



TREATMENT TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: *Stephanie Savard*

March 18, 2016

Agenda/Notes

Attendees: Stephanie Savard, Lindy Keller, Susan Vonderheide, Amelie Gooding, Michele Merritt, Danni Bultemeier, Sue Thistle, Jaime Powers, Ellen Eberhart, Amy Pepin, Sue Gordon, Monica Edgar

Guests: Michael Wilke, Keith Nyhan

Absent: Rekha Sreedhara, Linda Goldstein, Susan Latham, Joe Harding,

Public Members in Attendance

Welcome & Introduction: NA

Updates from Priority Areas:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Status/Accomplishments	Updates
Membership	Stephanie Savard	Renewing Memberships; New Member Representation needed	Current Members need to inform Chair of one year commitment to Tx TF; New Community Health Center representative member – Susan Gordon – Goodwin Health Center; Corrections Member still in process of requesting	Action: Corrections membership outreach to Lucille Amero – Steph to ask Linda to make contact, Ron White - Lindy, and David Barry – Diane.
Access to Treatment	Guest Presenter: Keith Nyhan & Michael Wilkey – Consumer Services, NHID	Education of assisting clients and Tx providers accessing treatment with insurance barriers	Keith, administrator for consumer services. Presentation and handouts. Difference between insurance and self-funded plans – consumer services will still help them navigate complaints etc. More than 50% of “insured” in NH are covered by self-insured plans. Medicaid/Medicare are public programs not self-funded and not insurance. Administered by DHHS, not Department of Insurance (DOI). However, NHHPP (Medicaid expansion) is now covered through the private insurance marketplace and are covered by commercial carriers, called Premium Assistance Program (PAP). DOI regulates the carriers and can intervene on consumer’s behalf. PAP covered clients can reach out to the DOI for assistance; providers can also ask questions re: coverage, complaints, etc.	

Urgency of prior authorization is defined by the provider not the carrier.

See handouts and
 Nh.gov\insurance click the file a complaint button

DOI currently reviewing SUD benefit administration across carriers in NH. Will also be revising network adequacy rules for 'reasonable access' likely to change significantly in 2018.

DOI has created a mental health and substance use workgroup to identify and address issues/barriers. Stephanie, Monica, Jamie and others are participating.

When in doubt call DOI, they get virtually no questions, calls, complaints re SUD to consumer services from either clients or providers.

Legislative Updates/Insurance Updates	Michelle Merritt/TF Members	NH Medicaid Re-Authorization Status	Passed House, Senate Finance hearing Tues at noon LOB 210-11. Should be voted and passed Thursday through the Senate.	Clean needles bill deadlocked out of committee, goes to House floor – NF supporting. Suspension (instead of revocation) of Medicaid benefits for incarcerated beneficiaries will now be the standard in NH! Therefore, benefits available for reactivation immediately upon release. SB533 Governor's Commission bill originally for additional funding now could fundamentally change GC. Neglect bill defines addiction and/or neonatal abstinence syndrome as neglect automatically – passed Senate NF to continue to oppose in the House. Prior authorization bill re acute need for determination and auto payment for up to 72 hrs
Integrated Services	Stephanie/BDAS representation	State of NH 1115 Waiver Update	Educating SUD treatment providers regarding IDN's and when/how to become a supporting provider	Not addressed at this meeting.
Workforce Development	Lindy	Status of work being done in this area		Not addressed at this meeting.
Governor's Commission Update	Stephanie		Focused on presentation by the NHID and looking for	Each member of the Taskforce needs to officially commit for a

	feedback on next steps for analysis of insurance claims/appeals data (i.e. wider range of substances)	1 year (at least) as members starting in Jan 2016. Jamie, Amelie, Lindy yes already.
Other New Business	Organizational change at DHHS – NEW Division of Behavioral Health including the Bureau of Mental Health and BDAS with Katja Fox as Director.	

Next Meeting: Friday, May 20th; 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.; 10 Ferry Street, New Futures Conference Room #308 B.