



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: Kevin Irwin / Co-Chair: Marty Boldin

February 9, 2018

9 am- 11 am

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Marty Boldin, Kevin Irwin, Cheryle Pacapelli, Donna Marston, Lindy Keller, Carolee Longley, Brian Mooney, Dean LeMire, Katy Shea, Dianne Pepin, Pam Littlefield, Nick Pigeon, Debbie Love

Phoned in: Elizabeth Miller

Vision: All persons affected by SUD seeking recovery support will be able to access services in their local communities.

Mission: Promote effective community based Recovery Support Services by recommending to the Governor's Commission policies, practices and funding to address unmet needs in the continuum of care for SUD.

Recovery Task Force Goals #1, #2 and #3: Currently being updated.

Updates from Priority Areas:

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December RTF Minutes	Kevin	Approval of December Minutes	Motion by Brian to approve and seconded by Elizabeth	December Minutes approved.
Legislative Updates	ALL		<p>Kevin reported about two bills: 1) Officially making September "NH Recovery Month". 2) Creation of commission to oversee the possible funding development and erection of monument. This monument would be funded by private dollars not public funding. Kevin encouraged those present to call and thank Senator Waters for his efforts on this.</p> <p>Dean spoke about two bills regarding alcohol fund:</p> <p>Bill 1743- This bill would fully fund the Alcohol Fund at 5% of gross alcohol profits. Funding would further support prevention, treatment and recovery services in New Hampshire. The bill also removes a footnote in the budget that diverts funding from the Alcohol Fund for the Sununu Youth Services Center.</p> <p>CACR 21 – This bill would mandate the state to devote 5% of profits from liquor sales to an alcohol and drug abuse prevention program, often known as the "alcohol fund."</p>	<p>1) Approved by legislative committee.</p> <p>2) Recommendation of legislative committee was to change language of "monument" to "memorial". There was no opposition present during this vote, but Marty did indicate that phone calls were made to Senator Waters in opposition to this memorial.</p>

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			<p>Marty - Noted that the tax credit associated with the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative is currently moving through the Ways and Means committee.</p> <p>Lindy brought up the issue of gambling and that the RTF needs to keep this on the radar. She also noted that the TF needs to seek clarification from the Governor's Commission on whether we should be paying attention to this or not.</p> <p>Cheryle asked about status of Regan's Bill.</p> <p>Dianne asked about CRSW to replace LADC on board of licensure</p> <p>Cheryle contacted Michelle at New Futures specific to getting legislative updates prior to each RTF meeting.</p>	<p>Marty noted that it has gone to committee but not to exec yet.</p> <p>There was a hearing at end of January but no response to hearing yet.</p> <p>Still waiting on response.</p>
RTF Membership and 2018 Meeting Schedule	Kevin		<p>All were in agreement to leave the meetings at the same time each month and same time – second Friday from 9a to 11a. (Please see meeting schedule for the year at bottom of minutes.)</p> <p>There was a lengthy discussion on process for obtaining new members to this task force and is was there a cap to the group, and making sure we have representation on the TF across all sectors. It was noted that many listed on the members list have never attended a meeting or very few. There is no cap to group – meetings continue to be open to public. There is no official process to having members on task force other than they need to commit to attending all regular meetings for a year.</p>	<p>Kevin will contact those who haven't participated in a while to determine their continued interest as members and/or find a replacement.</p> <p>Suggestions from group were to find young people to be on the group. Recommendations of younger reps were: Jessie Harless of Entrepreneurs of Recovery. Donna Marston will reach out to him. Second recommendation: Cody Gajnor.</p> <p>Additional members recommended were: Sarah Freeman (NH Providers Assn), Melissa Cruz (HOPE), Daisy Pierce (Navigating Recovery), Kim Haney (Granite Pathways representing RAPS), Christine Paquette (Recovery Housing)</p>
Recovery Document / Goals for the RTF	Kevin		Subcommittee to meet next Friday, February 16 th from 9 to 10a at 10 Ferry Street, Room 308 to review and fine	Lindy will ask Rob O'Hannon to send CoC data specific to Recovery Supports to Dean prior

