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**NCHC unveils AskPETRA.org, website connects Northern NH residents to substance use disorder resources**

**REGION** – On June 1st, the North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) will unveil AskPETRA.org, a website to connect Northern NH residents touched by substance use disorder to local resources.

Funded by a federal grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the website was designed to provide information on Prevention, Education, Treatment, Recovery, and Assistance (PETRA), and will help North Country communities address needs around the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) crisis.

Information on the AskPETRA.org website spans a broad range of topics, including treatment and recovery options, connections to daily basic needs, prevention programing in schools, professional trainings, and resources for providers to share with their patients.

“We all have a role to play in curbing Substance Use Disorder in our communities,” said Becky McEnany, Interim CEO of NCHC. “The AskPETRA website was created to provide access to resources for individuals and professionals, ensuring that anyone looking for help can receive it.”

The website will run in conjunction with NCHC’s recently launched AskPETRA helpline. While the website gives 24/7 access to these resources, the helpline provides an added level of support by connecting callers to trained Community Health Workers/Recovery Coaches who can provide additional guidance and support to navigate available resources. Open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am -4:30 pm, the helpline can be reached by phone: (603)259-1729 or email: AskPETRA@NCHCNH.org. During off hours, callers can leave a message and a Community Health Worker will respond during regular operating hours.

The North Country Health Consortium (NCHC) is a non-profit public health organization based in Littleton that collaborates with health and human services providers serving Northern New Hampshire. Checkout the new AskPETRA website at AskPETRA.org. For more information about AskPETRA, contact the Program Manager, Annette Carbonneau: AskPETRA@NCHCNH.org or (603)259-3700 x221. Learn more about NCHC by visiting NCHCNH.org.

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