

APPENDIX K-2

Mascoma Listening Session Notice

MASCOMA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION



SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 at 9 AM
At Mascoma Community Healthcare Center
Corner of Roberts Road and Route 4 in Canaan
or
Join via Zoom (link in comments)

The Board of Directors of the Mascoma Community Healthcare Center invites the residents of Dorchester, Orange, Grafton, Canaan, Enfield, Lebanon, Rumney, Danbury and other neighboring towns to a Presentation on Future Plans for the Center and an opportunity to provide input.

Come learn how becoming a **Federally Qualified Healthcare Center** can strengthen Mascoma Community Health Center. The Board will explain what it means to be an FQHC and how we have worked in the past towards this goal, and what we are currently doing to attain this important designation.

Mascoma Community Center is your Center!

Come and share your thoughts about the plan and the future of the Center. We welcome your comments and ideas.

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Becoming a Federally Qualified Health Center



We can assure that Mascoma Community Health Center will offer accountable, affordable and sustainable health, mental, and dental care for decades.

Why become an FQHC?

- The Health Center, operated by HealthFirst, will qualify for a 40% increase in federal funding that ensures long term financial strength
- Federal low-cost pharmacy benefits
- An increase in available services and providers, including shared providers
- Access to behavioral health and medically-assisted drug treatment
- Dietary and health education

How will we become an FQHC?

Collaborating with HealthFirst Family Care Center out of Franklin, New Hampshire gives the Center rapid FQHC status.

Who is HealthFirst?

HealthFirst is a non-profit FQHC with health centers in Laconia and Franklin, New Hampshire that has operated for 27 years and is accountable to a patient-majority Board.

What happens to Mascoma Community Health Center?

MCHC stays right here. HealthFirst will manage and operate the health center day-to-day using our providers and staff. Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc. will remain a non-profit and owner of the Health Center, and will lease the facility to HealthFirst. Our mission will still be to serve as a patient advocate, help people take advantage of the advantage of the affordable services, and seek funding for new and expanded services at the health center.

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Impact on MCHC of Collaboration with HealthFirst



Mascoma Community Health will strongly benefit from the FQHC status that accompanies its operation by HealthFirst.

- Long-term financial stability from higher Medicare and Medicaid payments
- Expanded services including Behavioral Health, Low Cost Pharmacy, Education, and Dietary
- A partner with a 28-year proven record of providing community-focused rural medical, dental, and mental care
- Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc, would have time to reach out to uninsured and under-insured patients, serve as an advocate and raise funds for new and expanded services
- Mascoma patients would have proportional representation on the HealthFirst Board of Directors guaranteeing local input on all decisions
- The health center and all equipment would continue to be owned by Mascoma Community Healthcare, Inc. guaranteeing long-term commitment to the Mascoma Valley

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