



OPIOID TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage/Benjamin Agati

August 10, 2017 – 9:00AM-10:30AM

Minutes

Attendees: Seddon Savage, Benjamin Agati, Chris Shambarger, Bill Wood, Helen Pervanas, Rekha Sreedhara, Alex Casale, Sandra Kiplagat, Joe Hannon (phone), Andrea Meier (phone), Kirk Beattie (phone), Nicole Rodler (phone), Richard Crate (phone)

I. Approved minutes from July 13, 2017.

II. Reviewed June Drug Monitoring Initiative Data

- The rate of rise in overdose deaths appear to be “slowing down”.
- The DMI now reports cocaine and fentanyl-related deaths. The Attorney General’s Office has reported that four of nine deaths have been a combination of cocaine and fentanyl and one was related to cocaine and carfentanil.
- There was discussion regarding enhancing the DMI report. The Governor’s Commission Data and Evaluation Task Force will help identify indicators.
 - o Sandra Kiplagat indicated that the Data and Evaluation Task Force is scheduled to meet on Monday, August 14th and the main agenda is to identify data gaps that may be useful and missing in addressing the opioid crisis.
 - o Clinical Northeast NIDA representative Andrea Myers indicated that she is interested in attending the Data and Evaluation Task Force meeting.
 - o NH was awarded a CDC grant (3-year reporting) focused on opioid outcomes to identify useful data and will be collaborating with various stakeholders including NHIAC, Northeast Node of the Clinical Trials Network, PDMP, ADME, and State Policy. Joanne Miles Holmes will be attending the task force meeting as a representative of DHHS. *Ben Agati will invite her to attend the September Opioid Task Force meeting.*
 - o Some missing data indicators include breakdown in trends in opioid prescribing (ARCOS), short-acting opioids, transition in varying opioid use, and socioeconomic factors including data from the National Violent Crime Index.
 - o Members also discussed needing legislation to make de-identified aggregate PDMP data more publicly available for health reasons but not for the law investigation process. In July 2017, the PDMP database switched to a new database for efficient navigation and reporting. *Helen Pervanas will discuss with Michelle Ricco-Jonas (PDMP) to add it onto the Pharmacy Board agenda and Seddon will discuss with Jim Potter from Medical Society.*

III. Reviewed Draft Opioid Pharmacy Insert Card

- Opioid Task Force members provided additional edits to the Opioid Pharmacy Insert Card. *Rekha will update the insert card.*
- Ben shared card with the AG's office.
- There was conversation about what contact information should be included on the card -- 211, NH Statewide Addiction Crisis Line, and/or NH Alcohol and Drug Treatment Locator. *Rekha Sreedhara will invite a representative from 211 to attend a future task force meeting* to understand how substance use related calls are handled and to inform 211 on available resources (e.g. drop box locations, naloxone kits).
- *Seddon will solicit feedback from the NH Medical Society and Helen Pervanas from the Pharmacy Board.*

IV. Discussed Syringe Exchange Updates

- The NH Harm Reduction Coalition is working on expanding its membership.
- A training is scheduled on September 21st for organizations that want to start a syringe exchange program. A naloxone training of trainers will be scheduled.
- The Coalition has purchased a website domain name with the website currently being created.
- A formal press release has not been launched.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 9:00AM-10:30AM

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