

Wellness and Recovery Model

Healthcare Provider and Emergency Department Referral Packet for Community Health Worker/Recovery Coach Services



Reducing the impact of Opioid Use Disorder in the North Country through:
Education – Access – Support – Treatment – Recovery

For other program resources, brochures, handouts, and information,
please visit the program website:



Are you looking for
local resources on
Substance Use Disorder?

Visit the WARM Program Website!

bit.ly/WARMprogram



Check out the website to:

- ▶ Learn how a Recovery Coach can help you
- ▶ Learn more about Recovery Supports in your community
- ▶ Discover different Recovery Pathways
- ▶ Find information on Treatment Options
- ▶ Participate in community Educational Opportunities

For questions related to the Wellness and Recovery Model (WARM) Program,
please contact Diana Gibbs, Senior Program Manager, at 603-259-3700 ext. 222.



Leading innovative collaboration to improve the health status of Northern New Hampshire.



We work to:

- ▶ improve the health of individuals and the overall health of the region
- ▶ improve infrastructure, capacity, and delivery of public health services
- ▶ improve access to services for underserved and uninsured North County residents

While most of our services are offered at no charge to the residents of the North Country, we also have special fee-for-service offerings.

* This service may also be available for a fee.

Together with other organizations throughout the region, we provide, coordinate, or facilitate:

- ▶ regional forums on health issues affecting the North Country
- ▶ community needs assessments and health status monitoring
- ▶ program planning, development, implementation, and management
- ▶ project-related technical assistance

Our North Country Training Center provides:

- ▶ education and support for healthcare students and professionals
- ▶ community health worker training*
- ▶ custom tailored trainings for other organizations, such as: motivational interviewing, mental health first aid*

We are also available to provide assistance with:

- ▶ program development*
- ▶ project management*

The North Country Health Consortium is a non-profit 501(c)3.

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What is a Community Health Worker/Recovery Coach and How Can We Help?

Definition:

A Community Health Worker/Recovery Coach is a frontline public health worker interested in promoting recovery by removing barriers and obstacles to recovery. They are a trusted member of the community and serve as a personal guide and mentor for people seeking recovery.

Services Include:

Education- Provide educational information on substance use disorder as a disease, harm reduction resources, and understanding of multiple pathways for recovery.

Support- Assistance in developing a strong foundation for recovery, connect to resources on family support education, and local or online support groups.

Treatment Access- Assistance in navigating the treatment world by helping define a path through early recovery, assistance with referral processes and accessing detox and various clinical treatment options, provide resources for harm reduction.

Advocacy- Always being in your corner, never judging, and constantly striving to reduce stigma.

Empowerment- Provide encouragement, guidance and motivation, coach you through the processes of achieving your recovery goals, will always believe in you.

A Community Health Worker/Recovery Coach is:

- A Motivator
- An Ally
- A Truth-Teller
- A Role-Model
- A Problem Solver
- A Resource-Broker
- An Advocate
- A Community Organizer
- A Lifestyle Consultant
- An Equal

A Community Health Worker/Recovery is Not:

- A Sponsor
- A Counselor
- A Physician
- An Attorney
- A Minister/Priest/Rabbi
- A Chauffeur



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Eligibility Criteria and Referral Process

Client Eligibility Criteria:

- Age 18 and older
- Resident of Coos County or Northern Grafton County (Bath, Benton, Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Haverhill, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Monroe, Sugar Hill and Woodsville)
- Has a Substance Use Disorder/Opioid Use Disorder
- History of overdose
- Active substance use
- Is in early recovery
- Is experiencing a relapse

