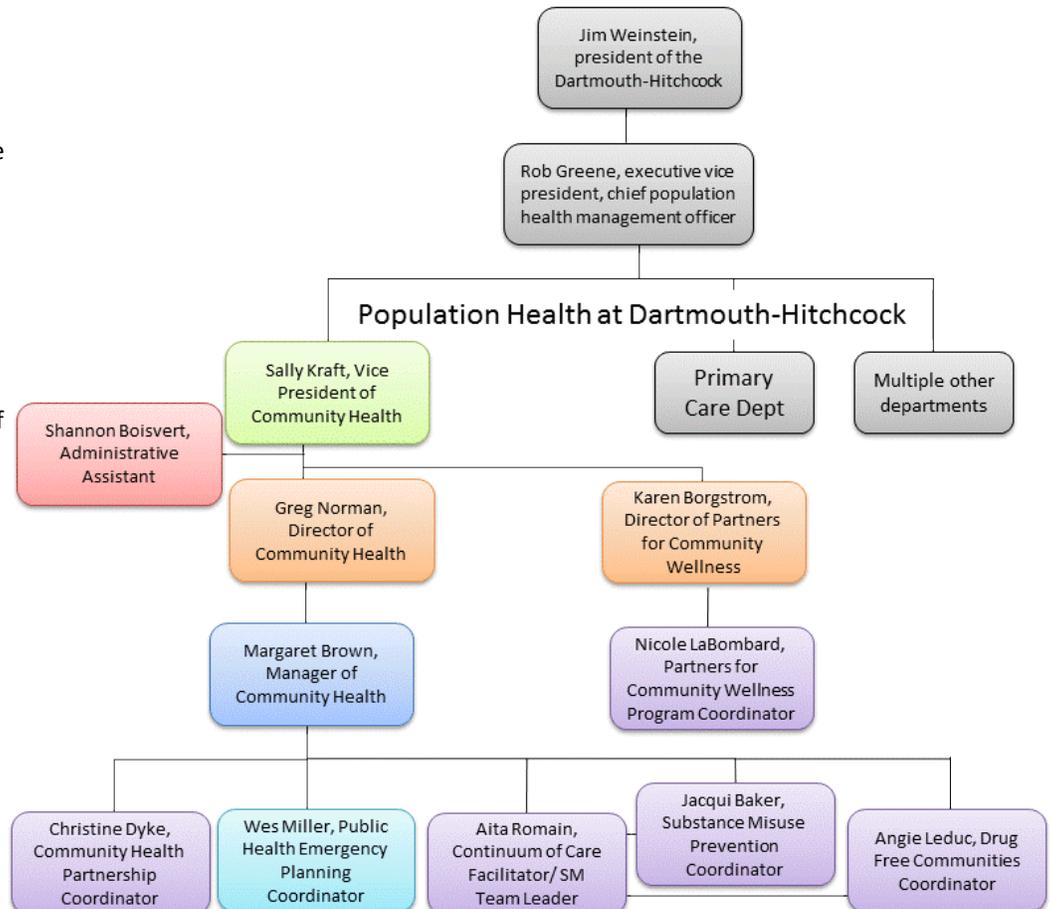


Who Funds the Regional Substance Misuse Continuum of Care Facilitator?

In July 2013, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), through the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services (BDAS) and Division of Public Health Services (DPHS), established 13 regional public health networks across New Hampshire. In each region the State of NH contracts with a fiscal agent which funds a Public Health Council Coordinator, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator, and Substance Misuse Continuum of Care Facilitator. The Emergency Preparedness Coordinator and Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator positions were created in 2013. In 2015, the Substance Misuse Continuum of Care Coordinator was added. In the Upper Valley Region, Dartmouth-Hitchcock is the regional fiscal agent and subcontracts to Mascoma Valley Health Initiative to coordinate the Public Health Council (see table below).

Upper Valley Regional Public Health Network Roles	
Title	Individual or Organization
Fiscal Agent	Dartmouth-Hitchcock
Public Health Council Coordinator (sub-contractor)	Alice Ely, Director of Mascoma Valley Health Initiative
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator	Wesley Miller (2013 to present)
Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator	Jacqui Baker (2015 to present) Aita Romain (2013 to 2015)
Continuum of Care Facilitator	Aita Romain (2015 to present)

Since Dartmouth-Hitchcock is the fiscal agent, the coordinators/facilitators are also part of the following organizational structure (see diagram to the right). The Substance Misuse Team, referred to as **ALL Together** by the community, is embedded in the Community Health Improvement Department at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. This team is led by Aita Romain, Continuum of Care Facilitator, and includes the Substance Misuse Prevention Coordinator, Jacqui Baker, and Drug Free Communities Coordinator, Angie Leduc. ALL Together covers the sixteen towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford, Piermont, and Plainfield in New Hampshire and Fairfield in Vermont.



The Role and Responsibilities of The Continuum of Care Facilitator

The Continuum of Care funds are to support planning for the development of organizational structures needed within each of the Regional Public Health Networks to study and develop capacity for a seamless substance misuse continuum of care approach that includes: environmental strategies, prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery support services. This work will include outlining a comprehensive approach to address the misuse of alcohol and drugs within a Resiliency and Recovery Oriented System of Care context.

Specific tasks that must be completed by the Upper Valley Region from July 2015-June 2017:

- ◆ The Public Health Council will participate in ongoing education about and provide support for a regional Continuum of Care.
- ◆ Create a mission statement to drive the work of the Continuum of Care Facilitator.
- ◆ Hire, ensure training and provide support for one (1) full-time dedicated Continuum of Care Facilitator.
- ◆ Recruit and reconvene subject matter experts to form the Regional Continuum of Care Work Group.
- ◆ With the Regional Continuum of Care work group, use the Strategic Planning model to facilitate and record an assessment of substance misuse services assets and gaps within the Regional Continuum of Care and submit it to BDAS within nine (9) months of the contract start date.
- ◆ Use the Public Health Council mission statement of the ideal regional CoC and the results of the substance misuse and gaps assessment to facilitate the development of a plan by the Regional Continuum of Care work group to build and/or strengthen the regional continuum of care. (Plan to be submitted within twelve (12) months of contract start date).

Continuum of Care Facilitator responsibilities as outlined by regional need:

- ◆ Builds community among resiliency and recovery organizations. (e.g. Networking Lunches)
- ◆ Coordinates efforts to bring additional funding to the region in support of building a comprehensive system of care. (e.g. Supporting grant applications)
- ◆ Informs the Dartmouth-Hitchcock system about substance misuse related community and organization needs and concerns. (e.g. Sitting on D-H planning workgroups teams)
- ◆ Reviews substance misuse continuum of care evidence based literature.
- ◆ Coordinates the Connect Suicide Prevention and Postvention trainings in the region.
- ◆ Ensures that all 3 ALL Together coordinators are working together and communicating.
- ◆ Supports substance use and mental health innovative pilot programs in the community.
- ◆ Revises the Consumer's Guide to Substance Use Treatment.