

## GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

3855 Dartmouth College Hwy

North Haverhill, NH 03774

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

PRESENT: Commissioners Cryans, Richards and Lauer, CA Libby and Admin Assistant S. Norcross.

OTHERS PRESENT: ITM Ruggles, Supt. Elliott, ASD Gilding

Commissioner Cryans called the meeting to order at 9:00AM and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITM Ruggles arrived and gave the following report:

Grafton County Department of Information Technology  
Monthly Summary Report  
May 24th, 2016

### AO – Attorney's Office

- Resolved web-mail client synchronizing with mail server issue.
- Added folder to synchronize with AG 's laptop. This will make the documents in the folder available to the AG when off site.
- Resolved email client issue for Victim witness coordinator working off-site.
- Resolved email client issue with uploading documents to web based document store.
- Resolved network error with users home and public folders.
- Resolved issue with add on software not working correctly in Document archiving software.
- Resolved email client issue for Victim witness coordinator. Cleared cache for app and issue cleared.
- Setup laptop and needed network connections for AG to do remote conference call in CO meeting room.
- Restored document for AG.
- Worked with AO staff to resolve document issue. Macro for document was not working correctly. This issue will be addressed by AO staff.
- Configured Laptop to be used by support staff in Victim Witness department.
- Made changes to Firewall, so certain employees have the ability to video conference.
- Setup DHCP Reservations for all AO computer systems so they maintain correct IP addresses to work with new firewall rules.
- Assisted Attorney with initiating a video conference meeting and hosting it in one of the courtrooms on the cart. All parties successfully called into the meeting.
- Set up County Email on one of the Attorney's iPhone.
- Relocated PC and scanner from Courthouse Basement to the Commissioner's Office.
- Set up printers and performed necessary maintenance on that basement PC.
- Employee's Email program was constantly "Not Responding". I reconfigured her

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application by removing her email profile and re-adding it. I also made some changes to allow her to empty out her Inbox.

- Researched if there is a way for category colors to carry over with shard Outlook Calendar's.
- Copied an employee's Desktop items from one PC to another, as she works at multiple locations.
- Reseated the CD drive in one of the Support Staff's computers.
- The Outlook profile on the big display computer got corrupt somehow. I made changes to one of our security features and our email host's synchronization application.
- Assisted employee with her Outlook categories that all got erased.
- Relocated AO PC System, phone and scanner to new office location at the Administration building.

#### AS – Alternative sentencing

- Set up domain and email accounts for new Director. Also, Set up desktop, printers, drive mappings, etc.
- Assigned the appropriate VoIP extensions for the new Director and previous one who relocated to a different department.
- Oriented with new office Director. Setup printer retention setup and scan-to-email.
- Assisted employee with placing a document's header on certain pages.
- Assisted employee with re-recording the auto-attendant greeting, to replace the automated menu with the prior Director with the new one.

#### CE – Cooperative Extension

- n/c

#### CO – Commissioners Office

- Payroll Coordinator PC was reported to be making quite a bit of noise. Determined that it was the power supply fan. Had one new power supply quoted and ordered and replaced.
- Install Software Update to Infinite Visions accounting software.
- Assisted Financial Coordinator with banking software update.
- Setup laptop for HS director to assist employee in accessing Campus insurance website.
- Resolved issue payroll had in accessing employee time tracking server. Browser setting needed to be reset.

#### DoC – Department of Corrections

- Resolved issue for user accessing inmate software.
- Created users accounts for new CO. Did training on use of accounts, review of campus policies for computer and email use.
- Replaced failed hard drive in medical system.
- Resolved printing issue on medical system.
- Re-assigned phone extension for new drug counselor, from her old one to the one that was previous used by prior job holder.

- Deployed mice for the inmate and set security restrictions to access BIOS on all computer lab laptops.
- Forced a Group Policy Update for a PC to receive an updated driver for a deployed printer.
- Worked on the Verizon Wireless Network Extender. The device couldn't operate after there were strict security changes on our Firewall. Once we got the Network piece isolated, the unit would not boot up and connect to the service provider's GPS. Called Verizon's Tech support and they had to perform a reboot from their facility.
- Fixed connection on DVR for a camera that wasn't working

#### HR – Human Resources

- Resolved scanning issue for Personnel files archive.
- Setup and installed label maker.
- Assisted employee with re-recording the department's auto-attendant, as there has been a staff change.
- Cleaned up former HR Director's laptop, performed utilities, and created the employees profile that is going to start using it. Noticed that the NIC card has failed and cannot connect to DHCP. Contacted Dell and have a new motherboard warrantied, and they sent a tech to install.
- Work on getting IT setup for New HR Director to move into HR Director office.

