



# MILITARY TASK FORCE

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

Chair: Major General William Reddel

Vice Chairs: Jessica Blais, Victoria Bagshaw

Advisor: Jo Moncher

## Joint Military Task Force

17 August, 2017

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

DHHS Brown Building, Room 460

*The mission of the Joint Military Task Force is to enhance awareness and advocacy as well as improve access to affordable, relevant alcohol and other drug related services for military members and their families through education and collaboration.*

### Agenda/Notes

#### ⇒ Present:

*Dr. Andrew Breuder (MOAA)*

*Nancy Triantafyllou (Proforce)*

*Chris Chant (CHI/Center for Excellence)*

*Jo Moncher (NH DHHS)*

*Jess Blais (Accenture)*

*Liz Hennig - Continuum of Care Coordinator*

*Victoria Bagshaw (ESNH Military & Veterans Services)*

*Linda Stone - WRJ VA (on phone)*

#### ⇒ Welcome and introductions

#### ⇒ Leadership changes:

- Jess stepping down as JMTF Vice Chair – Jo seeking leads for new members. Adjutant General retiring end of September, and is Chair of JMTF per statute, so will probably wait until new Adj. Gen. is appointed to see what needs/roles will be, moving forward. Maybe seek new Vice Chair who is member of full Governor's Commission; Joe Harding will bring forward at next Governor's Commission meeting.
- Jess: August 30th Army National Guard Suicide Prevention and Substance Abuse Prevention Program via Accenture will discontinue. Currently in recompet status at federal level (Accenture is not eligible). Sgt. Clements (Drug Testing Co-ordinator) will take over all duties, as of 08/31. No replacement contract awarded yet, so potential lapse in service is a concern. Mike Muldoon is Accenture's lead point-of-contact for drug and alcohol services for National Guard until 08/30. Jess will continue with her role for JMTF and Governor's Commission for the time being unless/until future employment precludes it.
- Jess will continue attending meetings/ GC to provide update through October; awaiting strategic plan draft (October/November).
- Manchester VA has formed partnership with CMC – HHS contracts with Dare Mighty Things to deliver Military Culture Trainings (one on 8/18 at CMC),

#### ⇒ June minutes approved

⇒ Updates from Priority Areas/old business:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Updates/notes
TRICARE update	JMTF	Expect update from John Reed (TRICARE) at October 19 <sup>th</sup> meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still a lack of TRICARE providers; reimbursement rates for providers problematic. Still in transition.</li> <li>• Peer recovery support has proven to be problematic in some instances. State may need to refocus goals regarding funding allocation (Not just TRICARE, across state-funded recovery support systems). How do we vet providers? Some of these considerations possibly within the remit of Recovery Taskforce.</li> <li>• <b>John Reed has confirmed for 10/19 meeting, and will provide more information then.</b></li> </ul>
Military Culture Training	JMTF	Possible PsychArmor involvement...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PsychArmor would like to be featured as a Military Culture Training provider. They feel that their approach aligns with/supports the 12 sectors of ATQ. <b>Sending Jo Moncher more information.</b></li> </ul>

⇒ New business:

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Funding for JMTF	JMTF	Potential for requesting funding for JMTF initiatives ...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could there be an ATQ representative who knows about where and when it is implemented/being used? ⇒ Point person, outreach, advocating for funding, maintaining website, etc. Funded role?</li> <li>• Easter Seals is still maintaining website in limited capacity until end of 2017, after which will then move to DHHS. Advocating to use WordPress, to keep current functionality and features.</li> <li>• Website currently getting a lot of attention (NYC looking to incorporate ATQ elements into their website).</li> <li>• 15-min website maintenance/management (should it be a regular agenda item to discuss content?) How much ownership should JMTF have over website – does the taskforce have the capacity to take that responsibility? Jo will be point-of-contact for implementing website changes via DHHS.</li> <li>• Should we seek funding for ATQ rep or military liaison? Goal is to operationalize ATQ. \$5,000 (e.g.,) per BDAS vendor to incorporate a military liaison (8 hours/month, possibly)? Data show value across the system of having military liaisons in place.</li> <li>• Potential to develop an official letter to Tym Rourke regarding specific funding. Could President’s acknowledgment of opioid epidemic lead to additional funding, which may be able to include opportunities for military/veteran populations? Speak to legislators from NH about overlap between these concerns?</li> <li>• Seek funding to integrate ATQ with WITS data system – what are the costs involved with this? Incorporating ATQ for further effectiveness as an early intervention/identification tool in suicide prevention. How do we collect data regarding current ATQ practice? We know it is being used, but it needs to be tracked and it should go beyond the initial question (“Do/did you serve?” ⇒ what next?).</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WITS cost ⇒ There is a fee associated with changes to WITS system (i.e., additional questions/data points/change language). Current WITS question asks: “Are you a veteran?” instead of: “Have you served?” Ask Mike Rogers about the fee/process for amendments.</li> <li><b>Chris Chant will reach out to/raise this with Mike at next scheduled WITS meeting.</b></li> <li>\$5,000 - \$10,000 per BDAS vendor for military liaisons (how many? Ask Sue Brown). What level would that provide? E.g., bronze, silver, gold, platinum, etc. Should we ask for higher initially? What does a billable hour cost in that contract (Department has provided \$65/hour – what CMHC pays to employee will vary)? ⇒ <b>Jo will reach out to Rob O’ Hannon to discuss further.</b></li> <li>Is there a point person for these liaisons? A BDAS person? ⇒ Jaime Powers currently is.</li> <li>\$100,000-\$150,000(?) for Military Liaison (Statewide Co-ordinator) – to potentially do same three things that Community Mental Health Center Liaisons did: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify military at intake via <i>Ask The Question (ATQ)</i>;</li> <li>Co-ordinate Military Culture Trainings, and;</li> <li>Identifying and helping to facilitate partnerships with VA, military and civilian partners</li> </ul> </li> <li>Based on data from ATQ. But, this potential may be affected by impending leadership changes.</li> <li><b>Draft letter ASAP to make request; go for “gold” version.</b></li> <li>Who should sign? Gen. Reddel as chair of JMTF? ⇒ <b>Jess will discuss with him, will contact via chief of staff, but need to have numbers first.</b></li> <li>Possible input from PTSD commission regarding Statewide Military Liaison Position – co-sign request as joint partner? ⇒ <b>Jess will ask Lieutenant Colonel Oberman (Chair of Commission)</b></li> </ul>

⇒ **Other business/updates:**

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<b>Potential new members for JMTF</b>	JMTF	Think about who could potentially join JMTF. Think about whom to reach out to...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ana McKenna? (if her boss is on board – Jo has reached out to him already)</li> <li>Command Sergeant Major Victor May (National Guard connection)</li> <li>Dana Osborne (Resiliency Co-ordinator)?</li> <li><b>Share one-page factsheet with potential members.</b></li> <li><b>Nancy will ask Dana; Jess will talk to Major May</b></li> <li>Somebody from Serenity? From RAP program? Harbor Homes?)</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite people who make sense in light of now-established goals.</li> <li>• <i>Also sending handout to any contracted entity – to RPHNs, service link centers, etc. Jo will send out information about group's current activity/priorities/goals and one-pager to contacts to share around.</i></li> <li>• Anyone interested in joining can contact Jess or Victoria.</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership entity</b>	JMTF	Preparation for leadership changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Who's the boss of veterans in the State?" Governor is considering ideas presented to him. Common theme is inter-agency development.</li> <li>• New director of NH State Office of Veterans' Services (Bill Gaudreau) confirmed three weeks ago. Gen. Reddel resigning end of Sept. Dynamics in flux; Governor has been very engaged. Could new TAG shift focus away from health and wellness, family services, etc.(?).</li> </ul>

### Our 2017 Meeting Schedule:

~~16 FEB, 2017~~

~~20 APR, 2017~~

~~15 JUN, 2017~~

~~17 AUG, 2017~~

19 OCT, 2017

21 DEC, 2017 (reschedule due to holiday?)

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