GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING 3855 Dartmouth College Highway North Haverhill, NH 03774 August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

PRESENT: Commissioners Piper, Lauer, Ahern, CA Dorsett and Administrative Assistant Norcross.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nursing Home Administrator Labore, Alternative Sentencing Director DePalo, Bob Lucic, Donna Lane, Katelyn Robinson, Audrey Goudie and Robert MacLeod

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

#### NHA Labore arrived and gave the following report: (\* see attached)

#### 1) Covid-19 Update:

- a) Staff Covid Testing Update NHA Labore stated that they completed the second round on testing with the state lab today. The first round was completed in the beginning of July. He noted that the state lab is not as user friendly as the previous lab they were using and these results take longer to come in. It also creates an administrative burden with having to look up results. They are only testing unvaccinated staff at this time. There have been (4) counties that have had positive cases within their facility in unvaccinated staff. He stated that the state lab is not processing test results on the weekends at this time, therefore the Nursing Home could be waiting until Tuesday of the following week to get results. NHA Labore stated that he would keep the Commissioners informed of the test results.
- b) Delta Variant and Rising Cases NHA Labore stated that he does not like where the rise in cases with the Delta Variant is going. The number of cases coming up each day is worrisome as well as the fact that there are breakthrough cases with vaccinated people. NHA Labore explained that if a positive case were to be identified, regardless of vaccination status, it would result in restrictions imposed by CMS. There will be increased testing and the Nursing Home would have to stop the visitation program. NHA Labore stated that he is trying to keep families updated. Commissioner Piper stated that her understanding is that the breakthrough cases are lower than the cases occurring in the non-vaccinated. She noted that it makes her sad for the work that it creates for the administrative cost and work that it takes when there is a case of COVID due to not being vaccinated. This causes a domino effect for NHA Labore, the staff and the taxpayers. NHA Labore stated that it does create extra work. There was so much publicity around the fact that if you were vaccinated you could ease up restrictions. Vaccinated folks are putting themselves in situations where they could catch it thinking the vaccination is going to provide the extra level of protection but no vaccine is 100% effective. They are not out of the woods; regardless of the vaccination status, they should be aware. More mask guidelines are being put back into place. NHA Labore stated that they have

averaged 107 cases per day over the last seven (7) days, which is a 112% increase over the prior week. The visitation program may not be in place if things go in the wrong direction.

Commissioner Ahern stated that a comment he hears is when the news media releases the number of cases they do not tell you the age groups. They receive conflicting information. Commissioner Piper stated that she appreciates NHA Labore's frustration; many people have fatigue over this. NHA Labore stated that everyone at the Nursing Home is tired of dealing with this. He stated that he would like some guidance that they do not need to stop everything if there is a positive staff member. He questions when they start to treat this like the flu. He wants to see some change in guidance and he would like to see CMS relax the regulations if there is a positive case with a staff member but there is no indication from CMS that guidance is going to change.

c) COVID Vaccination Discussion - NHA Labore stated that he wants to make it very clear that he is not advocating for mandating the vaccine as it is everyone's personal choice. He explained that he is bringing this up to the Commissioners because he has a feeling that soon they are going to be required to administer the vaccine to employees if they are going to work in the facility. The American Healthcare Association and the National Centers for Assisted Living have come out in support of mandatory vaccination of all healthcare workers in long-term care. Genesis, the largest healthcare operator in the country, just mandated the vaccine for all of their workers. He has a feeling that instead of making changes to the visitation or any guidelines, CMS is going to mandate vaccine for all healthcare workers. This is going to affect any facility that takes federal money and he wants the Board of Commissioners to be prepared if a vaccine mandate is put into place. He does not believe they should be mandating the vaccine; it is everyone's personal choice. He stated that all staff members wear masks every day and they are proven to work and that is why he feels they should not be mandating the vaccine. Grafton County receives federal money from CMS, and they will be obligated to administer the vaccine if that mandate is put in place.