#### IT – Department of Information Technology

- Found cause of windows event viewer error (WMI) recurring in event viewer on systems. Event is false positive due to error in windows OS.
- Worked with IT manager to resolve NAS device error. Error caused by OS update. Resolved.
- Monthly Windows updates deployed.
- Updates of PDF viewer, Browser, Browser plug-in to enable web content to play updated for security.
- Windows accounts of separated employees disabled. Email accounts deleted after their department managers approval.
- Resolved backup error on email server with time change to the backup job.
- Cardboard from equipment for Lifesize equipment disposed of.
- Replaced a dead UPS battery with a new spare we had in stock.
- Installed configured and setup 2 new virtual servers and clones, and completed the configuration's and IP settings for the LAN and Backplane.
- Installed Email Server software update.
- Research and source quotes on Ransomware training for NH Administrator.

#### MT – Maintenance

- n/c

#### RD – Registrar of Deeds

- Removed malware to correct Internet Explorer issue.

- Installed software to help prevent against ransom ware.

#### NH – Nursing Home

- Setup access to web software for resident care on multiple NH users.
- Did prevent maintenance on systems at Nursing stations and reception desk.
- Replaced toner on Nursing stations.
- Resolved issue with FAX machine. FAX line had been unplugged from wall by a user.
- Made changes and tested for network folders that admin staff scans documents to. All tested good.
- Disabled separated employee's accounts.
- Resolved accidentally deleted shortcut for user.
- Resolved printing issue for User. Replaced what browser she was using to open link.
- Removed drive from old system used in restorative.
- Replaced standard mechanical drive with solid state drive for increased performance
- Replaced UPS in activities on aide's system.
- Added printer to ADN system. Account for ADN to retain documents to be retrieved and printed also created. The accounts are created on the printer to keep documents private.
- Retrieved deleted document for dietary staff.
- Worked with IT manager to correct scan to folder issue. Issue caused by update failure on NAS device.
- Meet with CFO to discuss upcoming software, user needs.
- Installed banking software on NHCFO s system.
- Disabled wireless on NH printers to avoid wireless conflicts.
- Resolved Browser issue. Browser would not open. Replaced corrupt file.
- Restored network share folder.
- Resolved printer issue. Printer needed reset and toner.
- Per request of department manager access to network folder restricted to just their department.
- Updated submission claims software on server and two workstations.
- Setup laptop for NH director to work on resident tracking software.
- Resolved printing issue from web applications for DNA.
- Resolved issue with banking submission software.
- Opened up and cleaned inside all the nursing and Unit Secretaries PC's. Also performed maintenance on the disks as well.
- Installed new USB printer in employee's office.
- Retrieved paper from the Doctor's jammed printer.
- Reset a couple PDA's that were not responding.

#### SO – Sheriff's Office\Dispatch

- Installed new version of search tool for detective. Prior version no longer supported on IE.
- Installed new OS on MDT to windows 7 pro. This was done to make MDT compliant with regulations.
- Resolved connectivity issue for Piermont PD.



Monroe roadside cleanup, Lebanon landfill, Horse meadow senior center, Bristol beach and cemetery, Route 112 roadside cleanup.

### **3. General:**

#### **a) Inmate transfer**

- Supt. Elliott stated that Coos County had an inmate who assaulted some of their staff. He stated that Coos County has a smaller facility where it is harder to move inmates around and asked if Grafton County could take this inmate. Supt. Elliott stated that they have had the inmate and there have not been any issues. He is in the protective custody unit.

Commissioner Lauer moved to approve the inmate transfer from Coos County to Grafton County. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### **b) Crossroads graduation**

- Supt. Elliott stated that the Crossroads Graduation will be May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

#### **c) Primex training**

- Supt. Elliott stated that on May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> he took eight (8) officers to the Primex training at the Mount Washington. He stated that they did an incredible job and they learned a lot from it.