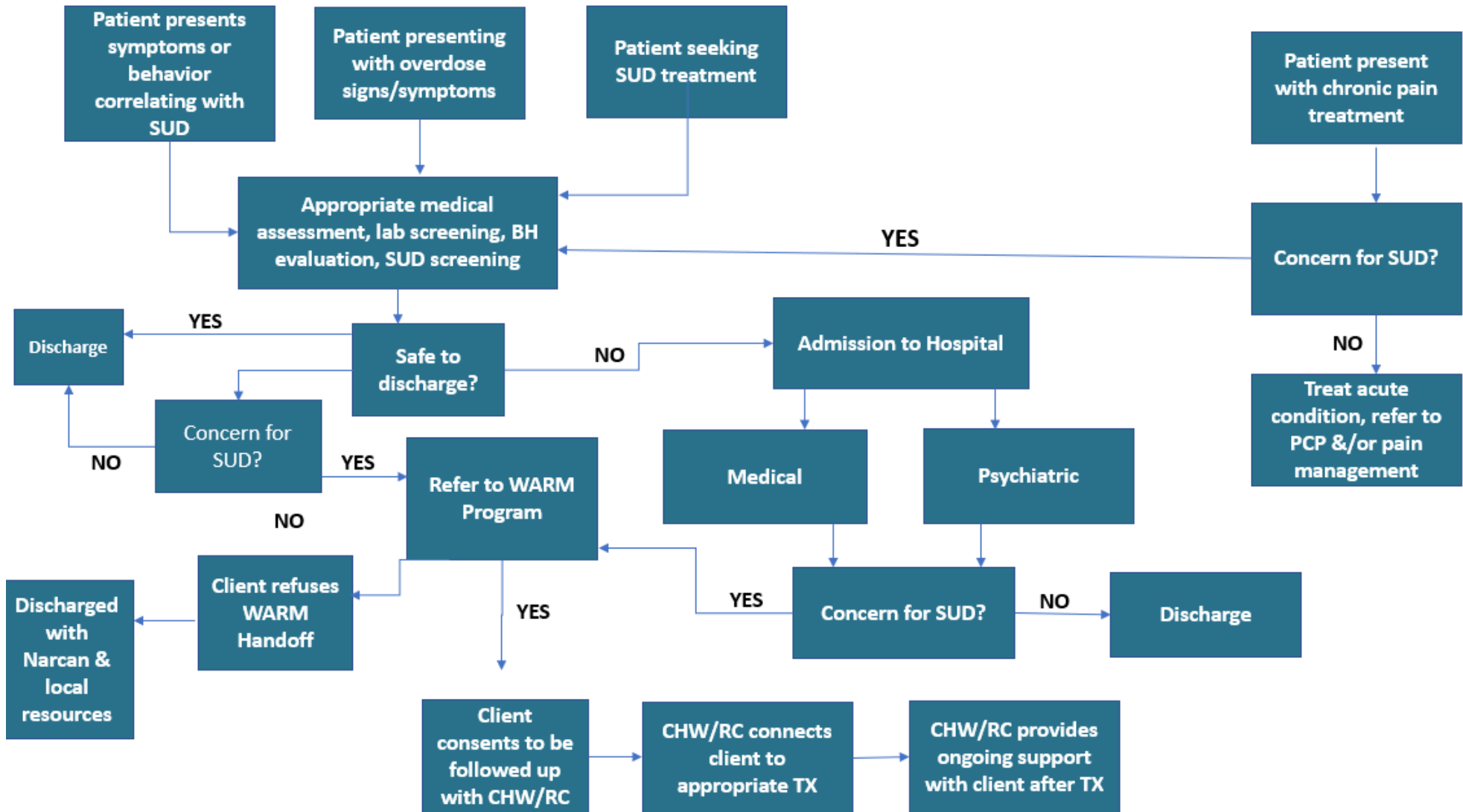
Referral Process:

- ➔ Determine eligibility
 - Provide client with Confidentiality Disclosure and obtain signed client consent - or -
 - Give the WARM resource card* with program contact information for self-referral (*request resource cards from WARM program as needed)
 - Referring organization/contact sends referral via signed consent to Wellness and Recovery Model Program by secured fax to 603-444-0945
 - Community Health Worker/Recovery Coach (CHW/RC) reaches out to client within one business day
 - CHW/RC notifies referral source of contact within one business day, with proper consent

To complete the referral process, please fax the consent form to 603-444-0945. A staff member of the Wellness and Recovery Model will contact the client within 24 business hours.

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Rights and Responsibilities

Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records

The confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records, which include HIV/AIDS information and other records indicating the presence of a communicable or non-communicable disease is maintained by the program, and protected by Federal laws and regulations. Information identifying a patient as an alcohol or drug abuser will not be disclosed by the person or organization that received it unless:

- (1) The patient consents in writing; OR
- (2) The disclosure is allowed by a court order; OR
- (3) The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit or program evaluation; OR
- (4) The patient commits or threatens to commit a crime either at the program or against any person who works for the program.

If relevant, I also voluntarily authorize and request disclosure (including paper, oral and electronic interchange) of any mental health information. This includes specific permission to release all records and other information regarding mental health treatment, hospitalization and outpatient care.

Violation of the Federal law and regulations by a program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to the United States Attorney in the district where the violation occurs.

Federal law and regulation do not protect any information about suspect child abuse or neglect from being reported under state law to appropriate state or local authorities.

(See 42 U.S.C. Sec 290dd-2 for Federal law and 42 CFR Part 2 for Federal regulations)
Legal Action Center. (1996). Handbook on legal issues for school-based programs (Revised). Pp. 71, 72, & 74. New York; Author.



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Consent to Refer

Date _____

I, _____, hereby authorize _____
 (print name)

to disclose the information specified below to the North Country Health Consortium, Wellness and Recovery Model for the purpose of referral to a Community Health Worker/Recovery Coach. I understand that I am expected to specify the information released and that I may revoke permissions (in writing) for this consent at any given time.

Initial All That Apply

- _____ Personal Demographics (Name, Address, and Contact Information)
- _____ Substances Preferred (substances disclosed to provider)
- _____ Discharge Summary (Follow up instructions from provider)
- _____ Other, as specified: _____

This agreement expires 30 days from the date of signature. In signing this document, I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records statement.

Client Print Name  _____

Client Sign Name  _____ **Date** _____

Witness Print Name  _____

Witness Sign Name  _____ **Date** _____

I understand that my records are protected under federal regulations governing Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 CFR Part 2, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 45 C. F. R. Pts. 160 & 164 and cannot be disclosed without my written consent unless otherwise provided for in the regulations. I also understand that I may revoke this consent at any time.

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For additional questions, please contact Jennifer Goulet, Community Health Worker/Recovery Coach Lead, at 603-991-0330.