Commissioner Ahern asked what happens when the non-vaccinated staff members quit. NHA Labore stated that this would be a discussion they would need to have if this mandate were to happen. He is not suggesting that they mandate it for nursing home staff; this is just something they need to be prepared to discuss again in the future.

2) Emergency Admission Draft Legislation – NHA Labore stated that the last time he met with the Commissioners in July they talked in nonpublic session on an emergency placement matter. Part of that discussion resulted in some legislative ideas about what they can do to fix the inability of Nursing Homes to admit emergency admissions and the inability for the person involved to pay at that time. He reached out to Kate Horgan at the DuPont Group as well as the Social Worker from Adult Protective Services assigned to the case discussed in nonpublic. The idea would be to work on getting legislative language to allow the state to hold harmless a Nursing Home that takes in an admission in an emergent situation. K. Horgan is proposing a meeting with Henry Lipman, State Medicaid Director, to let him know this is something they are thinking about and to identify a potential bill sponsor and then create the language. NHA Labore

asked if Commissioner Ahern would like to take part in this discussion. Commissioner Ahern stated that he would like to participate in the discussion. NHA Labore stated that they would get some dates and let Commissioner Ahern know.

3) Assisted Living Discussion – NHA Labore stated that on July 21<sup>st</sup>, he and CA Dorsett met with Michael Pulling to discuss the development of Assisted Living here at Grafton County. M. Pulling owns a company called Healthcare Management Associates and he has many years of doing feasibility analysis studies and helping organizations move forward with the idea of different care levels. The idea has a lot of potential to move forward. NHA Labore stated that he took M. Pulling to the 2003 building to discuss changing some of those rooms to assisted living apartments. It could be done cost effectively because the rooms are set up very nicely. The idea is there. CA Dorsett was trying to get a price tag on what a study might look like and they are looking at possible ARPA funding for this. CA Dorsett stated that this could qualify under a few different sections for ARPA funding. There is the potential to address housing issues. NHA Labore stated that he believes they have enough information to present a dollar figure to the Executive Committee. In general, it is a great idea to be looking at. He stated that there is a lot of uncertainty with COVID but Grafton County is well poised to do this. NHA Labore stated that right now they are giving a cautionary thumbs up on this project.

#### Alternative Sentencing Director DePalo arrived via Zoom and gave the attached reports.

1) Transitional Housing Discussion – AS Director DePalo stated that Grafton County has a significant need. She has been pulling information based on models and funding streams. There is a lot of money out there to support sober transitional housing. She stated that she has been talking to Nicole Cremo who runs Community Corrections about this and N. Cremo is excited about starting the conversations. They have the need for it and she wants to get a better idea what the vision is from the Commissioners. She would like to see one housing unit in each hub of the county, Lebanon, Plymouth and Littleton. Commissioner Lauer this would provide job opportunities as well. Commissioner Piper noted that AS Director DePalo stated that this has been something they have talked about since she has worked at Grafton County. Commissioner Piper stated that her recollection is that it is something AS Director DePalo has desired to do since she came on board and does not recall any conversations in which a joint interest had been expressed yet by the Board of Commissioners. There will be concern about expanding county government. AS Director DePalo stated that when she had her initial meetings when the Commissioners first met her, they had brought up that they liked the fact that she had come from transitional housing as she saw that as a need in the county. It was something they discussed during both interviews. Commissioner Piper stated that the Board of Commissioners were only present at the third and final interview, and she does not recall those conversations during that interview and subsequent conversations after AS DePalo was hired. Commissioner Lauer noted that she did support the idea to AS DePalo during an informal conversation before she was hired.

Commissioner Piper asked how there would be no impact to tax payers. AS Director DePalo stated that, there may be some impact but she sees enough grant funding out there that should cover the majority of the cost as well what they can bill to insurance companies. She is here to do the best for the county and in looking at the individuals in the Department of Corrections taking up taxpayer money, there is much more they can be doing and better ways to use those funds.