#### **d) Request from Belknap corrections**

- Supt. Elliott stated that from June 10<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> they may need to send some inmates from Belknap County to clear out space for the arrests that will be made during bike week. He stated that this isn't set to happen as of right now but he wanted to get the Commissioner's approval. The Commissioners were in agreement to take inmates if need be.

#### **e) Correctional Officer Week**

- Supt. Elliott stated that the first week of May was Correctional Officer Week. He bought all of the officers a nice water bottle and wrote a letter thanking them all for their hard work. He gave everyone at the meeting one of the water bottles and a copy of the letter that was sent out.

Director Gilding arrived and gave the following report: (\*see attached)

Director Gilding stated that the National Drug Court Conference is being held in Anaheim, CA. He explained to the Commissioners that this would give him four (4) days of intense information. It is being held May 31<sup>st</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup> and he is looking to take Jen Stone with him. He stated that Jen has connections with many people and could help him get connected with people.

He stated that it would be a great opportunity to learn the four (4) areas he wants to work on, supervision, MAP, overall understanding of the program and best practices.

Commissioner Lauer moved to approve Director Gilding's out of state travel request.  
Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Director Gilding stated that in regards to a prior conversation with the Commissioners he has changed his mind on a few things. He stated that with commitment and training he would like the opportunity to work with what and who he has in supervision to create the culture that he is trying to get too in Drug Court. He went on to further discuss details of his plans for Drug Court.

Director Gilding brought in a sample of a welcome gift for when new participants enroll. The welcome gift consists of books for NA/AA, a journal, daily reflections and a small coin with a serenity saying on the back. There is also plant that will be the participant's responsibility for a year and see if they can keep it alive. If they keep it alive for the year they will get another coin. Director Gilding explained that if they keep this plant a live it will show they have relationships outside of their close knit group within Drug Court. He stated that he has also purchased adult coloring books as a way of meditation and to relax. Director Gilding stated that this is all a part of giving and receiving respect with the clients.

Director Gilding stated that he attended the Friends of Drug Court Annual Meeting. Senator Ayotte and Senator Shaheen were present and there were a lot of very prominent community members in the crowd.

Director Gilding stated that he is also meeting with Atty. Saffo to go over the numbers in drug court and what her requirements and expectations are and how they can build the numbers up. He stated that they will be going around to introduce himself and meet with the Police Chiefs in Grafton County.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the May 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing.

Commissioner Lauer moved to approve the minutes from the May 16<sup>th</sup> public hearing.  
Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Commissioner Cryans asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes from the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Commissioner Richards moved to approve the minutes from the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Commissioner Lauer seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Commissioners signed check registers 745-747; 1188-1189; 1191-1193.

CA Libby submitted a CDFA Drawdown Request for Plymouth Senior Center in the amount of \$17,107 for Commissioner Cryans to sign.

CA Libby submitted a CDFA Closeout for the Plymouth Senior Center for Commissioner Cryans to sign.

CA Libby read a request for out of state travel from Sheriff Dutile for Detective Eric James to attend the "Meeting the Consent Defense in Non-Starnger Sexual Assault Cases" at the Jay Peak Resort on June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. This is a free one (1) day training.

Commissioner Lauer moved to approve the out of state travel request. Commissioner Richards seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Commissioner Lauer attended meals on wheels walk-a-thon in Littleton on Saturday.

Commissioner Richards stated that all three (3) Commissioners attended the UNH Extension Advisory Council Meeting ran by Jon Martin. She stated that one (1) of the main discussions was getting more people on the board. They currently have two (2) positions available.

The Commissioners had a discussion regarding the osprey in the nests on the county property. Commissioner Richards stated that she will write up a press release. The Commissioners named the two (2) ospreys Ray and Ramona.

