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Present: Kelly Ehrhart, Ken Lewis, Tom Grinley, Doug Robertson, Michael Gann, Dave LaCroix and Sharon Reynolds

Tom Grinley—Office of Consumer & Family Affairs

The office plans to change their name by the end of the year. We are still working from home and virtual meetings are planned for the next few months.

Stable NH keeps benefits and return to work (Behavioral Health Learning Collaborative). NH Hospital has 60 people waiting for discharge. There are 60 people waiting to get in. Limited housing options are a top priority. When you apply for a Bridge Grant, you automatically apply for Section 811. There are 500 Bridge grants available. State offices have reopened and catching up with applications.

More transitional beds are available at Philbrick. NFI has unused capacity. More requests for proposal for transitional housing were released at the end of the last fiscal year. We are in the midst of the Step Up/Step Down Peer Transitional Housing application process.

Certified Peer Specialists join a committee to continue the conversation.

Eduardo Vega reaches out to People of Color.

David LaCroix—NH Hospital

Transitional program at Philbrick has 16 beds that fill up fast. There is funding for the Secure Psychiatric Unit (SPU). The State has the money. It could be a two-story building with 38—50 beds. Construction might be divided into two phases. The facility will be located near the hospital and NH Hospital will run the program.

Community Care Teams (CCTs) help people transition back to the community: better results through better collaboration. Due to the coronavirus, budget cuts are anticipated.

Ken Lewis—Action Plan Update

We submitted grant application to New Futures for website and promotional materials. We will learn results in two weeks. We now have a new mission statement.

Not much has changed legislatively.

Website Feedback

Change Current Peer Issues as homepage. Add Advocate button. Google ads?

We are planning to become a 501c3 in the future, but not right now. Could doctors be advocates?

Mental Health Caucus

Jim McKay led the Mental Health Caucus in the legislature. We need to re-establish connection and advocate regarding transitional housing, Step Up/Step Down, respite, Peer Support Agencies (PSAs), mobile crisis teams, etc.

Mental Health Treatment Indicator Portal

NH Mental Health Treatment Indicator Portal is a resource for services near them by county.