

FRIENDS NEWS

| The Friends of New Hampshire Drug Courts |

Alex Casale Appointed as New Hampshire Drug Court Coordinator

Chief Judge Tina Nadeau announced the appointment of Alex Casale as the new Statewide Drug Offender Program Coordinator. Alex will now have statewide oversight working with NH's six existing drug courts and the newly established drug courts resulting from the drug court expansion legislation. Alex begins his new position on July 18th.

Congratulations and well wishes to Alex!

Next Meetings

The Friends meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1PM at New Futures, 10 Ferry St. Suite 307, Concord, NH. Next meetings - Wednesdays, July 20th and August 17th.

Interested in joining? E-mail us at info@friendsofnhdrugcourts.org

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

Governor Maggie Hassan Signs Bipartisan Bill Establishing Statewide a Drug Court Program

On June 14th, Governor Hassan signed Senate Bill 464 establishing a statewide drug court program as part of the



continuing efforts to implement a comprehensive approach to combat the heroin and opioids crisis and help save lives. The law provides more than \$2 million in matching state grants for counties to establish new drug courts and expand existing ones, as well as creates a statewide coordinator to work with the courts to ensure best practices are being implemented.

Currently there are six drug courts operating in New Hampshire providing comprehensive treatment service to 192 drug court participants.

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