10:34 With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Linda D. Lauer, Clerk





## **GRAFTON COUNTY ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING**

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### **Alternative Sentencing Programs Commissioners Report April 2016**

#### **Monthly Drug Court Report April 2016**

**Total Participants: 12**

**Female: 3**

**Male: 9**

**Total Prospective Clients on List: 12**

**Total Clients Terminated: 0**

**Total Clients Incarcerated: 5**

**Total Clients Graduated: 0**

#### **Monthly Mental Health Court Report April 2016**

**Total MHC Participants: 20**

**Total Veterans Participants: Littleton – 3, Plymouth - 1**

**Total Prospective Clients on List: 10**

**Total Participants Unsuccessfully Discharged: 0**

**Lebanon MHC Veteran Docket Participants: 0**

**Veterans Being Assessed for Docket: 2**

**Participant Graduations: 1**

#### **Monthly Juvenile Restorative Justice Report April 2016**

**Total New Participants for CADY: 2**

**Total Participants for CADY: 8**

**Total New Participants for GCJRJP: 0**

**Total Participants for GCJRJP: 5**

**Total New Participants for VCDP: 8**

**Total Participants for VCDP: 12**

**Monthly Adult Diversion Report April 2016**

**Total Participants: 8**

**Female: 5**

**Male: 3**

**Total Prospective Clients on List: 8**

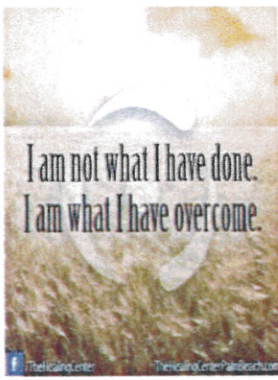
**Number of Intakes Completed: 1**

**Total number of individuals Alternative Sentencing served  
in April 2016**

**64**

**Total amount of revenue received at Alternative  
Sentencing in April 2016**

**\$860.00 total**



## ADULT DIVERSION PROGRAM



**Total Participants: 8**

**Male Participants: 3**

**Female Participants: 5**

**Total Number of Prospective Participants: 7**

**Number of Intakes Completed in the Month of May: 3**

**Number of Participants in the Process of Acceptance: 2**

**Curriculums Used in Adult Diversion Life Skill Classes:** Life skill classes are held every other Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Alternative Sentencing Building. Life skill classes have been running since the beginning of March and the feedback from the participants is extremely positive, as evidenced by multiple participants notifying case manager, Ashley Belyea of the various scenarios that they have been able to use the skills learned in both curriculums. The curriculums used are as follows:

**Thinking for a Change:** This curriculum uses the standard procedures for cognitive behavioral interventions. The three components of "Thinking for a Change" are: cognitive self-change, social skills, and problem solving skills. Cognitive self-change teaches individuals a concrete process for self-reflection aimed at uncovering antisocial thoughts, feelings, attitudes, and beliefs. Social skills instruction prepares group members to engage in pro-social interactions based on self-understanding and consideration of the impact of their actions on others. Problem solving skills integrates the both cognitive self-change and social skills to provide group members with an explicit step-by-step process for addressing challenging and stressful real life situations. (Thinking for a Change, p. 8)

**Empower Your Future:** This curriculum is a life skills, career development and employability curriculum guide. "Empower Your Future" curriculum guide is designed to help people discover new information and practice new skills in relationship to their job and career development. The curriculum focuses on several important aspects of work

readiness including self-assessment, exploring careers and the nuts and bolts of getting and keeping jobs , such as resume writing, completing job applications, interacting with co-workers and taking initiative. (Empower Your Future, pgs. 1, 2, &3)

**Treatment:** In the month of May the Adult Diversion Program has had two participants that were afforded the opportunity to go to Inpatient Treatment. One of the participants is partaking in the 28-day Residential Inpatient Program at Phoenix House in Keene, NH. The other participant is attending a 28-day Residential Inpatient Program at Recovery Village in Umatilla, Fl. Through an insurance liaison, Thomas Massey from Advance Recovery Systems, we were able to connect this participant to treatment in Florida at no expense to the participant.

#### **Trainings Attended in April/May:**

HIV Trends and Treatment

North Country Drug Summit Follow-up

NH Governor's Summit on Substance Misuse

- Treatment in NH: Getting People the Right Help
- Recovery Foundations: Understanding and Overcoming Addiction Stigma
- A Mother's Journey: Navigating through Her Sons Addiction



## Grafton County Drug Court Sentencing Program

May 17, 2016

### Mission Statement

GCDCSP (Grafton County Drug Court Sentencing Program). The mission of the Grafton County Drug Court Sentencing Program is to improve community safety; decrease financial costs currently incurred by the criminal justice system; and assist non-violent criminal offenders in breaking the cycle of crime and addiction. The program participants are judicially supervised with frequent court appearances, random drug testing, community supervision and the utilization of evidence based treatment practices to address and transform the participants into healthy, productive, law-abiding citizens.

