



OPIOID TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage

October 13, 2016 – 9:00AM – 10:30AM

Minutes

Attendees: Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, Rekha Sreedhara, Yashira Pepin, Joe Hannon, Jim Moser, Chris Shambarger, Elizabeth Huges, Nicole Rodler, Helen Pervanas, Pam O'Sullivan, Alex Casale, Kimberly Fortier, Courtney Gray, Benjamin Agati, Jacqui Baker, James Potter, Kate Frey (phone)

I. Meeting Minutes

- The meeting minutes for September were approved.

II. Reviewed NH Opioid Related Data – August Drug Monitoring Initiative Report (Kimberly Fortier)

- There has been a 31% decrease in naloxone administration from August 2015 compared to August 2016.
- Based on data, it appears strategies should focus on 21-30 age group.
- More meth is being seen in NH.
- Kimberly stated that they are looking to report by per capita in future reports.

III. Group Reports (All)

- Buprenorphine Waiver Training (James Potter) – Free 8-hour training scheduled for November 4th is full. 40 people have registered to include MDs, PAs and NPs. 1/3 of the group are PAs and NPs. The NH Medical Society and the NH Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services (BDAS) is working with the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) to provide this training and hope to offer future trainings in 2017. AAAP also helps providers submit waiver paperwork. Rekha Sreedhara indicated that the Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) may be available to support these trainings as well. Rekha will connect James with ATTC contact.
- Foundation for Healthy Communities Grant (James Potter) – BDAS has contracted with the Foundation to work with physician practices part of a hospital network to include medication assisted treatment.
- SAMHSA Medication Assisted Treatment Expansion Grant (Rekha Sreedhara) – BDAS was recently awarded a three-year grant to serve patients in two high-risk communities of Manchester and Nashua. The goal is to serve 1,400 patients over three years.
- Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) (James Potter) – Federal regulation will allow NPs and PAs to obtain their waiver to prescribe buprenorphine with completion of 24 hours of training. Rule allowing this has not yet been issued. The increased training required compared to MDs and DOs may be due to the fact that advanced pharmacologic training is not part of the curriculum received by NPs and PAs.

- Opioid Prescribing Rules (Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg) – All seven Boards will be presenting to JLCAR on October 20th. James Potter and Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg have been working with the Board of Medicine and other Boards to ensure that all are using consistent language. The goal is to implement these rules beginning on January 1, 2017. The rules include guidelines around treatment agreements, informed consent, prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP), urine drug testing, and frequent provider visits.
- Risk Assessment Tools (Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg) – The Screener and Opioid Assessment for Patients with Pain (SOAPP) and Opioid Risk Tool (ORT) have been taken under advisement by the Board of Medicine. If approved, providers will need to use tools as part of opioid prescribing requirements.
- PDMP – The PDMP now has interoperability with other New England states. Integration is still a work in progress. The enhancements that were made primarily relate to speed (# of clicks) and breathe of data collected.
- Drug Court Expansion (Alex Casale) – Manchester’s drug court will go live in 2 weeks.
- NH Insurance Department Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (Courtney Gray) – It is helpful to see denial claims in addition to the issues experienced. Alex Casale mentioned that he has forwarded insurance issues seen with Drug Court clients. It was also mentioned that Strafford County is having network adequacy issues with no new providers being accepted.

IV. State Plan Update (Rekha Sreedhara)

- Current plan due to expire at the end of 2017.
- New plan will be a three-year plan rather than 5-years focusing on all substances across the continuum of care to include prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery and enforcement.
- Recommendations will be obtained from Governor’s Commission members, task forces, and enforcement via the use of a template.
- Input will be gathered from Task Force chairs and the enforcement ad hoc group to develop a template.
- Task forces will have from mid-December to mid-February to complete template. Members can choose how often to meet and how information will be solicited to include meeting during regularly scheduled meetings, additional in-person/phone meetings, focus groups, etc.
- The Center for Excellence will share draft plan at April Governor’s Commission meeting and task forces will present recommendations.
- Goal is to have final plan ready for printing and dissemination by June 2017 in an effort to have plan available for next fiscal year, July 2017.

V. Reviewed Key Domain Strategies (All)

- Final edits made to strategies document (see document).

- This document will be shared with the 1115 Waiver Integrated Delivery Networks (IDNs).

VI. Other Updates

- “Generation Found” documentary will be shown on November 9th from 5-8pm at the Rochester Opera House. Contact Nicole Rodler or Joe Hannon for more information.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 10, 2016 – 9:00AM – 10:30AM

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