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Local Organizations Come Together for Upcoming Mental Health Town Hall

Concord, NH - *Mental Health for US*, The National Council for Behavioral Health and the NH Community Behavioral Health Association have assembled a Host Committee of 25 local organizations that have signed on to support the upcoming **Unite for Mental Health: New Hampshire Town Hall** to be held on **December 16, 2019** at **The Dana Center at Saint Anselm College** in Manchester, NH. The event will serve as a town hall for 2020 presidential candidates to engage with an audience of New Hampshire families, mental health professionals and local policymakers to discuss the key issues and solutions related to mental health.

“The member organizations of the Host Committee are collectively involved in all aspects of the mental health community here in New Hampshire and are led by engaged and compassionate leadership,” says Roland Lamy, Executive Director of the NH Community Behavioral Health Association. “The number of organizations willing to join the Host Committee provides overwhelming evidence that there is broad interest to discuss an issue of such profound importance. Their diverse perspectives and specialties will make for an inclusive and powerful event to raise awareness of mental health policies during the 2020 presidential campaign cycle and beyond.”

Host Committee members are involved with event programming, bringing awareness to the event, attendance at the event and continuing the conversation around mental health policies after the event.

Member organizations of the Host Committee are:

- American Civil Liberties Union of New Hampshire
- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, NH Chapter
- American Mental Health Counselors' Association

Bi-State Primary Care
Center for Life Management
Community Partners of Strafford County
Dartmouth-Hitchcock
Disability Rights Center
Granite State Home Health & Hospice Association
Greater Nashua Mental Health
Lakes Region Mental Health Center
Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester
Mental Health for US
Monadnock Family Services
NAMI New Hampshire
National Council for Behavioral Health
New Hampshire Medical Society
New Hampshire Mental Health Counselors Association
NH Children's Behavioral Health Collaborative
NH Community Behavioral Health Association
NH Psychiatric Association
Northern Human Services
Riverbend Community Mental Health, Inc.
Seacoast Mental Health Center, Inc.
West Central Behavioral Health

More about the event:

What: Unite for Mental Health: New Hampshire Town Hall

Where: Dana Center at Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Dr., Manchester, NH

When: Monday, December 16 at 6:30 PM

Who: 2020 presidential candidates, former U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy, other local experts

Registration: tinyurl.com/Unite4MentalHealthNH

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About the Event Partners:

Mental Health for US is a nonpartisan educational initiative focused on elevating mental health and addiction in national policy conversations by empowering grassroots advocates and improving candidate and policymaker health literacy. *The Mental Health for US* coalition is comprised of more than 83 stakeholder groups from around the country dedicated to uniting the American people to make systemic, long-term change with civic engagement tools and resources.

The National Council for Behavioral Health is the unifying voice of America's health care organizations that deliver mental health and addictions treatment and services. Together with our 3,326 member organizations serving over 10 million adults, children and families living with mental illnesses and addictions, the National Council is committed to all Americans having access to comprehensive, high-quality care that affords every opportunity for recovery. The National Council introduced Mental Health First Aid USA and 2 million Americans have been trained.

The NH Community Behavioral Health Association (NH CBHA), Concord, New Hampshire, is a section 501(c)(3) organization, established by the ten community mental health centers in New Hampshire for the purposes of advocating for the priorities of NH CBHA members, eliminate the stigma related to mental health, provide high quality and effective systems of care, and raise awareness of overall health care and prevention and treatment of mental illness.