



PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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

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Attended: Tim Lena, Shannon Bresaw, Katy Shea, Marissa Carlson, Valerie Morgan, Courtney Gray-Tanner, Katie Kachavos, Celeste Clark, Kelly Untiet (Office of Student Wellness filling in for Michelle Myler), Annika Stanley-Smith, Sondra Kiplinger (CHI), Traci Fowler, Susan McKeown, Laura Milliken, Shannon McCullough (AmeriCorps VISTA working with Spark), Kate Frey.

New Members Added to the Task Force

Tim announced that Donna Arias (Life of an Athlete) and Rebecca Woitkowski (New Futures, early childhood focus) will be joining the Prevention Task Force.

Minutes from February 3, 2017 were approved. Question arose about DARE's new name being Keeping It Real. Further discussion about DARE's current status will be addressed at a future meeting.

Debrief Prevention Meeting with the Governor

Tim invited members to share their feedback about the meeting. It was made clear that there is a large team of intelligent, committed people working on this issue and a working framework/structure. The pre-work was exceptional. Concerns were raised about the extent of understanding that transferred to state leaders, especially concerning particular populations, such as early childhood. Task Force members expressed they are pleased with the focus on prevention in schools, yet there is more work to do to broaden understanding of how the system works across all ages and stages -- Prevention is MORE than a program.

Our charge as the Prevention Task Force is through the *Governor's Commission*, which is the infrastructure that has been set up. We report to the Commission and need to maintain our focus in that direction. NH Charitable Foundation is bringing the Frameworks Institute to NH most likely in May/June to help us better boil down our prevention messages. Frameworks' role is around the "science of messaging". A great comparative example is to reduce childhood obesity: giving students a presentation about weight control isn't enough to reach everyone... you may also need to remove soda from the vending machine for youth that need more than education.

In addition to supporting full day kindergarten, the Governor is also supportive of home visiting and had lots of good questions around juvenile court diversion.

We need to develop talking points for prevention that can be used with state leaders to ensure our message is clear and consistent. Traci is developing a "study group" to bring James and Marty together with Task Force leadership to vet messages to ensure our message is received as intended. The idea of a job shadow was suggested, inviting James and Marty to attend local coalition meetings or other relevant activities.

We also need to deliver metrics and outcomes. Presenting the Science of Prevention should start more broadly with public health in general and then narrow to substance misuse. There is still significant stigma around talking about substance misuse.

Valerie was tasked with developing a workforce group -- meeting May 11th -- with identified people from the meeting including Jon Kesty, Brenda from HOPE for NH Recovery, and Chris Placy. It was suggested that Valerie add someone from Granite Pathways and someone with a background in ethics to be able to address concerns that may come up.

Legislative Update

Alcohol Fund: Kate shared that the budget has still not been approved by the House. The Senate may resort to taking the Governor's budget and working from there. HB 441 and 517 are going to be the budget bills, rather than HB1 and HB2. It's unclear what presence the House will have at the Committee of Conference.

Kate identified the bigger issue around whether the House will be able to approve ANY budget going forward. The Governor's proposal for the Alcohol Fund was doubled to 3.4% in year 1 and 4% in year 2. There was some reference to raising it to 5%. There is also a bill to authorize full day Kindergarten beyond the Governor's proposal of adding it to high-need communities only.

According to Senator Bradley, the Alcohol Fund will be increased in the upcoming budget. A prior Senate budget had it increased to 3.4% (from current 1.7%), so Kate is hopeful that there will be some type of increase going forward. The public hearing will be within the next 3-4 weeks.

Marijuana Legislation: Legalization bill has been killed. Therapeutic Cannabis has been a hot topic, with legislation trying to add more qualifying conditions. There has been some discussion around adding Chronic Pain and PTSD as qualifying conditions.

HB640 around Decriminalization did pass the House. It now needs to go before the Senate. New Futures feels that as long as their principles are written into the legislation, they aren't opposing it. However, Police Chiefs are now paying attention, so it's unclear what may happen next. The Chiefs are floating an amendment that indicate a half-ounce only, first offense is a violation, second offense is a misdemeanor. They include a risk assessment and get rid of any provision that includes a plea by mail. Fines go to prevention. Kate thinks that if passed, the amount will be reduced from an ounce to a half-ounce. Between RAPS and NH's LADC infrastructure, it appears that there is enough capacity to provide the risk assessments.