### Program Statistics

#### **Male Participants Program Statistics:**

Total Admitted: 71  
Completed: 37  
Terminated: 23  
Administratively Discharged: 2  
Currently Enrolled: 9  
Absconded: 4 (1 currently still missing)

#### **Female Participants Program Statistics:**

Total Admitted: 41  
Completed: 18  
Terminated: 18  
Administratively Discharged: 1  
Currently Enrolled: 4  
Absconded: 0

#### **Currently enrolled:**

##### **13 participants Total**

1 absconded, since 2015) & (1 female awaiting a termination hearing, for multiple violation).

**\*11 actively participating**

**\*1 new female participant entered the program on 5/9/16.**

**\*10 Prospective Participants on the list with 3 application submitted for evaluation.**

**\*14 Prospective Participants were removed from the list.**

**\*3 applicants were declined by team due to community safety issues.**

**\*11 applicants took alternative sentences or their attorney rejected the plea.**

**\*Participants incarcerated for sanctions or violations in the last 30 days:**

**\*2-Female**

(relapse on alcohol) **total jail days- 11 days**

**\*3- Males**

(1- relapse on alcohol & 1 participant two separate incarcerations, both behavioral issues: missing treatment & lying) **total jail days-21 days** (as of 5/24/16)

**Drug Court News and Events:**

On May 10, 2016, five current and two former Drug Court Participants accompanied Jennifer Stone to Meadow Brooks Pavilion to meet former Celtics Player and recovering Heroin Addict Chris Herren. A local supporter from the Lebanon area made an anonymous donation of several basketballs for the clients to have signed by Chris.

Prior to Chris giving an hour long presentation, he met with our DC clients to take pictures, answer questions and sign autographs. Following his presentation he introduced a few participants to the teens there and allowed our two graduates to share their story. One graduate had his 14 year old daughter with him so she could embrace the message of the dangers of using drugs. This was a very positive event for the Participants, the message from Chris Herren and the participation of former graduates was very empowering.



On June 24-26, 2016, All drug court participants are being offered the opportunity to attend a weekend long NA/AA Campout in Bethlehem at Apple Hill Campground. This event has been running for 26 years and attracts recovering individuals from all over New England. It incorporates, various types of meetings, networking opportunities and participation in sober activities. The cost of the event is \$50.00 a person for the weekend. However, to show support for Grafton County they are capping the cost at \$500. For as many individuals as we would like to attend. They will also supply all camping gear to those who may need it.

**FNHDC UPDATE:**

*Grafton County Friends of Drug Court received a \$500.00 donation from the Littleton Rotary Club, thanks to Bob Muh and his continual support of the program.*

**Account Balance: \$3147.52**

*On May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the FNHDC will hold their first Honorary Board Members induction into the Friends of NH Drug Courts. Senators Ayotte and Senator Shaheen will be attending. Governor Hassen and Congresswoman Kuster will be sending representatives. The event will be held at Devine Millimet Law Firm, 111 Amherst Street Manchester, NH 03101.*

Crime is a violation of  
people and relationships.  
It creates obligations  
to make things right.

Justice involves the  
victim, the offender,  
and the community  
in a search for solutions  
which promote repair,  
reconciliation,  
and reassurance.

Howard Zehr

## **JUVENILE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM REPORT**

*May 24, 2016*

**Valley Court Diversion Program (VCDP)**, covering the Grafton South catchment area, has been working with Lebanon Police to streamline the referral process, and are experiencing an increase in referrals, having 8 new referrals come in and bringing their current participation to 12. They have also built new relationships with 2 local high schools. They have begun utilizing a “Victim Liaison” to help reach out to the victims, explain the process of Restorative Justice (RJ) and assist them in participating and having a voice in the RJ process.

Members of VCDP have attended a training using a curriculum called “I AM AWARE” to educate on transgender and transsexual individuals, as well attending a training from a program called “Bridges Out of Poverty” which shared resources with the team to use with their clients. Additional training that members have attended are “Youth Thrive”, “Juvenile Crime/Gang Intervention”, Motivational Interviewing”, “10 Core Functions of Substance Use”, “National Conference for Behavioral Health”, and the “NH Governor’s Summit on Substance Misuse: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Addressing the Opioid Crisis.”

