

# Governor's Commission Prevention Task Force

Feb. 6, 2015

9:30am-11:30am

Division of Enforcement and Licensing  
57 Regional Drive, Concord, NH

9:30	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
9:40	<b>Gov Commission Update</b> (5 mins) – State Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report	Traci
9:45-10:45	<b>NH's Therapeutic Cannabis Program</b>	Katy Traci
10:45	<b>WorkGroup Updates/Discussion on how to proceed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alternative Treatment Centers</li><li>• Substance Free Workplace (emerging workgroup)</li><li>• Safe Messaging (emerging workgroup)</li><li>• Model School Policy – workgroup not yet defined.</li></ul>	Traci/All
11:20	<b>Other business</b>	All
11:30	<b>Adjourn</b>	
	<b>Next Scheduled Meeting Friday, April 3rd @ 9:30-11:30AM</b> <i>Mark your calendars</i> for Prevention Task Force meetings on the 1st Friday of every other month –April, June, August	

**Thank you for your time!**  
**Look forward to seeing you in April!**



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

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## Governor's Commission Prevention Task Force Feb. 6, 2015 Meeting Action Steps

**Attendees:** Traci Fowler, Katy Shea, Katie Kachavos, Susan McKeown, Tim Lena, Sarah Sadowski, Marissa Carlson and Betsy Houde.

**Welcome & Introductions:** Welcome new member Tim Lena, who was just added to the Commission as a Prevention Representative.

**Commission Update:** Traci shared the Annual Report, which includes the result of our input during the last meeting which went back to the Governor. The next meeting is Friday, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Life of An Athlete data will be presented. Traci participated in a meeting in January with Governor's staff members to discuss funding priorities. While prevention/intervention included among the 2016-2017 priorities, most of the discussion focused on treatment needs.

**Therapeutic Cannabis:** On Tuesday, 2/10, the Prevention Task Force, the NH Provider's Assoc. and Community Health Institute are hosting a webinar for regional networks and DFC Coordinators on the role of the prevention community. The focus will be on Child Safety and Public Health relative to Alternative Treatment Centers' implementation. A second webinar will take place on 2/17, and will be hosted by the NH Provider's Association.

The TC Advisory Council has been meeting. This group will *not* have say in which ATC's are funded, but will handle complaints, concerns and oversight. Currently the groups' focus has been on the qualifying patient and not related to public health consequences to ensure child safety. An ATC workgroup will be formed to ensure safety needs and effective outcome measurement is addressed. Members include Traci, Katy, Abby, Sarah and Celeste.

- Abby has the medical society's guidance about prescribing practices and indicated a minimum 3-month direct-contact relationship with the physician (not PA, etc.)
- Traci encouraged the group to read the rules to better understand the scope of the program.
- ATCs are targeting late summer to open.
- The Rules indicate it is required to get community input about locations prior to selecting sites, yet no specific parameters was included defining "input". The Prevention Task Force will submit a letter seeking clarification to DHHS (via the Commission).
- We need to ensure that all comments and talking points are not *against* marijuana's validity as a medicine. Use caution with sound bites.
- We want to make sure that all of those that are prescribed cannabis are getting it and that it's not diverted for recreational use (ensuring access and safety).

**Substance-free Workplace Effort:** Given the focus on ATC's, we agreed to table this discussion until the fall.

**Safe Messaging Project:** Northeast CAPT is taking this on. We will weigh in once their draft is completed.

**Prescription Drug Monitoring:** Michelle Rico Jonas did a useful presentation for the Lakes Region. Feel free to access her if you need assistance!

**Model School Policy Recommendations:** Traci has had a conversation with Lisa Mure about the Task Force working with the Center for Excellence to "update" this document with current trends, potential reformatting, etc. to make it more user-friendly.

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**See you next time!**

Next meeting: **Friday, April 3, 2015, 9:30am – 11:30am**  
at **Division of Enforcement and Licensing, 57 Regional Drive, Concord.**