



# RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: Kevin Irwin/Marty Boldin

October 13, 2017

9am to 11am

Agenda/Notes

**Attendees:** Marty Boldin, Kevin Irwin, Cheryle Pacapelli, Ginger Ross, Lindy Keller, Kristine Paquette, Carolee Longley, Polly Morris, Brian Mooney, Dean LeMire, Katy Shea, Debbie Love, Dianne Pepin, Pam Littlefield, Nick Pidgeon, Richard Hodgdon  
Phoned-in: Elizabeth Miller

### Updates from Priority Areas:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Status/Accomplishments	Updates
Approval of September 8 <sup>th</sup> Meeting minutes of the RTF	Marty		Minutes were approved	Motion made to approve minutes by Carolee Longley, all members accepted minutes.
Legislative Update	Marty			<p>Marty shared that Senator Reagan has a group looking at licensure regulations and the group discussed creating a separate licensure board for Certified Recovery Support Workers. This is currently a LSR specific to the Office of Professional Licensing Board (OPLB). Marty stated that he made two arguments during the meeting convened by Sen Reagan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Capacity issues at OPLB (not enough staff to do job)</li> <li>2) Board is run by admin staff who provide a "consent agenda" that is then handed off to Licensure Board for review and decision. Most licensure boards don't work that way, which is consuming too much time.</li> </ol> <p>Marty said we should be considering looking at other states and their operations, which are successful and do a great job. Marty asked if there are those interested in discussing this, we should have a conference call about it because of the many issues in play right now.</p> <p>This topic resumed again towards the end of the meeting where those in attendance were all in agreement that a separate board was not necessary and that those counselors currently on the board should remain on the board but to add new voices to it. Lindy also indicated that this was just a discussion at this point and that Senator Reagan has not yet drafted a bill. It was suggested that we keep our eyes open to what bill may come out of this and then provide input. Ginger stated that the main reason for the discussion (as convened by Senator Reagan) and the focus on the licensing board was happening because people feel the licensing process is taking too long.</p> <p>Marty asked that someone here reach out to New Futures and talk about what they are tracking around MAT/Marijuana. Marty has been asked to do a cost analysis of what we provide for services. He shared some stats of what he has already around costs for MAT.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In Aug. 2014 – under Medicaid/Medicare Expansion – there are 2,000 in state receiving MAT</li> <li>• In June 2017 – up to 5,000 on MAT in state. The low level price point annually is \$2,600, high price point \$13,000 annually.</li> </ul> <p>These stats do not include those who pay cash or have private insurance. Marty spoke to one provider who has 1,000 on MAT and he only accepts cash.</p> <p>Kevin indicated there are two sides to a cost analysis and one being the expense of NOT providing MAT. We need to make sure we are asking the right question. MAT takes a structured dedicated effort.</p> <p>Marty said we need to make sure we are meeting best practices for MAT. Lindy indicated that we cannot oversee those who are not funded by the state.</p> <p>Two major needs were identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Establishing authority to oversee MAT programs</li> <li>2) Appropriate personnel to do it.</li> </ol> <p>Marty indicated that there is a mass amount of money being spent on treatment right now and we need an expert to tell us what best practices are happening, implications of doing or not doing, access/no access and what the clinical and economic impact is. What are we getting from providing treatment? We need to get ahead of this and provide input to legislation.</p>
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Recovery Retreat	Kevin	<p>Event canceled.</p> <p>Ginger to reimburse registrants and provide a response via the link that went out that shows the event has been canceled.</p> <p>Randy Moser to include cancellation of event in e-Bulletin he distributes. Kevin will speak to Randy about this.