

MINUTES
Cheshire County Commissioners Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2022

County Hall Building
12 Court Street, Keene, NH 03431

Zoom Call-in Number: +1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 409 748 8803
Pin #: 6031233

Present: Commissioners Jack Wozmak and Terry Clark (Commissioner Englund absent with notice)

Staff: County Administrator Coates, Finance Director Trombly, HR Director May, Superintendent Iosue, Behavioral Health Director Walsh, and Assistant County Administrator Bouchard

Guest(s):

At 8:37 AM, Commissioner Wozmak opened the meeting, and he and Commissioner Clark were present. Administrator Coates then read the opening meeting items.

I. Public Comments

Upon recognition from the Chair, a Public Comment on topics of interest may be made, not to exceed three (3) minutes in length.

II. Elected Officials & Department Head Updates

To receive, as informational, departmental updates requiring Commissioner review, participation, approval, and impactful departmental and operational issues.

Trombly was recognized and said that the finance department was contacted by Kronos software yesterday and was told that the version of the software used by the County was being moved to end-of-life in January. She said that Kronos had not contacted them before yesterday, and finance expressed their extreme displeasure that they were not contacted before yesterday with this news. Finance will be looking at other vendors and will also investigate continuing with Kronos with a different Kronos product. She said that thus far, all of the options they are aware of are now cloud-based options only. Follow-up reports will be provided as information is received.

HR Director May was recognized and asked the Commissioners to request a non-FMLA for a Maplewood Nursing Home employee who is caring for a parent who is in hospice and needs to have a short extension. **The Commissioners, upon roll call vote, authorized the non-FMLA as requested by HR unanimously.**

Superintendent Iosue was then recognized and provided an overview of the state of operations at the Department of Corrections. He said that a number of Correctional Officers had left the department in the past few months, and overtime and staff shortages are once again a growing issue. He requested that consideration that the three (\$3.00) dollars overtime bonuses be reinstated to help incent staff to pick up extra shifts to cover the work slots at the facility. The Commissioners agreed to reinstate the overtime bonus payments to help fill the open overtime shifts.

III. Scheduled Items

Master Agenda Item #1052: Behavioral Health – Semi-Annual report. – A. Welsh

Action Expected: To receive from the Director of Behavioral Health a report on the previous six months of operations.

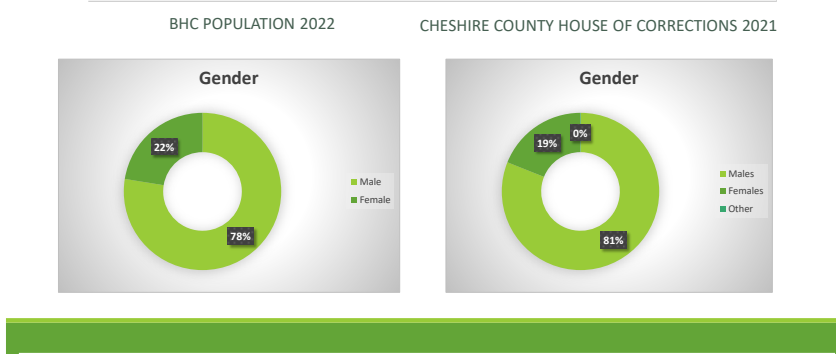
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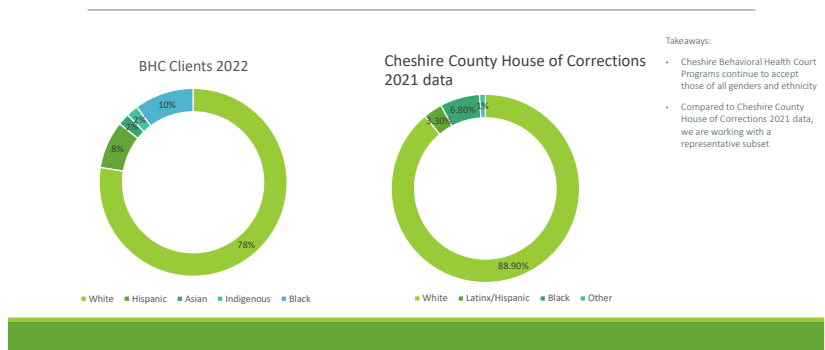
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Walsh was then recognized and provided the following information on the operation of the Behavioral Health program.

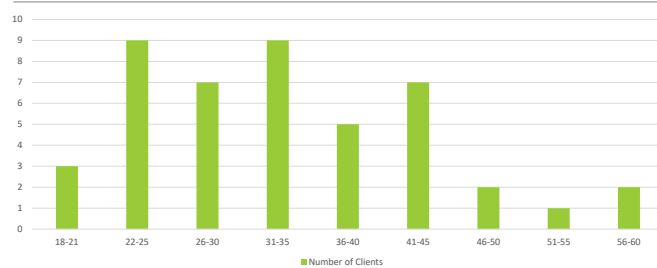
Behavioral Health Court Demographics: Gender



