



TREATMENT TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: Stephanie Savard

May 19, 2017 – 9:00AM-11:00AM

Minutes

Attendees: Stephanie Savard, Amelie Gooding, Rekha Sreedhara, Alex Casale, Courtney Gray Tanner, Sue Gordon, Jaime Powers, Danni Bultemeier, Sue Thistle (phone)

Absent: Joe Harding, Monica Edgar, Marty Boldin, Susan Latham, Michelle Merritt

Public Members: Yashira Pepin, Dianne Pepin, Peter Burke

Updates from Priority Areas:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/ Other	Status/ Accomplishments	Updates
Governor's Commission Plan Update	Stephanie Savard			<p>Stephanie provided an overview of the treatment task force's Commission's plan recommendations which includes three priority areas related to increasing access to treatment and recovery supports, enhancing culturally competent care, and increasing workforce capacity. Under each are specific strategies recommended for the state plan and for the task force.</p> <p>Stephanie also provided an update on the Governor's Commission retreat held on May 5th in which the Governor attended for a period of time. Each task force presented their recommendations, the Center for Excellence highlighted emerging themes across task forces and discussed plan development.</p> <p>Rekha discussed next steps to include the dissemination of a feedback survey to solicit thoughts on the retreat and suggestions related to plan development. The Center for Excellence will be meeting in the coming weeks to start reviewing recommendations and retreat notes in detail. A first draft will be shared with the Commission on August 1st with the final version due on October 1st.</p> <p>Stephanie obtained feedback from members regarding this process which began in December:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increased opportunities to participate -May have been better to convene a subgroup to draft recommendations and have full task force review and approve -Long process -Appreciated review of data -Template helped target clear strategies <p>Members decided that during the next meeting actionable strategies would be reviewed, plan for achieving strategies would be discussed and prioritized and timeframes would be decided on.</p> <p>*Stephanie/Rekha will pull actionable strategies into a separate document prior to the next meeting.</p>
<p>Legislative Update Courtney Gray Tanner</p>	<p>SB157 – Rulemaking to ensure insurance carriers provide SUD benefits to include that if an approved service provider is not available an out-of-network provider may be seen and if individual is denied must be verbally notified of appeals right; effective January 1, 2018</p> <p>SB158 – Prohibits carriers from requiring prior authorizations for MAT after initial authorization and no utilization reviews for up to a 12-month period; effective 60 days after passage</p> <p>HB322 – Allows licensing health boards to assess provider specialties</p> <p>SB235 – Schools can seek Medicaid reimbursement for students with medical needs (without IEP)</p> <p>SB54 – Increases initial education hours for MLADCs from 270 to 300 to ensure reciprocity with IC & RC; also includes a study committee to review licensing processes</p> <p>*Dianne/Courtney to follow-up on SB54 related to provisional license</p>
<p>NH Insurance Stephanie Savard Department BH & SUD Advisory Council</p>	<p>Stephanie, Courtney, Michelle, and Amelie attend this meeting; next meeting is on June 7th, 9:30AM-11:30AM at NHID</p> <p>Courtney holds a monthly call on the third Friday at 3pm to discuss insurance barriers; issues are shared with the NHID Advisory Council.</p>

<p>Other</p> <p>All Members</p>	<p>-Tricare/Veterans Choice Project Rekha indicated that the Center for Excellence is working on a project for the Joint Military Task Force to identify which SUD providers accept Tricare and Veterans Choice. Rekha has had difficulty identifying contact people who can help navigate this system and provide a list of providers. Task Force is interested in supporting this work once barriers have been identified. One barrier mentioned is that providers must be enrolled with Medicare in order to enroll as a Tricare/Veterans Choice provider. Medicare does not recognize the MLADC or LCMHC licensure as it does not offer SUD benefits.</p> <p>*Danni, Yashira and Peter will reach out to their contacts and will get back to Rekha.</p> <p>-List of Providers Requested by Courts Alex indicated that the courts would like a one-page document of “approved/credentialed” providers in the state. No state seal of approval but could share BDAS-contracted providers, providers who accept Medicaid and organizations that are CARF/JCAHO accredited.</p> <p>*Jaime will send Alex a list of the BDAS-contracted providers</p> <p>-Crisis Line/Regional Access Point Services (RAPS) RFP released. One vendor will be chosen to deliver services. For more information, visit: https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/business/rfp/rfp-2018-bdas-03-crisis.htm</p>
<p>Training & Other Events</p>	<p>Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) Training – 4 day training with possibility of 5th day focused on trauma; August 7-10; contact Alex Casale for more info</p> <p>NH Providers Association Annual Meeting & Confidentiality Training – July 20th in Meredith, Mills Falls – http://events.eventzilla.net/e/nh-providers-association-annual-meeting--confidentiality-training-2138913930?resp=on&dateid=2138737644</p>

		BH Conference & Public Policy Summit - November 6-7 at the Radisson in Manchester – http://www.2017nhbehavioralhealthconferenceandpublicpolicysummit.com/
Future Agenda Items	Stephanie Savard	I. Review Challenges with Licensing Processes II. Legislative Update III. Tricare/Veterans Choice Project Update

Next Meeting:

Friday, July 21, 2017

9:00AM-11:00AM

New Futures, 10 Ferry Street, Conference Room #308 B