## STEPPING STONE & NEXT STEP PEER SUPPORT CENTERS NOVEMBER 2023

Stepping Stone 108 Pleasant Street Claremont, NH 03743 603-543-1388

Next Steb 109 Bank Street Lebanon, NH 03766 603-448-6941

www.steppingstonenextstep.org





# Ms. Dianne Roberts

What a woman!

We remember early morning respite with Dianne, her jokes and car rides, her passion for fundraising and the centers, and her time on our Board of Directors. Dianne loved her family, friends and her pets. She was thoughtful and kind to everyone. Dianne also loved Kieth Urban and his music!! Her way to make things a little lighter and her laughter will be missed!



If you are interested in contributing a story, poem, or other idea, please call Shanon at 603-543-1388.



# hange to November's schedule

Next Step

11/14, Open 11 AM-5 PM; 11/17, Open 11 AM-7 PM; 11/23, Closed; 11/24, Open 12-7 PM

Stepping Stone

11/14, Open 10:30 AM-4 PM; 11/17, Open 11 AM-4 PM; 11/23, Closed.

WISH LIST	
patio table	
new chairs	:
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## Group Schedule via zoom:

9-10 AM Nutrition NO GROUPS- 11/9, 10, 13-17, 23, 24

Computer: Go to https://zoom.us/j/641939622

Zoom App on your Smartphone or tablet: Select Join a Meeting, enter Meeting ID 641939622

Phone: Call 1-646-558-8656, enter Meeting ID 641939622#, for password press #

11 AM-Noon Check-in NO GROUPS-11/9, 10, 13-17, 23, 24, 28

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"Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Just walk beside me and be my friend."

-Albert Camus -born November 7, 1913

Suggestion Boxes are at both sites for your ideas and suggestions regarding the Centers. Please place your constructive suggestions in the box. Your name is optional.

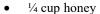




In November, cake day will be on Wednesday, 11/22. at Stepping Stone. We have a cake to celebrate all the birthdays in the month. Please join us for cake and celebration!



## Honey glazed chicken



- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 ½ tablespoons olive oil
- 2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into bite-size pieces



Whisk honey, soy sauce, and red pepper flakes in a bowl; set aside. Heat olive oil in a skillet over medium heat; cook and stir chicken in hot oil until lightly brown, about 5 minutes. Pour honey mixture into the skillet; continue to cook and stir until chicken is no longer pink in the center and sauce is thickened, about 5 minutes more. Serve hot and enjoy!

*Our Vision:* We envision a world where peer support promotes social change and eliminates the stigma associated with mental health.

*Our Mission:* To support our mental health peers on their personal paths toward wellness within a community free from judgment where we share feelings, experiences, and tools in a respectful way.

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Our programs are funded in part by a SAMHSA Block Grant and the NH Department of Health and Human Services. Our supports are free to NH residents.







# The Giving Room

You may shop by appointment only and must be accompanied by staff on the following days: Next Step - All day Monday and Thursday.

Stepping Stone - Monday, 11 AM-12 PM & 1-2 PM; Wednesday, 1-3 PM; Saturday, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.

## Community Eats at Stepping Stone



On Tuesday, 11/7, we will be having Thanksgiving fixings for our Community Eats. Please check in with Theresa or Shanon for donations.

We'd love to see you there!



Friendly reminder that Daylight saving time ends 11/5. Yes, it's that time of year again where we change our clocks back an hour.

# Board of Directors News



Our Annual Meeting is Wednesday, November 8th, 3:30 PM, via zoom (see Page 6 for ways to join the meeting). This is when Members elect or re-elect Board members.

As part of the open meeting, Board members up for election or re-election will talk a bit about themselves and why they serve on the Board, and community Members will have a chance to ask questions. After all questions are answered, the Board will leave the meeting, and the community will vote to elect or re-elect each eligible Board member. Below are bios of Members presenting.

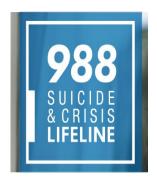
### Board Members presenting for election and re-election are:

Angela Montano, recently joined the Board of Directors for Stepping Stone and Next Step peer support centers. She works at West Central Behavioral Health (WCBH) as a certified peer specialist on the mobile crisis team. She had some history with Stepping Stone and Next Step as well. She was first a member of the community in the early 2000s which then led to being part of the staff. She felt that during that time she was exposed to and began to truly understand the concept of recovery and how it can influence a person's sense of self. This also gave her an opportunity to work on her own recovery as well. She worked in different peer support roles and has dedicated most of the past 20 years to advocating for mental health. She feels with her background she can bring to the Board knowledge and help give meaning to the Stepping Stone/Next Step Mission Statement.

*Emily Rose* has a graduate certificate in Community Mental Health from Southern New Hampshire University. She has worked for five years at West Central Behavioral Health as a peer support specialist. She has also worked for the CRREL mailroom and Dartmouth's Psychiatric Research Center. Emily is a consumer of West Central Behavioral Health where she studied Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT).

Erin K. Nichols, worked in peer support from 2010-2022 in two different peer support agencies: Monadnock Peer Support in Keene, NH, and Stepping Stone & Next Step. They have also been a certified peer support specialist on the ACT team of Monadnock Family Services in Keene NH. They started working as a peer support advocate at Healthcare and Rehabilitation Services in Hartford, VT, in 2018, and have since been hired on as the team leader/manager of Woodstock Therapeutic Community Residential in Woodstock, VT. Erin is a full-time student at Vermont State University earning their Bachelors Degree in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice. They also have been a volunteer mentor with Windsor County Mentors since 2021. Erin and their husband, fellow board member, Mark Nichols, live in Windsor, VT. Erin states that "peer support was the foundation that gave me the confidence to make my dreams a reality." They are also a Vermont state trainer of IPS.