Alcohol

May 18th -- Prevention Partners have been invited to present on what they think is important around liquor laws in the state. Kate will reach out to Celeste and others to craft messages.

PDFNH Update

Anni briefed the group on Stand Up Speak Up NH campaign which has been rolled out across the state. They are currently working on a 2-sided one-pager about the definition of prevention. Goals include making sure language is easy to understand (8th grade reading level). Traci indicated that this document should be prepared in time to bring to Frameworks for a vetting before it is distributed widely. It could also be used as an education tool for the "study group" with James and Marty. Our goal for Frameworks is to get help talking about our System and about Prevention in general. Kate has experience with Frameworks around alcohol and marijuana and thinks this plan will be valuable.

Work Group Updates

Therapeutic Cannabis - The handouts on child safety and laws and responsible use were originally going to be distributed to new card holders by the state, but they have backed away

from their original commitment. It's unclear how/whether they are being sent. Kate and Traci submitted a proposal to a Cannabis conference in Denver about NH's journey with therapeutic cannabis.

Top 5/Model School Policy - Some schools are separating their policy from the practice/procedure in that school administration can interpret how to enforce the policy. With Donna Arias joining the Task Force, we should have better information going forward.

NH Juvenile Court Diversion Network

Betsy shared that their 10-minute video on the impact of juvenile diversion is now complete and available on their web site <http://www.nhcourtdiversion.org>. The Network programs have screened 136 youth since November using the SBIRT tool they adopted (S2BI/PHQ-2), and are now collecting data as cases close around completion rates based on SBIRT score. Their next recidivism study is underway tracking 1-year and 3-year recidivism rates for all youth completing an accredited juvenile court diversion program in 2013 and 2015. In addition, the Network is submitting a proposal for the BDAS Direct Services RFP requesting that a uniform amount (\$25,000) be provided to *each* of the 13 regions mirroring the Public Health infrastructure. There currently is an active accredited program or an emerging program in each region. Finally, they have been awarded an AmeriCorps VISTA through FITNH to spend the next year working with CHI to review, evaluate and update the Challenge Program, a drug-education program for early users, or to abandon the program in favor of a current off-the-shelf evidence-based program. More to follow.

FASTER Facilitator Training

FASTER is offering another facilitator training on April 22-23. They are seeking facilitators to serve families in the following regions: Derry, Plymouth, Claremont, Laconia, Nashua and Peterborough. Katy suggested reaching out to Rob O'Hannon at the state because he oversees the Continuum of Care (CoC) scope of work and can ask the CoC Facilitators to help get the word out. Susan will create a flyer that we can send out to local coalitions and partners to encourage people to attend.

Vape Shops

Celeste brought up concerns around CBD oil, seeds and other products being sold in vape shops with no regulation or enforcement. Valerie indicated that SYNAR compliance will now include vape shops in checks as the federal government considers them under "tobacco." Kate indicated that legislation may be needed going forward. Given our relationship with the ATC's, we could potentially leverage their presence in an effort to quell this. This challenge will likely be added on the June 2 agenda.

Summer Youth Leadership Opportunity

NH Teen Institute registration is open for the Summer Leadership Program for a week in July. Registration links are available on the web site <http://www.nhteeninstitute.org> and their Facebook page. Full and partial scholarships are available. It's a great program. Please refer your teens.

State Plan Planning Process

Our draft State Plan is due by April 25th for the Governor's Commission retreat on May 5th. Tym Rourke provided clarification to task forces around needing ACTIONABLE recommendations. Our task is to provide additional input into the State Planning Team which is meeting after today's meeting. A final draft of the document will be sent out by the deadline of April 17th for people to weigh in with feedback. Much discussion ensued around the format and content to

give the Planning Team more direction and support. Please share any additional feedback with Tim, Shannon or Katy.

See you next time!

Next meeting: **Friday, June 2, 2017, 9:30am – 11:30am**
at **Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, Bow, NH.**