



PERINATAL SUBSTANCE EXPOSURE TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

Task Force Chair: Rebecca Ewing and Tricia Tilley

JULY 22, 2015

Agenda/Notes

Attendees: Susan Latham, Lisa Bryson, Linda Graham, Rekha Sreedhara, Nancy Jackson-Reno, Tricia Tilley, Rebecca Ewing, Rebecca Stone, Vicki Flanagan (Phone)

Welcome & Introduction: Rebecca Stone, PhD, MPH from the School of Criminology and Justice Studies at UMass Lowell joined the group.; Nancy Jackson Reno will be retiring at the end of July but she may come back part-time in the Fall and also hopes to volunteer some time to the task force.; Linda Graham will also be retiring in July as well. Liz Collins will cover work related to Part C for pregnant women and children with developmental disabilities.

Minutes: Susan Latham’s name needs to be added to the March minutes.

Susan inquired about the three workgroups created as a result of the Provider Forum held in January. Specifically, she wanted more details about any progress made with the Patient Communication Workgroup. It was indicated that Jacqui Abikoff was nominated to lead this group but was unable to do so. Since then, this workgroup has been at a standstill. It is hoped that the Continuum of Care work may help launch some of the what this workgroup hoped to focus on.

Updates from Priority Areas:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Status/ Accomplishments	Updates
Poster Campaign	Lisa, Linda, Nancy and Abby		-Prepared campaign that will reach family, friends, partners, husbands and others. -In the Fall, it will be hung in liquor stores, banner will be included on nhdrugfree.org site, and soft launch during NOFAS NH Awareness Day.	-Soft focus groups were held with feedback including good readability, message, and use of colors. -March of Dimes against black bottom. Creative team has decided to keep black anyway. -DHHS State seal currently not on poster; still debating whether this should be included. -Full launch to take place in November.
Methadone Workgroup	Rebecca Ewing		-Literature reviewed to indicate that there are less side effects, less sedation, and neonatal	-The number of OTP sites currently offering split doses is few; the requirements of the

	<p>effects with split dosing. -Interview questions prepared; hoping to have conversation with OTPs regarding prescribing practices.</p>	<p>feds and state also makes it complicated to offer split dosing along with other factors. -Need to consider bringing in new competition into the state. -Need a medical consultant to oversee decisions; maybe prior authorizations are required to prescribe over a certain dose level.</p>
<p>Rekha Sreedhara Patient Support Workgroup</p>	<p>Opioid information sheet created for pregnant and postpartum women.</p>	<p>-Draft shared with group. Feedback included nice vibrant colors, liked the concept of the clipboards, liked that each question was followed up with an answer but felt it was confusing to understand who the handout was targeting. -Group will continue to work on document.</p>

Other Updates: Protect our Infants – This act co-sponsored by Kelly Ayotte will push for federal resources from CDC to collect NAS data. Becky would like to write a letter on behalf of the task force to Senator Shaheen and Frank Ginta for federal support. Becky will seek approval from Tym Rourke.

New Business: --

Next Meeting: September 23, 2015 – 2:00PM-4:00PM; Hazen Drive in Concord