Willard Metcalfe, is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) in New Hampshire and Vermont. Bill spent roughly 20 years of his career working with individuals with an intellectual disability. He has spent the past roughly 15 years working with individuals with a mental illness. He received his Master of Social Work degree from Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts. Bill is currently the Director for Mobile Crisis Services for West Central Behavioral Health (WCBH) where he has been employed for seven years. Bill was an integral partner with DHHS, and Beacon Health Options in developing Mobile Crisis services in New Hampshire.



The Lifeline accepts calls from anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental health or substance use crisis.

988 does not have geolocation capabilities, so if calling from a non-603 number, continue to use 833-710-6477 to reach the NH Access Point.



#### Location

62 Pleasant St. Claremont, NH 03743 603-287-7127

#### Facebook:

#### https://www.facebook.com/pg/recoveryresourcecenter

We believe that the key to long-term recovery is a strong foundation of support and community. We host an array of peer-based, non-clinical programs, and services including recovery coaching, support groups, educational workshops, and drug-free/sober community events.



### 141 Mascoma Street, Lebanon, NH 03766 Phone: 603-448-4872 Email: info@headrest.org

Headrest supports individuals and their families, friends and neighbors affected by substance use, navigating recovery, or in crisis, by providing effective programs and treatment options that support prevention and long-term recovery. Headrest will never turn anyone away.



Mon-Thu 8:30am-6pm Fri 8:30am-4pm Food Shelf opens at 9 am

713 Hartford Ave, White River Junction, Vermont ∞ 802-295-6500 info@uppervalleyhaven.org

-a non-profit, private organization that serves people struggling with poverty by providing food, shelter, education, service coordination, and other support.

#### **Southwestern Community Services**

96-102 Main Street Claremont, NH 03743 Phone: 603.542.9528 Toll Free: 800.529.0005

TTY-NH Relay: 800.735.2964





Please call the Sullivan County shelter at 603 542.3160 for more information about the Emergency Shelter Program or Housing Stabilization Counseling.

## How to Reach Us

## Stepping Stone

Next Step



Center hours:
Sunday 11 AM—3 PM
Monday 9 AM—4 PM
Tuesday 9 AM—4 PM
Wednesday 9 AM—4 PM
Thursday 9 AM—7 PM
Friday 9 AM—7 PM

Friday 9 AM-4 PM Saturday 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Saturday 11 AM-4 PM

## Peer Support Warmline

Our Warmline is available Sunday-Thursday, 4-9 PM; Friday, 4-8 PM: Saturday, 4-9 PM.

To reach our Warmline, call 603-543-1388. If calling long distance within NH, you may call toll free at 888-582-0920.

Peer Respite in New Hampshire

H.E.A.R.T.S. Peer Support Center of Greater Nashua 5 Pine Street Extension Suite 1-G PO Box 1564 Nashua NH 03060

Telephone: (603) 864-8769

Monadnock Peer Support 24 Vernon Street Keene, NH 03431

Telephone: (603) 352-5093

#### NH Recovery Oriented Step-Up/Step-Down Programs (SUSD)

#### **Connections Peer Support Center**

161 1st NH Turnpike, Northwood, NH 03261 603.427.6966 Office; 603.373.6519 Fax kali@connectionspeersupport.org

#### H.E.A.R.T.S. Peer Support Center

5 Pine St. Ext. 1G, Nashua, NH 03060 603.882.8400 Office; 603.864.8482 Fax cherylt@heartspsa.com

#### **Monadnock Area Peer Support**

24 Vernon Street, Keene, NH 03431 603.352.5093 Office; 603.550.5506 Fax karen@monadnockpsa.org

#### On the Road to Wellness

59 Sheffield Road, Manchester, NH 03103 603.232.6250 Office; 603.232.6158 Fax susd@otrtw.org



# Upcoming Events & Meeting

Community Meetings

Stepping Stone, Tuesday, 1-2 PM Next Step, Wednesday, 1-2 PM

> Newsletter Workgroup Monday, 11/6, 10-11 AM Stepping Stone

Educational Event

Tuesday, 11/7, 1 PM Member Rights with Corey Shaheen Stepping Stone

Educational Event

Wednesday, 11/8, 1 PM Member Rights with Corey Shaheen Next Step

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, 11/8, 3:30-4:30 PM

via computer:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87115911999?pwd=M GxxUUw5RG9jb0RpbUxrMGVqZXB6Zz09

> Meeting ID: 871 1591 1999 Passcode: 684790

#### via smartphone or Tablet:

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via Telephone:

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York) Meeting ID: 871 1591 1999 Passcode: 684790

#### NH Mental Health Peer Alliance

Tuesday, 11/21, 10 AM—12 PM
Via computer or smartphone:
<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517?">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84071785517?</a>
<a href="pwd=Z2FrNnRyenBnWDcyQU40ck5hQlozZz09">pwd=Z2FrNnRyenBnWDcyQU40ck5hQlozZz09</a>

Meeting ID: 840 7178 5517 Password: 269641

NH Mental Health Planning & Advisory Council

Meets quarterly in January, April,