CA Dorsett stated he has been exploring with AS Director DePalo about possibly dedicating some ARPA funds to develop a business plan to see if this cost effective. Commissioner Piper stated that it is worth it to do some research, and there is a need for this housing. AS Director DePalo stated that she could continue to meet with CA Dorsett to get more ideas and meet with others to get more information as needed. If the time comes where the County is ready to make a step or find someone to do it with, they will have the information.

#### **Agenda Items:**

1. Commissioner Piper asked if everyone had the chance to read the minutes from the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Piper and Commissioner Ahern had a few edits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Ahern moved to approve the minutes from the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting as amended. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.

2. The Commissioners signed check registers 2021-07.23.2021, 2021-07.23.1.2021, 2021-07.26.2021, 1010-1015; 1248, 1250-1252.

# Donna Lane, Katelyn Robinson, Audrey Goudie and Robert MacLeod arrived for the CDBG Public Hearings for the Broadband Planning Study and the Mid-State Children's Learning Center Economic Development Project

The informational document was on the website prior to the public hearings and is available at the public hearing.

Community Development Block Grant funds are available to municipalities through the NH Community Development Finance Authority. Up to \$500,000 annually is available for economic development projects, up to \$500,000 for public facility, up to \$500,000 for housing projects, and up to \$500,000 for emergency activities. Up to \$25,000 is available per planning study grant. Municipalities are eligible to apply for a Microenterprise Assistance grant without having it count against the town's cap for any other CDBG projects. All projects must directly benefit a majority of low and moderate income persons.

#### 3:00 PM Commissioner Piper Opens Public Hearing on Broadband Planning Study

Katelyn Robinson stated that this is a proposed Planning Grant application to the Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$25,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. No match funds are required but the County plans to include \$17,500 from the ARPA funds and/or other grant resources to support the project. Additionally, Grafton County Broadband Committee members will pledge in-kind donations totaling up to \$10,000. The funds will be used to complete community-level designs for a middle-mile broadband expansion project, as well as to support the legal work associated with the buildout of the network.

This project conforms to Grafton County's approved Housing and Community Development Plan's goals, most notably: 1. Encouraging growth in commercial and industrial sectors; 2.

Promote adequate social services for residents and 3. Seek to strengthen employment opportunities by supporting job retention and creation efforts.

Commissioner Ahern asked if the Commissioners approved the use of ARPA funds for this project. CA Dorsett stated that this would be one of the proposals that they submit to the Commissioners. Katelyn Robinson stated that they have included the language, *and/or other grant resources to support the project*. In the event that the Commissioners said no to the ARPA funds, there is still the possibility to go out to other grant resources as well. Commissioner Piper stated that they are happy to be the channel for CDBG grants but this is not how the CDBG applications usually come to the Board, and they have not received any guidance or information. K. Robinson stated that they can remove the wording about the match funding until CA Dorsett is able to bring the proposal from the Broadband Committee. The Commissioners agreed to remove the following wording from the grant:

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Commissioner Piper asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

#### 3:07 PM Commissioner Piper closed the public hearing

## 3:07 PM Commissioners Open Public Hearing on Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for Broadband Study

This plan outlines measures, under the Uniform Relocation Act, required for CDBG projects that involve any displacement or relocation of persons (or businesses); if the County were to undertake a CDBG project, which involved displacement or relocation, they would follow this plan. The plan outlines the measures they would take to find comparable, suitable housing for persons (or businesses) displaced or relocated. This project does not anticipate displacement or relocation.

Commissioner Piper asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

#### 3:08 PM Commissioners Close Public Hearing

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This is a proposed application to the NH Community Development Finance Authority for up to \$500,000 in Community Development Block Grant Economic Development funds for a proposed new daycare, Children's Learning Center, to be owned by Mid-State Health Center at 742 Tenney Mountain Highway, Plymouth New Hampshire. The project will create/retain approximately 12 Full Time or Full Time Equivalent jobs, of which at least 8 FT/FTE will be available to low and moderate-income persons. This project is located within a qualifying LMI census tract (NMTC eligible and NH Opportunity Zone).