</p>	<p>Kevin indicated that the subcommittee working on this event had pulled together for an 11/2 event with the sending of a save-the-date card. A few days ago it was determined that it now makes sense to postpone this event till April. Kevin asked if anyone was opposed to the cancelling of the event. Everyone was in agreement to cancel it. Kevin asked for someone to lead this endeavor for a spring event. There was no one willing to lead this during the meeting. Lindy also indicated that the current site may not be available to us next year. They are tightening their requirements for those wishing to use their facility and we may not qualify. Ginger to ask about that when she contacts them to cancel event the 11/2 event. Someone asked about who registered for the 11/2 event. There were about 23 people. Ginger will handle notifying and refunding their money and creating something that will acknowledge to anyone who has event link that this event is no longer happening. Lindy suggested contacting Randy to put something out in Randy's e-Bulletin about the canceling of the event. Kevin is meeting with Randy after this meeting and will ask him about including something. It was also discussed that this TF cannot charge for an event and if we wanted to host event, it would have to be a group (under another name) that would have to initiate this and could loop back and update RTF of its happening.</p> <p>Cheryle indicated that creating a three-page report defining what is meant by "Recovery Field" or "Recovery Support" should happen before legislation happens in January. Cheryle/Dean will meet outside this meeting to lay out what we need to define what the field is. Others wishing to volunteer for this included:</p> <p>Marty, Carolee, Brian, Elizabeth, Kevin and Polly. Marty</p>
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	<p>indicated we should make sure to include the recovery community (boots on the ground) in this discussion. Cheryle indicated that the first meeting will be about laying out what we are looking for, objectives of group, etc. and then she can put it out to the masses once a framework has been established. Volunteers meeting right after the conclusion of this meeting to pick date of initial meeting.</p>
<p>Criminal Justice Dean/ Kevin</p>	<p>NH Public Defenders expressed interest in receiving training related to SUD recovery. This generated a communication between Dean LeMire and Public Defender David Rothstein. This communication resulted in a 13-page memo/letter listing the challenges faced by individuals with SUD involved in the criminal justice system. The Task Force reviewed the letter.</p> <p>A recommendation was made to draft a response to the Executive Director and Chair of the Governor’s Commission. No specific action was taken. Lindy encouraged sending this document as is to Annette Escalante and Tym Rourke to get their thoughts but also to let Dave Rothstein know that his letter is being shared.</p> <p>Richard Hodgdon (citizen) provided his experience as a felon that he cannot find housing. His parole officer has shared if he doesn’t find housing – he will go back to prison. Lindy shared (although this will not help Richard right now) – there is something in the works to provide a reentry planning program for prisoners that helps navigate where to find housing/jobs with a felony on your record. Brian shared that HOPE has a felon-friendly list of jobs as well.</p> <p>It was asked if there is value in writing a public education piece about the impact of recovery (in particular to a person with a felony record) who is either in recovery or trying to get help. Cheryle also suggested looking into expungement process. Other members at table stated it takes 10 years to expunge as a felon.</p>
<p>CRSW Update Cheryle Pacapelli</p>	<p>There was an update to the 400-500 rules regarding supervision for CRSWs. There is nine days left to submit comments about these changes. See Rule 404.02 for changes to who can supervise a CRSW (see a and b below):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) CRSWs, so long as they are employed in a supervisory role per the organizational job description</li> <li>b) CRSWs who have been certified for 2 yrs and have taken 6 hrs of supervisory training which has been approved by the board</li> </ul> <p>In addition, CRSWs can be certified by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) LADCs who have taken 6 hrs of training in the 4 domains of recovery which has been approved by the board</li> <li>d) MLADCs who have taken 6 hrs of training in the 4 domains of recovery which has been approved by the board</li> </ul> <p>In regard to a) above, Ginger suggested adding a required 6 hrs of training as well as the job description of supervisor. Cheryle will submit this comment.</p>
<p>Phase 2 Trainings Cheryle Pacapelli</p>	<p>Tabled this discussion till next meeting.</p>

**Other Updates:**

Upcoming events:

Carolee Longley -

- October 14 - Talent Show happening this Saturday at HOPE center in Franklin
- November 4<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Dance at HOPE center in Franklin
- November 21<sup>st</sup> - Evening of Hope with buffet and band. Tickets are \$25/pp.

Ginger Ross –

- November 16 from 8a to noon – CLAS Standards Training that DHHS is putting on – informational training specific to Cultural Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS). This language is standard in most contracts now and DHHS will be reinforcing these as has not been done in the past.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, November 10 from 9a-11a