**Communities for Alcohol & Drug-free Youth (CADY)**, which cover the Central Grafton catchment area, has been meeting with area stakeholders, such as the Superintendent of SAU #48 and 7 of the area principals, to education on the RJ process and answer any questions they may have. They continue to have bimonthly meetings of Restorative Justice Panel Members to review and discuss the program and give updates on issues effecting RJ. Currently, CADY is working with 2 new referrals, bringing their total participants in the program to 8.

CADY participated in the Plymouth State University Criminal Justice Fair and recruited 3 PSU students to come to a Restorative Justice Panel Member training. Additionally, CADY attended the Whole Village Agency Meeting and was able to share events that are upcoming such as the “16 Annual Regional Prevention Summit 2016”, and the RJ Panel Member training. The Restorative Justice Panel Member training was held at Whole Village on April 27<sup>th</sup> with 7 people attending.

The **Grafton County Juvenile Restorative Justice Program** began the month of April 2016 with 5 participants, and are pleased to have 2 participants successfully complete in April and another 2 successfully complete in May. These 4 participants have done a combined total of over 100 hours of community service, paid \$70 in restitution to the victims, participated in many hours of counseling with a mental health counselor and/or a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) and attended case management meetings weekly.



As program coordinator, I have been increasing my knowledge and skill by attending conferences, trainings and webinars to further my understanding of how to assist with the various challenges we face in working with juveniles. I have participated in a 2 day "Motivational Interviewing" training, attended the "Haverhill Area Substance Misuse Prevention Coalition, the "North Country Drug Summit", the "NH Governor's Summit on Substance Misuse: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Addressing the Opioid Crisis", the annual meeting of the "NH Juvenile Court Diversion Network", taken webinars on "Attention Deficit-Hyperactive Disorder: Addictions Perfect Storm" and "E-Cigarettes: A Cessation Device or Alternative Vice? The Good, the Bad, the Ugly."

I am working on implementing outreach and education opportunities for the summer months in the Grafton North catchment area. It is my intent to become very active in the area schools beginning the fall semester.

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Strout,  
Juvenile Restorative Justice Coordinator



## Grafton County Mental Health Court

May 3, 2016

### MISSION STATEMENT

GCMHC (Grafton County Mental Health Court) seeks to provide an effective and meaningful alternative to the traditional criminal justice system for individuals with a mental illness. Our goal is to promote prompt intervention, education, treatment and recovery in order to improve the quality of the individual's life, reduce recidivism and improve community safety.

**PROGRAM STATISTICS:** \*The first HOH/Lebanon Mental Health Court (Halls of Hope) and ASSERT/Littleton Mental Health Court referrals were received in September of 2011 and Plymouth Mental Health Court enrolled their first participant in November of 2013

**63 participants to date**

**19 current participants** (95% of GCMHC participants have financial means below the national poverty guidelines, averaging \$15, 730 a year for a two-person household)

**30 graduates**

**9 referrals pending**

**Participants that did not complete MHC: 14 (7/ASSERT, 5/HOH, 2/PMHC) \*68% of participants successfully complete MHC**

3 participants obtained additional charges, were removed from MHC, and were incarcerated/could not be treated safely in the community, but community treatment providers worked closely with the House of Corrections to help find the best resolution for each person and the MHC teams and community mental health centers provided continued support to these individuals so they know they have support when they return to the community

2 individuals were removed from MHC for non-compliance/did not attend required appointments (one individual received short-term jail time and then returned to the community and to treatment and has not re-offended, and another individual was removed from the program for non-compliance with the treatment plan, yet the major goals of her participation were met (the program was able to work with her to help her children get transitioned to a safe place... in the future we will consider working with the court to file for early release to ensure successful completion for participants who have met the majority of their goals but haven't completed the full 12 months in MHC

2 participants did not complete MHC, 1 remained in the Program for 3 months and then opted out/was not at a stage to commit to sobriety, was not incarcerated, remained in treatment, without drug testing, and has not re-offended. The other's case was closed.

