



# PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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

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## Prevention Task Force December 1, 2017

**Attended:** Tim Lena, Shannon Bresaw, Devin Oot, Aly McKnight, Celeste Clark, Betsy Houde, Rick Frost, Anni Stanley-Smith, Dave Mara, Kate Frey, Susan McKeown, Donna Arias, MARRISA Carlson, Katie Kachalis, Carrie McFadden, Katie Foster, Katy Shea (phone), Jill Burke (phone), Traci Fowler (phone) and Sandra Kiplagat

**Minutes** from October 6, were approved.

### Legislative Plan Updates

- **SB43:** The bill requires an opt-in option for any non-academic surveys and parental consent with the exception of CDC YRBS. The Department of Health and Human Services is currently filing a motion, LSR to be sponsored by Senator James Gray.
  - The motion informs that some surveys including PFS need to be excluded from non-academic surveys for reporting and the implications for federal and state funding. It remains increasingly difficult to establish the standing for funding without any data or metrics to demonstrate.
  - The proposed new language will include the terms regarding federal and state sources of funding.
  - In the proposed motion, these surveys will have either to be approved by Department of Education (DOE) or Department of Health of Human Services (DHHS).
  - There was clarification that SBIRT assessments are not considered surveys since they are clinical assessments.
  - Due to the establishment of the bill, many school boards are interpreting it differently. It was suggested that we should consult with school boards prior to the hearing for any additional input.
- Two retained bills that will be voted on January 14, 2018 include HB656, and SB247
- **HB656:** This bill relates to the legalization and regulation of Marijuana. The majority committee voted in the last month 13-7 and the bill is currently retained. This bill will be voted on January 14, 2018.
  - Task Force members encouraged to reach out to legislators, newspaper editors, and business leaders and get the community involved.
  - New Futures has developed talking points on the bill.
- **SB247:** This bill makes various changes in the law regarding lead poisoning impact on children. The bill came out of financing committee with a vote of 20-3.
  - We need to support the bill and recommendations.
  - New futures will be releasing action alerts in the next coming weeks.
- There have been ongoing discussions to increase the alcohol fund to 5%.
- There is a bill focused on the expansion of home-visiting programs to intervene, for parents with SUD disorders, and expand the current services that are needed. More information to come.

### Therapeutic Cannabis Alternative Treatment Centers (ATCs)

- In an effort, to reduce messaging and advertisement by ATCs, there will be a public hearing on a proposed rule that removes restrictions and allows the use of social media to advertise the products from the Sanctuary ATC Facebook.

- For more information on the rule:  
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oos/aru/documents/hec402ip.pdf>
- Please see section 402.23 related to advertising rule and begins on page 40.
- There is ongoing concern since ATCs, generally sent emails to qualifying residents, can now send information to any potential candidates to attract new clients, including marketing directed at minors. Although the messaging is typically targeted to 26 years and older, individuals who may be in a different age category will be claimed as incidental.
- The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2017.
- ***Kate Frey will email more information to the members of the prevention task force.***
- Prevention messaging forms had been developed for Cannabis to be disseminated.
- There will be departmental transition as the Therapeutic Cannabis Program will be now housed by the Department of Public Health as they will be able to incorporate prevention i.e. child safety etc.
- ***Traci will share marijuana presentation presented in Denver with the members of prevention task force.***
- Advocacy training on the commercialization of marijuana will be presented by New Futures. The training will include individuals from Winnepesaukee Student Assistance Programs, and Concord.

**State Plan Updates**

- No updates yet but governor’s commission strategic planning is in progress.

**Prevention Task Force Work Groups**

- The Prevention Task Force had selected six priority areas and recommendations for Governor’s Commission. These priority areas included:
  - Changes in Systematic Level
  - Early Childhood
  - Children and Youth
  - Emerging and Young Adults
  - Adults
  - Older Adults
- There was discussion on including other stakeholders to be members of the subcommittees. It was suggested to include the Children Behavioral Health Collaborative as a stakeholder across all age groups.
- Each priority area will have a sponsor or a team lead, and they will decide on key actionable items to focus on. The sub-committee members will decide meet virtually or in person.

Priority Areas	Sponsor or Team Lead	Members
<b>Changes in systematic level</b>	Tim Lena Shannon Bresaw	-Assign someone for each generation or priority area
<b>Based around the age groups: early childhood</b>	Laura Milliken Sarah Shahannan	Rebecca Woitowski, New Futures-Community Engagement, Christina LaChance, Mary Steady Replacement, Shannon Bresaw Anni Smith,
<b>Children &amp; Youth</b>	Traci Fowler	Celeste Clark, Donna Arias,