This project conforms with Grafton County's approved Housing and Community Development Plan's goals: Encouraging growth in commercial and industrial sectors; 2. Promote adequate social services for residents and 3. Seek to strengthen employment opportunities by supporting job retention and creation efforts.

Commissioner Piper asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

#### 3:11 PM Commissioner Piper Closed Public Hearing

## 3:11 PM Commissioner Piper opened Public Hearing on Residential Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the Mid-State Economic Development Project.

This plan outlines measures, under the Uniform Relocation Act, required for CDBG projects that involve any displacement or relocation of persons (or businesses), if the County were to undertake a CDBG project which involved displacement or relocation they would follow this plan. The plan outlines the measures they would take to find comparable, suitable housing for persons (or businesses) displaced or relocated. This project does not anticipate displacement or relocation.

Commissioner Piper asked if there were any comments from the public. There were none.

#### 3:12 PM Commissioner Piper closed the public hearing

#### The Commissioners voted on the following motions:

- 1. MOTION: Commissioner Lauer moved to approve the submittal of the Broadband Planning Study CDBG Application as amended and vote to authorize the Chairman, Board of Commissioners to sign and submit the application, and upon approval of the CDBG application, authorize the Chairman, Board of Commissioners to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the CDBG contract and any amendments thereto. Commissioner Piper seconded and all were in favor.
- **2. MOTION:** Commissioner Lauer moved to adopt the Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the Broadband Planning Study. Commissioner Piper seconded and all were in favor.
- 3. MOTION: Commissioner Lauer moved to approve the submittal of the Mid-State Health Center Childcare Center Economic Development CDBG Application and vote to authorize the Chairman, Board of Commissioners to sign and submit the application, and upon approval of the CDBG application, authorize the Chairman, Board of Commissioners to execute any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the CDBG contract and any amendments thereto. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- **4. MOTION:** Commissioner Lauer moved to adopt the Antidisplacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for the Mid-State Health Center Childcare Center Economic Development project. Commissioner Piper seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### **Agenda Items:**

Grafton County Broadband NTIA Resolution – K. Robinson stated that she would be returning to next week's meeting with this resolution for the NTIA Grant. This is through the National Telecommunication Agency for the Grafton County Broadband project. They can apply for a minimum of \$5 million and up to a maximum of \$30 million to expand broadband in rural areas that lack capacity. The Broadband Committee is looking to submit this application, which will be due on August 17<sup>th</sup>. CA Dorsett has authorized an RFP to look for a design/build/operations and maintenance broadband company that could collaborate on this. The grant requires that either the state or a sub division of the state is the lead applicant and they will collaborate with an internet service provider who will be responsible for the build out of that network. These RFPs are due Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>. The Broadband Committee will review them and make recommendations on who they feel will be the best fit and bring that to the Commissioners next week in hopes to have the Commissioners approve the submission of that application.

#### County Administrator Dorsett requested to temporarily adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** 3:25 PM Commissioner Lauer moved to temporarily adjourn this meeting for consulting legal counsel. Commissioner Ahern seconded the motion. Commissioner Piper called the roll. Commissioner Lauer "yes"; Commissioner Ahern "yes"; Commissioner Piper "yes" Commissioner Piper stated that a majority of the board voted "yes" and they will now adjourn this public meeting for the purpose of consulting with legal counsel. The public must leave the meeting room and the door will be closed.

3:42 PM Commissioner Lauer reconvened the meeting.

Dispatch Services Agreements – The Commissioners discussed Dispatch Services Agreements for Groveton Village Precinct, Whitefield Fire and Police Departments and Stark Fire Department. Commissioner Ahern stated that he has concerns regarding the liability of these agreements and there should be a clause in there for liability. CA Dorsett stated that he would send it to Primex for their review.

Reiki discussion – CA Dorsett stated that he had a request for an employee to hold Reiki classes using facilities here on campus. Commissioner Piper stated that she does not see any issues and feels they should encourage this type of community event among employees. Commissioner Ahern stated that he would like to know the parameters in which they will be using the building. The CA Dorsett stated that he would speak with them to find out more details and let them know that their activities should not interfere with the county operations.