2 participants absconded from the Program (one individual has resurfaced and is going through the CJ system, and another has not been located yet)

5 participants were removed from MHC due to continued drug use despite access to full treatment support. 4 individuals served jail time/their sentences were imposed and another has left MHC and is in a 90 day SUD treatment program and will re-apply and be accepted back into MHC on another misdemeanor charge upon her return to the community

1 veteran participant was removed for not complying with Program expectations/did not engage with treatment. Since his exit he has been engaged in treatment with the WRJ VA and is doing well.

92 additional referrals did not participate (ineligible, found another result through criminal justice system, etc.) Most of these individuals stay connected to MH services after they have their evaluation through the mental health court application process

**164 total referrals**

15 veteran referrals, 6 veteran participants

10 participants had felony cases pending out of the Grafton County Attorney's Office

19 participants referred from the Grafton County Attorney's Office

2 violent episodes (simple assault) involved with MHC participants while in the Programs

8 participants were able to hold steady employment while in the MHC Program (employment can be a significant challenge for individuals with severe mental illness)

3 participants re-offended after graduating from MHC (all offenses tied to SUD) \*10% recidivism rate

**Participant Mental Health Diagnoses:** Schizophrenia, Schizo-affective Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, PTSD, Anxiety Disorder, Borderline Personality Disorder, Substance abuse disorders **(76% of GC MHC participants have co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders)**

**Halls of Hope (current):**

7 active participants  
3 applicants  
4 additional referrals  
14 graduates

**ASSERT (current):**

7 active participants  
3 applicants  
2 additional referrals  
9 graduates

**PMHC (current):**

6 active participants (1 veteran)  
4 applicants  
2 additional referrals  
5 graduates

▲ **Why so Many People with Mental Illness are in Jails and Prisons:**

- a. An oversimplification of the needs of people with SMI (housing, employment, etc.)
- b. Inadequate funding for community mental health, not connected to treatment for illness
- c. Limited number of psychiatric hospital beds
- d. Establishment of more punitive policies resulting in widespread arrest and incarceration of nonviolent offenders
- e. Coordination gaps between MH and CJ systems
- d. Too few alternative sentencing resources

▲ **Most Common Mental Illnesses Seen in Jail and Prison Populations:**

- a. Major Depression
- b. Schizophrenia
- c. Bipolar Disorder
- d. PTSD
- e. Personality Disorders – Antisocial and Borderline PD
- f. Co-occurring substance use disorders

▲ **Clinical Challenges Often Faced by This Population:**

- a. Treatment resistance or inconsistent treatment
- b. Co-occurring substance abuse disorders
- c. Lack of supports (family, friends, connection to the community)
- d. Homelessness
- e. Unemployment/Financial Stress
- f. Nature of illness (delusions, hallucinations, disorganized and impulsive thinking and behavioral patterns, distrust of authority, etc.)

**SAVINGS:** Time and resources utilized more affectively to increase community health and safety, reduce spending and utilize our criminal justice system to its potential. Help people help themselves.

**Savings example:** 1 graduate, not incarcerated for 6 months/successfully completed a one year Mental Health Court Program instead:

\* received treatment in the community and did not utilize space at the Grafton County House of Corrections (GCHOC): **6 months/180 days, bed nights at the GCHOC = \$21,000**

\* 6 months of psychotropic medications that Grafton County did not have to pay for because the participant was in the community utilizing existing resources (an individual participant average from one year of participants): \* \$7,000 savings to the GCHOC ( $\$7,000 + \$21,000$ ) =

**\* \$28,000 total savings for one participant**

**\*This example does not include:**

medical treatment at the HOC

court and attorney time

witness fees

Superior Court savings

police time in court and in community

meaningful and respectful support provided to individuals and families, creating stability

treatment provided in the community instead of inpatient, where beds are not available

families can remain intact/with support children stay with parents when safe to do so or work toward reunifying families

safer/healthier community

thorough psychiatric assessments completed and better understanding and tracking of individuals/follow-up

system accountability through collaboration = improved outcomes and increased likelihood of receiving grants

mental health evaluations completed for all applicants, including individuals not accepted to Mental Health Court creates an increased understanding of individuals in the criminal justice system,

community connections to mental health treatment and resources, and the increased likelihood to resolve conflicts through other alternative sentencing options

taxpayer satisfaction to have funds utilized to solve community problems and reduce crime