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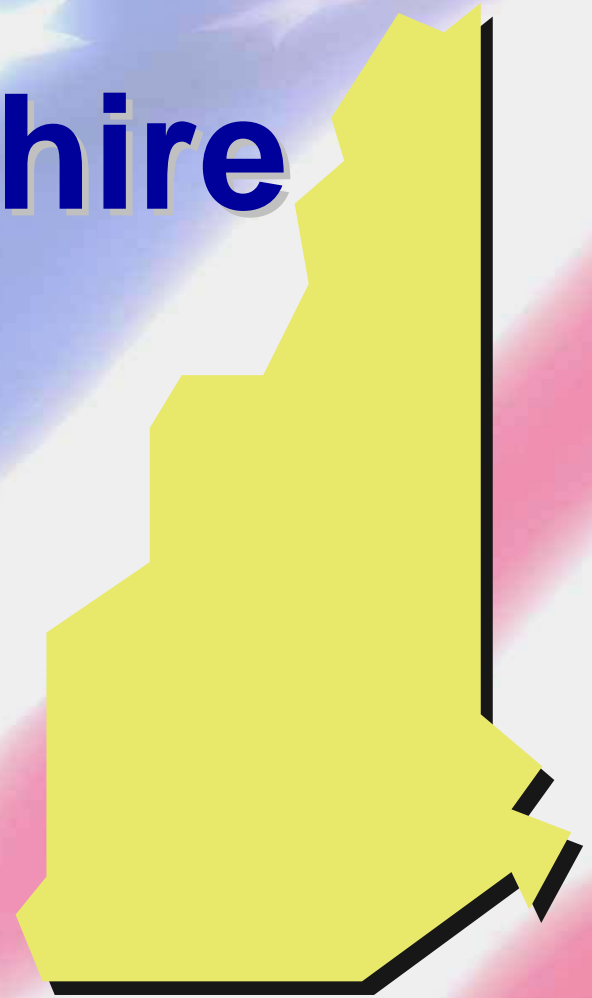
NASMHPD Meeting

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Associate Commissioner

Department of Health & Human Services



Bureau of Community Based Military Programs

Mission

*To help integrate, communicate
and coordinate services
for veterans, service members
and their families*



HB 1335

Commission on PTSD and TBI

An act establishing a commission to study the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury suffered by New Hampshire soldiers and veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan

HB 1335

Recommendations

- **Extend Commission mandate for a two-year period.**
- **Focus on Service Delivery, Coordination and Treatment.**
- **Focus on Education, Awareness, Training and Outreach.**
- **Streamline, consolidate and research methods of state and federal funding.**

VA Medical Centers

Manchester, New Hampshire

White River Junction, Vermont

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Assessing DHHS Clients eligible for VA services**
- **Connecting on Client Referrals**
- **February Conference “Coming Together”**
- **Grand Rounds and Nursing Rounds**
- **Partnering with Community Mental Health Centers**
- **Sharing of Information between Program Areas**
–behavioral health, long-term care, benefits,etc.

NH National Guard

Joint Family Support Assistance Program

- **In the first pilot year, over 400 veterans, service members and their families were served.**
- **Services included clinical counseling, vocational evaluation & job placement, transportation services, childcare services, financial planning and emergency financial assistance.**

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New Contract/New Year

- **\$1,000,000 Contract**
- **Stronger focus on pre-deployment**
- **Stronger focus on NH Army Guard**
- **Stronger focus on Financial Planning**
- **Development of Protocols/Guidelines
for new outreach sites**

State Suicide Prevention Council

- **SB 390 Passed –Puts into law the (already existing) Suicide Prevention Council**
- **Added designee from Adjutant General's Office**
- **Added Military Subcommittee – Co-Chaired by representatives from the National Guard and VA Medical Center**
- **Military Subcommittee includes representation from Vet Center, National Guard Family Program, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, Reserves and more.**

State Suicide Prevention Council

- **Added liaison from Bureau of Behavioral Health to communicate with Chief Medical Examiner's Office in providing timely and accurate information regarding circumstances of the completed suicide**
- **Partner with National Guard Suicide Prevention Task Force on communication, education and training**