#### **Commissioner Issues:**

1. Commissioner Lauer stated that she traveled to Pennsylvania and had a discussion with the Venango County Register of Deeds. She was very interested in the degree of duplication that we have of the records here in Grafton County and was very much in support. They are not using Microfilm but the Register of Deeds in PA wishes she could. Commissioner Lauer noted that they are also very concerned about cyber security.

- 2. Commissioner Lauer noted that she is also working with a social services agency who did not receive funding from the County and is having an issue with DHHS. She thinks she will recuse herself as she is on the State and County Finance Committee with DHHS.
- 3. Commissioner Ahern stated that he has had discussions regarding slightly used nuclear fuel and he would like to see New Hampshire pursue this. Commissioner Piper stated that she knows someone in her town, a retired engineer, who may be interested, and she will bring this to his attention.
- 4. Commissioner Piper stated that there is no NHAC Executive Committee meeting this Friday. They will not meet until September.
- 12:20PM with no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Omer C. Ahern, Jr

Clerk

## **Grafton County Nursing Home Commissioner's Report:** August 3, 2021

#### Census

FY '22 Budgeted Census:

Medicare: 1

Medicaid: 85

VA: 2 Hospice: 0 Private: 22

Total: 110

Medicare: 3

**Medicaid: 89 (Daily rate= \$208.33)** 

VA: 1 Hospice: 0 Private: 22

**Budgeted Census: 114** 

#### Monthly Admissions/Discharges

Admissions: 2

**Deceased Residents: 2** 

Discharges: 0

Other Topics:

#### 1) COVID-19 Update:

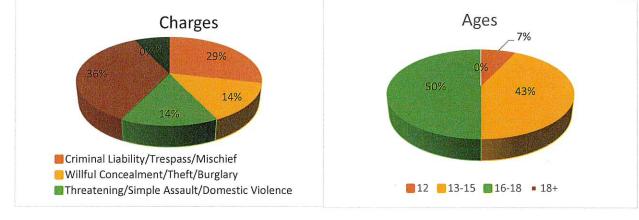
- Staff COVID Testing Update
- Delta Variant and Rising Cases
- COVID Vaccination Discussion
- 2) Discussion on idea for draft legislation for emergency admissions
- 3) Assisted Living Discussion

**Director's Report:** With COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, the Director has been scheduling meetings with Grafton County Police Departments to meet the new officers and ensure they fully understand the court diverted programs offered within the county. The Director continues to note areas where the County is in need of services, including but not limited to; Transitional Housing, Sober Housing, and Inpatient Treatment Centers. This month the Director began training at the Crisis Intervention Trainings (CIT) again, this training is for all law enforcement and/or first responders in the state. This allows time to highlight the work being done in Grafton County while explaining the court diversion processes throughout the state.

### <u>Juvenile Restorative Justice</u>

Grafton County Juvenile Restorative Justice Program is to promote community-based alternatives to the formal court process that; promote positive youth development, safer communities, integrates restorative justice practices, intervenes at the earliest possible opportunity and promotes reduction in juvenile crime and recidivism

Program	Active Participants	New Participants	Completed	Cases Returned
CADY	6	0	0	0
VCD	5	0	0	0
GCJRJ	3	0	0	0
COOS	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	14	0	0	0



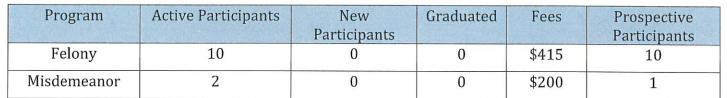
As part of meeting with all the Grafton County Police Departments, Director includes the GC Juvenile Restorative Justice in the discussion as an option for the county. The NHJCDN has pulled Juvenile data for the state to track recidivism as well as other pertinent information.