		Devin Oot, MARRISA Carlson, Betsy Houde, Rick Frost, Becky Whitley, Sandra Kiplagat
<b>Emerging and Young Adults</b>	Devin Oot Aly McKnight	Anni Smith, Addie Murray, Young Adult Coordinators, Rachel Kohn, Will Stewart (Stay Work PLAY), College Help Center, Music and Arts Community, BIA, Young Adult Council
<b>Adults</b>	Lynne Fuller- Family Support Coordinator at the State Donna Keefe- Granite Pathways Amy Pepin-SBIRT	SMP or CoC, Jenny O'Higgins etc. Katie Foster, Kevin Flynn, Veterans – Veterans Advisory Council, BIA, Individual Chambers
<b>Older Adults</b>	AARP	Katie Kachalis, Lucille, VNA, Home and Hospice, cornerstone VNA- Rochester, Strafford County, Devin Oot, Joint Military Task Force Rep

- Factors that may influence the specific recommendations in each priority area may include low hanging fruit priorities, funding and timeline. It is important to consider the timeline and see if this is an actionable item etc.
- ***The next steps are to identify recommendations and provide guidance in the coming weeks within a google document so it can be updated regularly and be easily accessible among task force members.***

## Other Updates

### Office of the Governor

- The federal government has awarded funding to states facing the opioid crisis. For example NH selected as one of 10 states to receive the \$1 million cures grant.
- Accessibility to Naloxone has been impactful, and shown to reduce the number of projected deaths in 2017. However, it is important to note that overdoses among 18-25 year olds have increased in this year.
- In addition, Chris from AMR noted that safe stations have reduced emergency room visits by 10% in Nashua and there seems to be a decrease in overdoses.
- It was noted that there is compassion fatigue is on the trend among members of EMS, Health Care, public etc.
  - EMT recently received funding for compassion fatigue. For more info, contact Nick Mercuri.
  - In Nashua, there has been discussion on the need for a mental health counselor hire to assist the staff and the counselor needs to be part of EMS to understand the ins and outs of the current work.
  - Keene Fire Department recently hired a deacon to assist. There are no safe stations established yet.

- Law enforcement is interested in train the trainer events i.e. Chief of Franklin, David Goldstein inquired on incorporating trauma as one of the train the trainer events.
- PDFNH is currently creating messaging materials for compassion fatigue with collaboration with the Health, and Human Services.
- Sara Heinberg from Merrimack Safe Coalition is working on creating a video on what it means to be responsible and how to ask for help. The video will include: well-known figures, bus drivers providing message on how to be responsible etc.
- The CARA proposal will award \$50,000 funding to former or current DFCs working on opioids, prescription drugs, or methamphetamine use by youth (12-18 year olds). The proposal is due on January 29, 2018.

### **PDFNH**

- Devin indicated that PDFNH is currently working on winter messaging on things to do in NH when it becomes colder and snowy etc. They are interested in incorporating messaging focused on key winter activities including:
  - Snow-shoeing
  - Ski-industries (Digital Ads, Acrylic Messaging) State Work Play will share.
  - Snowball
  - Sledding
- PDFNH is currently working on a maternal health prevention campaign and CHI has been working on the research.
- Prevention brochures will be coming soon.
- Frameworks has been coaching PDFNH on the best way to assess and continue prevention. Devin noted that they have been engaging on the happy middle, and helping with messaging on marijuana by focusing on value-based messaging.
- Currier museum is working to get the word out on the opioid crisis. There has been discussion on “Families Coping with Opioid Crisis” while offering for parents to do some creative thinking: art classes, fundraising, catholic charities, community meetings etc.

### **Juvenile Court Diversion**

- Currently working with Manchester to get accreditation process. New partnership with Manchester Health Department, and MHEL, a community based contract on consequences, on SBIRT and recidivism.
- Nicole Rodler presented during inter-branch criminal justice diversion. None of the kids have been in a formal system.
- New Futures will be providing consulting and support to develop a communications strategy.

### **Life on an Athlete (LOA)**

- LOA conference has been moved out of Concord and to Mount Washington as they have higher number of attendees.
- If there are any interested sponsors, feel free to contact LOA. It was suggested contact New Hampshire Fisher Cats and Bower. National Guard may also serve as a potential sponsor.
- Currently working on materials, coach’s playbook, and starting to look a parent guide.
  - Prevention task force members will review the parent guide, and offer feedback.

### **Teen Institute**

- The Teen Institute has initiated the parent education kick-off. There has been funding allocated to the 13 regional public health networks (RPHN). Each RPHN can be funded up to two times.
- The first session will be piloted in Barnstead and Pittsfield.
- Any parent can attend the sessions.
- Be in touch with Lynn Fuller as she is in contact with parent groups.
- Stay connected with your teen!!
- Specific curriculum for kids ages 12-17.
- Marissa will share the flyer to Tim. ***Tim will share it with Prevention task force members.***

#### **Upcoming Event**

NAMI Conference- April 21, 2018, Concord NH

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## **See you next time!**

Next meeting: **Friday, February 2nd , 2018, 9:30am – 11:30am**  
at **Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, Bow, NH.**