

The Stepping Stone Drop-In Center Association

Peer Support & Respite Centers

****MEMORANDUM****

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TO: Community Members

FROM: Susan E. Seidler, Executive Director

RE: Coronavirus COVID-19 Response

DATE: March 19, 2020

The Board of Directors and I thank you for helping us implement the extra precautions we announced on March 16.

Because of the way the COVID-19 virus is spreading across New Hampshire, we need to take stronger measures.

Effective Thursday, 3/19, at 3 PM, we are implementing the following changes:

- Stepping Stone and Next Step are closed until at least Saturday, 4/4/20.
- Peer Respite is closed until at least Saturday, 4/4/20.
- Warmline is available every day on its regular schedule beginning at 4 PM.
- Daytime telephone peer support will be available Monday-Friday, 10 AM-2 PM, beginning Monday, 3/23. Please call Stepping Stone at 543-1388 or 1-888-582-0920.

The amazing generosity of our fellow peers gives us the opportunity to get support outside of the hours which Stepping Stone and Next Step can provide. The list is changing rapidly. Please call Stepping Stone or check our website (www.steppingstonenextstep.org) for updates.

I will be working on-site at Stepping Stone or Next Step unless and until I'm instructed to do otherwise. I will provide updates to operations via our website as soon as I can after they become available and we determine how changes affect us. By 4/4, The Board and I will determine our ability to reopen.

I hope you'll join me in remembering people respond to change in different ways and on different timelines, and in times of stress and uncertainty we could all use a little extra patience, kindness, and respect.

Thanks again for your support.