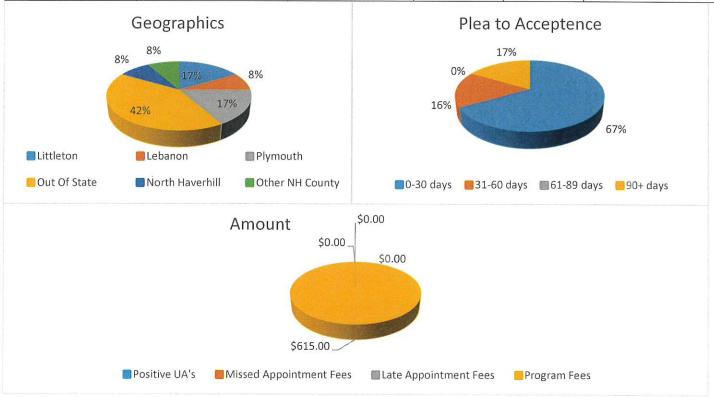
Coos County continues to be an area where education and support is needed to ensure all police departments understand the program, the needs and the outcomes. The Director is scheduling meetings with Coos County Police Departments as well as the Commissioners to continue discussions around juvenile diversion. As Covid restrictions are lifting the Director will be able to schedule in person meetings within Coos County to educate the community and PD's on a more personal level.

New Hampshire statute RSA 169 Delinquent Children-B:10 Juvenile Diversion already states that all juveniles should be considered for diversion. On January 1, 2022, New Hampshire will implement its "Probation Transformation." From then on, every juvenile who has contact with law enforcement will be assessed to determine risk; those who are low or moderate risk will automatically be diverted from the traditional justice system

### **Adult Diversion & Program**

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We have seen an increase in mental health issues as well as substance abuse issues among participants which has resulted in increased inpatient needs. Granite Recovery Homes has been accommodating and able to get our clients in quickly and their programming is extensive. We continue to wait for Friendship House to open their doors and begin taking on clients.

### **C.A.R.E & C.A.R.E+**

The Grafton County C.A.R.E+ Program designed to support individuals who have been convicted and are under supervision to connect to services and stay active in a therapeutic environment. C.A.R.E+ stands for Community, Assessment, Re-Entry and Education + Supervision, the focus of this program is to assist individuals in giving back to their community while creating a successful foundation and becoming a productive member of society.

Program	Current	New	Completed	Program Fees	Prospective
C.A.R.E	5	1	3	\$0	0
C.A.R.E+	3	1	0	\$40	0

We are seeing more sentences which include completion of C.A.R.E+. This is fantastic and a great support to the Probation & Parole Officers in our County. Currently we are short two probation & parole officers so the added supervision and support has been appreciated. We are continuing conversations with the CAO to see how we can increase these sentences as well as working with Probation & Parole to identify potential clients as the needs arise.

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Location	Active	New	Veteran	Prospective	Completed
	Participants	Participants	Participants	Participants	
ASSERT Littleton	5	0	0	5	0
HOH Lebanon	5	0	0	4	3
PMHC Plymouth	4	0	0	3	1
TOTALS	14	0	0	12	4

GCMHC will be getting back into Plymouth and Littleton courts effective July 2021. Lebanon courts remain closed to MHC at this time. The Director has reached out to the court once more to discuss options for getting bac in front of a judge.

The Director contacted NCHC to determine whether we were going to be moving forward with a Mental Health Expansion, it appears at this time they have decided not to move in this direction.

Regardless of NCHC wanting to move forward with us, we have heard from many community agencies and members and our data/records show Grafton County NEEDS a Felony Mental Health Court. Previously the Superior Courts have refused a meeting to discuss the potential, siting there is not enough court time. We have identified that the court time/needs from the Judge are far less that the Drug Treatment Court Needs.

### **Budget Report**

Please note the budget sheet has been updated to reflect the Insurance money received for services rendered.