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			tune the Recovery Document that the subcommittee has been working on which will provide guidance for the RTF's goals for the year.	to subcommittee meeting.
Other Business: Governor's Commission Retreat / Conflict of Interest Discussion	ALL		<p>Kevin explained that the Governor's Commission is having a retreat in March and he anticipates that he will be asked about our priorities and recommendations going forward for the Recovery TF. He indicated the RTF needs to know what that looks like and what our plan is.</p> <p>This shifted the conversation to the newly Governor-appointed Executive Director/Chair being the current Director of NH DHHS, BDAS. There was genuine concern of the majority in attendance that one person assuming both roles (when in past this was not the case) introduces a conflict of interest. The major reasons for concern were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Where a member would go to voice a concern and to whom, particularly if the current Chair/Executive Director are the same person. In past – we would go to Exec Director if we had an issue with Chair and vice versa. 2) In past – when Chair or Executive Director did not agree on budget or legislative issues – they could present case to the Governor's Commission for opinion or final decision. 3) When pleading a case at a hearing, the GC was stronger with two voices being heard, whereas now there is just one voice. 4) The perception that BDAS could sway funds to the Department. 5) Felt that the intent of the statute was ignored by voting one person in to hold two positions when former chair transitioned out of that role. <p>There was interest in sending a letter to the Governor with key indicators these concerns. Before this letter can be created and communicated to the</p>	Dean made motion to draft letter if approved, Carolee seconded.

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			<p>Governor, the letter first must be approved by the current Governor’s Commission Chair. Kevin will be meeting with the BDAS Director and will add to his agenda a discussion of the intended letter to seek feedback on the implications were the RTF to write this letter to the Governor on behalf of the RTF. If supported – RTF will move forward to draft. If not supported – members can send individual letters voicing their concerns.</p> <p>Kevin shared his assessment that there have already been instances where Chair/Exec Director is constrained to answer questions at legislative hearings as both the Chair of the Commission and the Director of BDAS.</p> <p>Dianne indicated that for the last 3 or 4 years she has attended Governor’s Commission meetings – the perception has been of a strong unified perception and that Tym and Joe were working together and it felt more like a co-chair structure.</p> <p>It was asked why the current Chair/Exec Director was nominated. Marty responded that the reason was financial. Having one person knowing where all dollars are. Follow-up question was “wouldn’t that work if she was a co-chair as well?” Marty indicated that this was a good question.</p>	
2017 Recovery Task Force Accomplishments / Mission, Vision	ALL		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provided recommendations in state report 2. Provided recommendations regarding Recovery House Standards 3. Provided input with Drug Free NH with non-stigmatizing language 4. Raised profile of recovery focus to level of Prevention and Treatment 5. Growth in Recovery Voice 6. Growth in Recovery Leaders 7. Draft of Recovery Document <p>All were in agreement that the current listed vision and mission for the Recovery TF has not changed. Goals should change each year. Task Force indicated that the goals will be in align</p>	

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			with the working Recovery document as that document gets teased out.	
IDN Update	Kevin		Kevin explained the IDN big picture. CMS issued a letter at the end of December regarding a change in rules for qualified expenditures counting as match funding for DSRIP 1115 Waivers. The NH DSRIP will need to identify a new source for approximately 1/3 of match funding. Consultants have been hired to figure this out. IDNs have the potential to lose 1/3 of matching funds. Renewal of waiver is also still on table.	
Upcoming Trainings/Other Events	Carolee			HOPE Center is promoting another Wicked Sober Dance on February 17th from 6 to 10pm in Franklin.

Next Meeting: March 9th

Meeting Location: 501 South Street, Bow, NH

PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING CALL IN NUMBER: 1-719-373-6861

Passcode: 81422

2018 Meeting Schedule Monthly – on 2nd Friday from 9:00 am to 11:00 am	
March 9	July 13
April 13	August 10
May 11	September 14
June 18	October 12
	November 9
	December 14

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