



# TREATMENT TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: *Stephanie Savard*

September 18, 2015

## Agenda/Notes

**Attendees:** Chris Neiman, Dawni Buttemeier, Pam O’Sullivan, Alisa Druzba, Rekha Sreedhara, Stephanie Savard, Jaime Powers, Sue Thistle, Dianne Pepin, Susan Latham, Linda Goldstein, Cheryle Pacapelli, Lindy Keller, Maggie Glassman, Michele Merritt, Monica Edgar, Ellen Eberhart, Susan Vonderheide

**Welcome & Introduction:** New member, Linda Goldstein welcomed to the group. She will be representing mental health.

### Updates from Priority Areas:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Status/Accomplishments	Updates
Membership	Stephanie Savard		-The task force has expanded over the last year to include representation from MH, VA, policy, primary care.	-Clarification was provided about the distribution list. This list includes task force members but also those who have an interest in the topic area but are either not able to attend or would be called in to support work as needed. -Stephanie will contact Tym Rourke to determine if managed care organizations should sit at this table.
Health Professions Data Center	Alisa Druzba		-Practice and capacity data is available for all practicing and licensed providers in NH with exception to LADCs and MLADCs until now. A survey is currently being worked on with the Providers Association to determine appropriate questions and will be tested with clinicians and launched as people are licensed. Additionally, SUD indicators will be added to other provider surveys related to MAT, SBIRT, etc.	
State Loan Repayment Program	Alisa Druzba		-Effective October 1, LADCs and MLADCs who provide outpatient services within a Medical Center Health (MCH) system funded	-Alisa Druza presented program to task force members. -PPT presentation will be sent to members to share with program staff

		<p>primary care center, Bureau of Behavioral Health-funded community mental health center, or BDAS-funded treatment center will be eligible to apply for loan repayment. Loans are tax-free. MLADCs are eligible for up to 65K and LADCs 40K. An organization can nominate up to 3 staff each year.</p>	<p>-One-page overview handout will be emailed out to inform providers of the changes.</p>
Recovery Task Force Update	Cheryle Pacapelli	<p>-The task force is now meeting monthly. They have formed a sub-committee which is focusing on how other states have billed for recovery supports. Three recommendations have been identified to include the development of a certification for peer recovery support specialists, accreditation standards for recovery community organizations based on the Council on Accreditation of Peer Recovery Support Services (CAPRSS) model and to have a facilitating organization to serve as the backbone for recovery organization who would help with billing, data collection, and other financial and technical assistance.</p>	<p>-A place holder to put in legislation will need to be put in by November for peer recovery support services.</p>
Insurance Changes	Stephanie Savard, Sue Thistle, Sue Vonderheide, Monica Edgar	<p>-The New Hampshire Health Protection Program (NHHPP) will transition over to its next phase, into the Insurance Marketplace, the Premium Assistance Program, with enrollment beginning in November and coverage to start in January 2016. Five health insurance carriers will be available to choose from, Ambetter</p>	<p>-Task force members will contact providers to assess their needs, educate them on the Premium Assistance Program and encourage their enrollment with the five health insurance carriers, Ambetter (Cenpatico/NH Healthy Families), Maine Community Health Options, Harvard Pilgrim, Anthem, and Minuteman Health Plan.</p>

(Cenpatico/NH Healthy Families), Maine Community Health Options, Harvard Pilgrim, Anthem, and Minuteman Health Plan. Each plan's benefit array will be disclosed after open enrollment in November. Individuals identifying as "medically frail" will remain under the NHHPP which will be covered by WellSense/Beacon.

Core Competency Document	Several Task Force Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Document created to include a set of recommended competencies and activities for existing licensed behavioral health professional to increase their range of skills and expertise in order to allow them to more effectively treat SUDs.</li> <li>-Document presented at various Board meetings; Board was resistant with placing on website</li> <li>-Document was mailed to over 1,000 people</li> </ul>	-Reach out to guilds
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**Next Meeting:** The next meeting has been rescheduled to **Friday, December 4 from 9:00AM-11:00AM** at the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services, Chandler Room