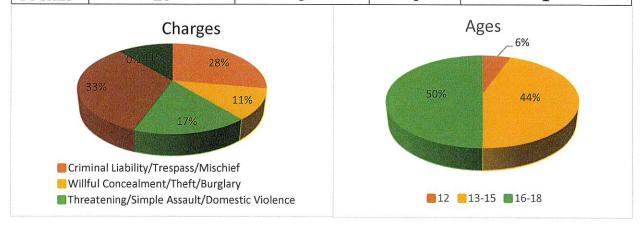
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MISSED				\$100	
LATE				3/17/	
+ UA's					
MRT	\$35	\$70	\$70		\$110
CARE					
MISSED					
+ UA's					
Insurance	\$2,300.00	\$1,065.70	\$689.56	\$2,299.37	\$740.06
BDAS	\$3111.60	\$3682.80	\$2544.30	\$3476.00	\$2921.60
Totals	\$6241.60	\$5023.50	\$3433.86	\$7000.37	\$4316.66

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COOS	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	10	3	4	1



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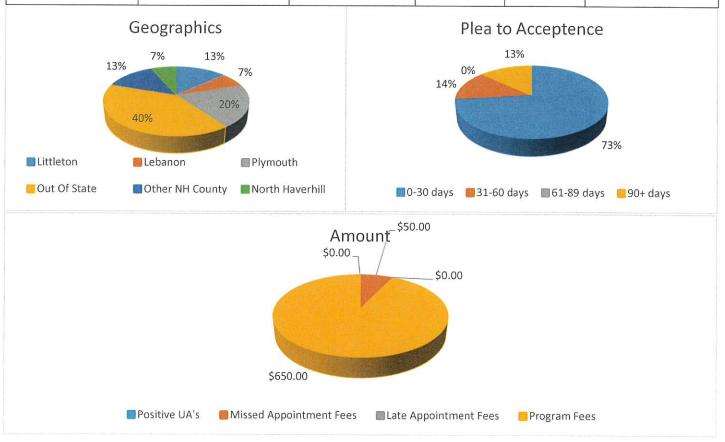
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Felony	10	2	0	\$565	8
Misdemeanor	2	1	0	\$135	2



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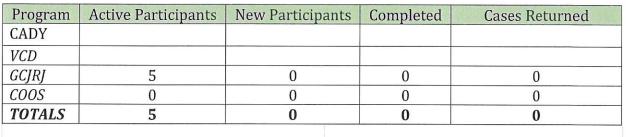
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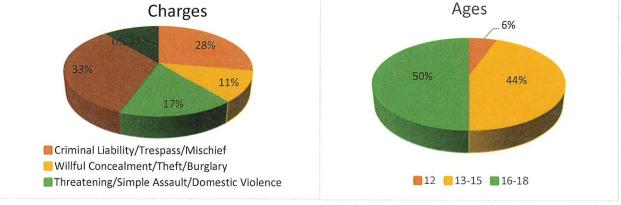
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**Director's Report:** This month the Director has focused on needs for the county, mainly Transitional Housing as well as community education and training. The Director has met with Strafford County who operates their own on campus Transitional Home, the director of Dismas House VT and spoken with multiple sober transitional homes in NH this month. The Director visited Carroll County to educate them on Adult Diversion and how to begin their own programming, next month the Director will be visiting Hillsborough County to aide them in this process as well. Grafton County Diversion programs are well recognized throughout the state and we are proud to aide other counties in beginning to utilize the court diverted approach.

### <u>Juvenile Restorative Justice</u>

Grafton County Juvenile Restorative Justice Program is to promote community-based alternatives to the formal court process that; promote positive youth development, safer communities, integrates restorative justice practices, intervenes at the earliest possible opportunity and promotes reduction in juvenile crime and recidivism





Due to changes in our contract, CADY, Inc. and Valley Court Diversion have not submitted their July numbers.

GCJRJ has been able to assist Littleton and Bethlehem PD through multiple potential referrals by providing over the phone education and information to families and new officers. The Director will continue to get to all Grafton PD's to meet officers and ensure they understand the referral process. The Director is working on MOU's for all the police departments and schools for Grafton and Coos.

