



# Greater Nashua Public Health Network Services

## PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



The *Greater Nashua Public Health Advisory Committee (PHAC)* is a network of organizations and individuals that work together to improve the health of the Region and its residents. The PHAC informs the development of regional Community Health Assessments and its partners are integral in the successful implementation of the Community Health Improvement Planning process.

The *PHAC Executive Committee* is comprised of decision-makers from a variety of Greater Nashua PHAC partner organizations and provides leadership guidance to support health related efforts in the Greater Nashua Public Health Region.



### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Convene, coordinate and facilitate a regional PHAC, comprised of representatives of numerous community sectors and who have authority to make public health change, to serve as an advisory body to the Public Health Network and other participating entities that deliver public health services and/or address the social determinants of health.
- Increase coordination and collaboration among the very diverse set of entities whose missions and work impact the health of the public.
- Sustaining and expanding the existing PHAC to utilize data to identify key health problems; monitor and advance the implementation of existing community health improvement plans; evaluate the impact of initiatives linked to the health improvement plan.
- Address systems, environment, and policy improvements to improve health, including addressing the social determinants of health. This includes building capacity to address emerging health threats.
- Provide guidance to partnering entities regarding the regional capacity to implement new initiatives and which partnering entity(ies) are best suited to do this on behalf of all regional partners.
- Maintain and monitor implementation of a current Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) that is aligned with the State Health Improvement Plan; provide leadership to network partners in order to implement CHIP priorities.
- Collect, analyze and disseminate data about the health status of the region; educate network partners about on-line and other sources of data; and participate in/publish community health assessments.

## **ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTNERS AND MUNICIPALITIES**

- Designate staff to represent the town on the PHAC and its committees (including Executive Committee)
- Support staff in attending trainings and exercises offered by the Public Health Network
- Designate staff to participate in PH emergency planning
  - Maintain town specific site plans – including set-up, security, staffing, etc.
  - Provide updated municipal contact information (quarterly)
- Assist in public education efforts
  - Identify potential audiences
  - Provide space for local meetings/trainings when needed
  - Distribute information – print, television, website, social
- Act as a liaison between the Public Health Network and your community
  - Provide opportunities for staff and residents to participate in public health initiatives
  - Promote public health initiatives