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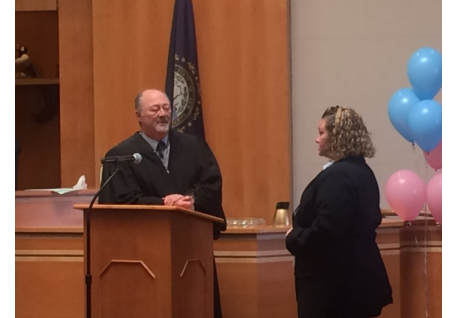
The Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts



Ed Rajsteter presented two \$1,000 checks to Bob Nylin, Coordinator Carroll County Drug Courts.



Mike tells his story



Judge Brown introduces Joeline

Hillsborough North (Manchester) Drug Court Has Its first Graduation

March 20th 2018 Manchester, New Hampshire – The Hillsborough North Drug Court which opened its doors in November of 2016 had its first graduation on March 20th, 2018 at the Hillsborough Superior Court in Manchester; the two participants graduating were Mike and Jillion. The Honorable Judge Kenneth Brown presided over the graduation at the Hillsborough North Superior Court in Manchester.

Judge Brown introduced Mike and spoke about his experience with Mike when he first came into the program. Mike was homeless and needed assistance obtaining safe sober housing. Dan Canniff, Coordinator for the Hillsborough North Drug Court and his staff of Case Managers assisted Mike with this issue.

During Judge Brown’s introduction of Mike, he also introduced Mike’s mother who was in the audience. Mike’s mother thanked the Judge and the Drug Court Team for giving her son back.

Joeline was also introduced by the Judge; when it was her turn to tell her story, Joeline spoke of how this program saved her life as well as become reunited with her daughter.

In attendance for the graduation from the Friends of NH Drug Courts were: Ed Rajsteter, President, Ed O’Reilly, Treasurer and Reverend John Mahoney; both Ed O’Reilly and Father John are board members representing Hillsborough North Manchester .

Celebrating Drug Court Graduates

Strafford County Drug Court will hold its graduation on April 9th @ 1:00PM - Strafford County Superior Court -Dover, NH. Cheshire County Drug Court will hold its graduation on April 18th @ 12:00PM - Cheshire County Superior Court - Keene, NH.

Upcoming Events

April 21st first annual Friends Board Retreat.

May 10th, Friends Annual Meeting to be held at Common Man, Concord, NH 5-7PM.

Next Meetings

The Friends meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM. Meeting location varies.

Friends next Board meeting will be April 18 2018 @ New Futures - Concord NH.

Interested in joining?

E-mail the Friends at info@fnhdc.org

Your tax deductible donations can be mailed to:
The Friends of NH Drug Courts,
PO Box 326, North Haverhill, NH 03774

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Ed Rajsteter introduces Bob Nylin, newly appointed coordinator for Coos and Carroll County Drug Courts: along with Honorable Judge Amy Ignatius and the Drug Court Teams.

NH Judicial Branch Presents Training on Best Practices for Treatment Courts

On March 23, 2018, the New Hampshire Judicial Branch presented a day-long drug court conference at the Wentworth-Douglas Hospital in Dover, NH. Superior Court Chief Justice Tina Nadeau, along with Alex Casale, the statewide coordinator for NH drug court programs, welcomed nearly 100 drug court team members from across New Hampshire.

The Honorable Diane Bull, Dr. Shannon Carey, Ph.D., and Criminal Justice Consultant Helen Harberts presented a full day of training sessions on current best practices in the use of incentives, sanctions, and therapeutic adjustments in drug treatment courts. Judge Bull is the presiding judge of Harris County, Texas Criminal Court; the judge also served as Assistant District Attorney for Harris and Polk Counties, Texas. Shannon Carey is Co-President, Director of Development for NPC Research and has worked in the areas of criminal justice and substance abuse treatment for over 15 years. Helen Harberts is an attorney/criminal justice consultant who previously served as Director of Harris County Community Supervision and Corrections and as Butte County District Attorney in California. All three individuals are members of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals.

The morning sessions offered current information on drug testing, detection, addiction and behavioral responses. During the afternoon, each member of the many teams attending partnered with colleagues who share the same role—judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, coordinator, treatment provider—but in a different court. They were able to discuss how best to manage drug court participant behaviors in a variety of case studies, and compared their decisions to those offered by the instructors as best practices.

In keeping with The Friends of the New Hampshire Drug Courts tradition of giving \$1,000 to each new drug court program at start-up, Ed Rajsteter, President, along with Nancy Russell, Board Secretary, presented two \$1,000 checks to Bob Nylin, Coordinator for the newly created Carroll and Coos County Drug Courts. Mr. Nylin then introduced members of each of the drug courts to the attendees of the conference.

Special thanks goes out to the New Hampshire Judicial Branch and Chief Justice Nadeau for sponsoring this highly educational opportunity, and working to make our treatment courts better for everyone.