Coos County continues to be an area where education and support is needed to ensure all police departments understand the program, the needs and the outcomes. The Director is scheduling meetings with Coos County Police Departments as well as the Commissioners to continue discussions around juvenile diversion. As Covid restrictions

are lifting the Director will be able to schedule in person meetings within Coos County to educate the community and PD's on a more personal level.

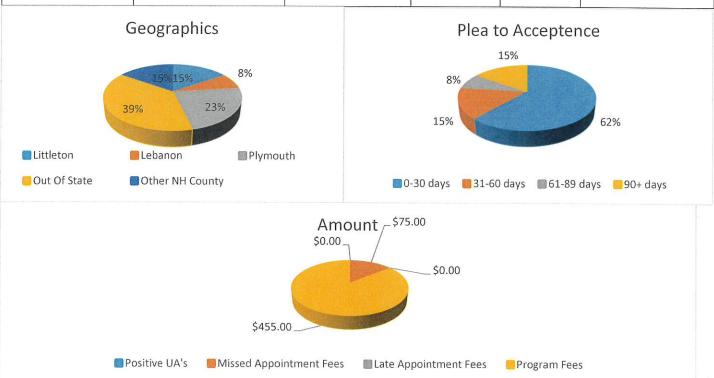
The Director was nominated to sit on the NH Juvenile Court Diversion Board, which was accepted and voted in at the end of July. This will allow Grafton County to be a louder voice in the rural counties issues around juvenile diversion.

New Hampshire statute RSA 169 Delinquent Children-B:10 Juvenile Diversion already states that all juveniles should be considered for diversion. On January 1, 2022, New Hampshire will implement its "Probation Transformation." From then on, every juvenile who has contact with law enforcement will be assessed to determine risk; those who are low or moderate risk will automatically be diverted from the traditional justice system

### <u>Adult Diversion & Program</u>

Grafton County Adult Diversion Program is to hold an eligible offender accountable while providing the resources, skills, and education to reduce the risk of committing crimes in the future. This program is an alternative to prosecution and offers a defendant a chance to avoid criminal conviction and other punitive sanctions including fines, probation and incarceration.

Program	Active Participants	New Participants	Graduated	Fees	Prospective Participants
Felony	10	1	2	\$400	5
Misdemeanor	1	1	1	\$200	2



We have started to see an increase in referrals, as the courts continue to open and see more cases we anticipate a more fluid amount of referrals. The Director continues to educate the community and referral sources of the programs and have on-going conversations to ensure clients are being referred to the correct programs. Our next graduation will be in October.

We have seen an increase in mental health issues as well as substance abuse issues among participants which has resulted in increased inpatient needs. Granite Recovery Homes has been accommodating and able to get our clients in quickly and their programming is extensive. We continue to wait for Friendship House to open their doors and begin taking on clients.

### <u>C.A.R.E & C.A.R.E+</u>

The Grafton County C.A.R.E+ Program designed to support individuals who have been convicted and are under supervision to connect to services and stay active in a therapeutic environment. C.A.R.E+ stands for Community, Assessment, Re-Entry and Education + Supervision, the focus of this program is to assist individuals in giving back to their community while creating a successful foundation and becoming a productive member of society.

Program	Current	New	Completed	Program Fees	Prospective
C.A.R.E	3	1	1	\$0	0
C.A.R.E+	4	1	0	\$0	0

We are seeing more sentences which include completion of C.A.R.E+. This is fantastic and a great support to the Probation & Parole Officers in our County. Currently we are short two probation & parole officers so the added supervision and support has been appreciated. We are continuing conversations with the CAO to see how we can increase these sentences as well as working with Probation & Parole to identify potential clients as the needs arise.

### Mental Health Court

Grafton County Mental Health Court seeks to provide an effective and meaningful alternative to the traditional criminal justice system for individuals with a mental health 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

Location	Active	New	Veteran	Prospective	Completed
	Participants	Participants	Participants	Participants	
ASSERT Littleton	5	0	0	4	0
HOH Lebanon	5	0	0	3	0
PMHC Plymouth	5	0	0	3	0
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