Council for a Healthier Community
(Public Health Advisory Council for the Greater Monadnock Region)

**Purpose:** To provide a community framework that supports open communication and sets priorities for community collaboration and funding that encourages the health and wellness of the Greater Monadnock region.

**Responsibilities:**
1. Help identify and encourage action planning to ensure community public health needs are met without unnecessary duplication
2. Support the needs assessments and data collection activities for the region
3. Advise and make recommendations, as appropriate, to Cheshire County Commission on funding opportunities.
4. Make recommendations within the Greater Monadnock region and to the state regarding priorities for service delivery based on needs assessments and data collection.

**Region:** The Greater Monadnock region consists of ten towns in western Hillsborough County (Antrim, Bennington, Franconia, Greenfield, Greenville, Hancock, New Ipswich, Peterborough, Sharon, and Temple) and all the towns in Cheshire County (Alstead, Chesterfield, Dublin, Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Harrisville, Hinsdale, Jaffrey, Keene, Marlborough, Marlow, Nelson, Richmond, Rindge, Roxbury, Stoddard, Sullivan, Surry, Swanzey, Troy, Walpole, Westmoreland, and Winchester).
**Council Membership:** includes a broad based representation of the multi-stakeholder sectors in the Greater Monadnock Region.

All Saints Church Keene State College
Antioch University New England Monadnock Alcohol & Drug Abuse Coalition
Cedarcrest Center Monadnock Area Pastoral Services
Cheshire County Drug Court Monadnock at Home
Cheshire County Government Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention
Cheshire County System of Care Monadnock Community Hospital
Citizen of Monadnock Region Monadnock Developmental Services
City of Keene Monadnock Family Services
Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Monadnock Peer Support Agency
Keene Monadnock ServiceLink
ConVal School District (SAU1) Monadnock United Way
Contoocook Valley Transportation Company Monadnock Workforce
Dental Health Works NH Catholic Charities
DHHS Keene District Office Reality Check
Franklin Pierce University Southern NH Services
Girl Scouts of Green & White Mountains Southwest Regional Planning Commission
Home Health & Hospice Services Southwestern Community Services
Impact Monadnock Team Jaffrey
Keene Family YMCA The River Center
Keene Housing Town of Harrisville
Keene Kids Collaborative Touchstone Farm
Keene School District (SAU29)

**Council Executive Committee:** Responsible for setting direction, identifying priorities, and making recommendations and setting processes on behalf of the CHC with intent for full CHC to have final decision making authority. Current Executive Committee membership:

- Chair, Mary Lee Greaves, DHHS Keene District Office
- Vice-Chair, Tim Murphy, Southwest Regional Planning Commission
- Chris Coates, Cheshire County Government
- Ellen Avery, Contoocook Valley Transportation Company
- Erica Frank, Southwestern Community Services
- LeeAnn Clark, Monadnock Community Hospital
- Dr. Jose Montero, Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Keene
- Linda Rubin, Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Keene
- Susan Ashworth, Home Health & Hospice Services

**Regional Priorities:** In September 2015, the Council for a Healthier Community released the Greater Monadnock Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP): 2015 – 2018 which provide a written framework to focus and solidify the activities in the Greater Monadnock region to improve the health of the community. The CHIP is a guiding document that helps provide strategic direction for the Region’s priority health improvement areas. This Plan focuses on five priority issues for which the Region will work to address over the next three years in an effort to improve health and wellness in the Region. These priorities include obesity, tobacco, behavioral health, emergency preparedness, and substance
and alcohol misuse. Other priorities discussed in the Plan include heart disease and stroke, healthy mothers and babies, cancer prevention, asthma, injury prevention, and infectious disease.

Monadnock Region Health Coalitions and Related Prioritites