Behavioral Health Court Demographics: Race



Age Demographics of BHC Programs

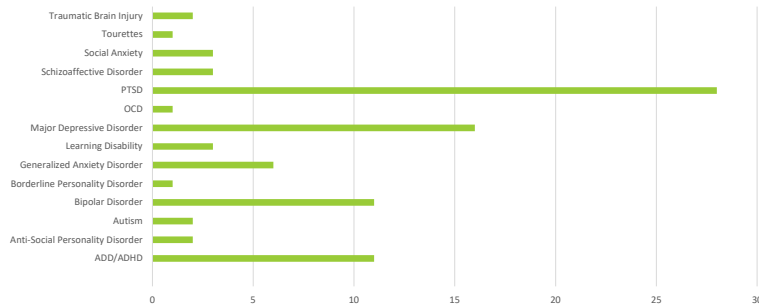


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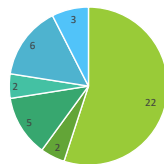
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Mental Health Diagnoses 2022

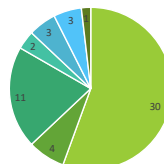


PRIMARY DRUG OF CHOICE FOR BHC CLIENTS

CLIENTS IN 2022

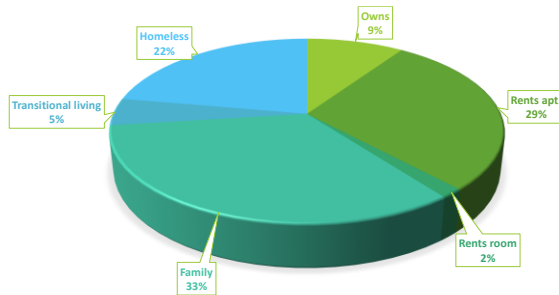


CLIENTS IN 2021



■ Alcohol ■ Marijuana ■ Heroin/Fentanyl
■ Powder Cocaine ■ Crack Cocaine ■ Methamphetamine
■ Rx Opioids

Housing Status at Intake

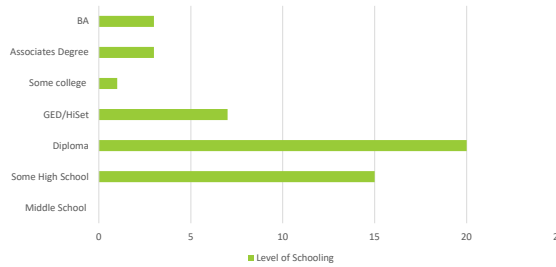


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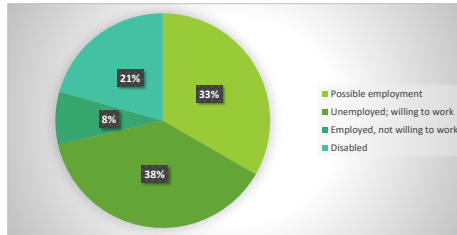
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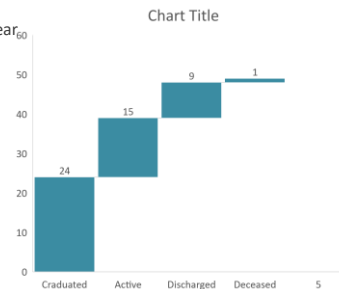


Employment



Graduations/Completions vs Terminations/Discharge since January 1, 2022

We have had a total of 49 clients since the beginning of the year.⁶⁰
 Some clients were carried over from previous years
 15 clients, are currently active in the program
 24 clients, 73% have successfully completed the program
 9 clients, 27% have been discharged
 1 client, passed away



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Welsh walked the Commissioners and staff through the slides answering questions as they arose. She explained the challenges in staff that she is experiencing and some of the interactions with supporting organizations such as the State Courts, Friends of Drug Court, and other providers. Also discussed was the recently awarded grant that will help pay salaries/benefits, plus \$20k per year for two years beginning January 2023, for recovery support services for Drug Court violent offenders. This grant will allow the program to serve everyone, not just nonviolent offenders. Total is \$43,472 per year for two years totaling \$86,944.

IV. County Administrator

Weekly Operations Report - The County Administrator will update the Commissioners on activities that have taken place since the previous meeting.

Coates reminded the Commissioners that the holiday department head event would be next Wednesday, the 21st following the weekly Commissioners' meeting.

Coates said that the new EMS department had completed 118 transfers as of this week. He said that there should be 14 medics on staff by the end of next week.

Coates then said that the letter and application for the establishment of Cheshire Community Power would be sent out to the PUC later this week. Bouchard will craft the letter and documents and intends to have the packet out to the PUC for review by Friday afternoon.

Coates then said that he had a luncheon meeting with the Winchester Economic development group, and it was informative and useful for both parties to understand what is been planned by the County and other municipalities in Cheshire County.

V. Old Business None

VI. New Business None

VII. Consent Agenda Items:

Vote to accept the Weekly Manifests for December 14, 2022, and the Minutes of December 07, 2022.

Commissioner Clark moved to accept the Weekly manifests and the minutes of the November 30th meeting, and the Commissioners calendar as presented. Commissioner Wozmak seconded the motion, and upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Calendar

Action Expected: To accept the calendar as informational and to make necessary changes/additions.

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IX. General Discussion for Commissioners

Master Agenda Item #673: Commissioners - State Cost Shifting Letter and Restorative Justice Program

X. Nonpublic Sessions: None

XI. Adjournment

At 10:18 AM, there being no other public business to discuss, Commissioner Wozmak moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Recorded and edited by:
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Assistant County Administrator

Reviewed and submitted by:
Terry Clark
Clerk, Board of Commissioners