



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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

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

April 13, 2018
9 am- 11 am
MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Location: 501 South Street, Bow, NH
NEW UBER Call-in Number: 1-719-373-6861
NEW Passcode/Pin#: 81422

***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.*

Attendees: Kevin Irwin (Chair), Martin Boldin (Co-Chair), Cheryle Pacapelli, Lindy, Keller, Kristine Paquette, Carolee Longley, Polly Morris, Jane Skantze, Dean Lemire, Katy Shea, Debbie Love, Dianne Pepin, Joe Harding, Elyssa Clairmont

Updates from Priority Areas:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Status/ Accomplishments	Updates
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Kevin	Approval of March meeting minutes		Dianne did not recall saying what was noted in the March minutes but does not disagree with it. Minutes approved by members.
Legislative Updates Report	All			<p>Kevin provided that SB313 (Medicaid Expansion) is coming up for vote next Tuesday. Alcohol Fund is going to 5%. Funds backfilled by Governor's Commission. Agreement on table of \$10M a year for life of Medicaid reauthorization of 5 years.</p> <p>Q: Someone asked where money would be housed.</p> <p>A: That is the topic of discussion next Friday. Further explanation indicated that funds go to BDAS but cannot be expended w/o the approval of the Governor's Commission.</p> <p>SB589 (Take CRSW off LADC Board and Establish Recovery Credentials) – Participants in this hearing said that many showed up for this hearing and it lasted two hours. This bill is currently a “no update status”.</p> <p>SB487 (License Requirements for certain alcohol and other drug use professionals and establishing a state SUD treatment</p>

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				<p>funding agencies, knowing what you are asking for i.e. service? cost to provide it? % to request from public funding to advocate for equitable funding.</p> <p>Suggestion on Braided funding models – was provide examples of the agencies that do this currently. Lindy indicated Communities of Practice (CoPs) can do this, can promote thru CoPs to provide examples as well.</p> <p>Barriers – not enough data to analyze and Recovery metrics need to be fully identified.</p>
State of Recovery Committee	Dean			<p>Dean shared that the committee decided to make an easier-to-read report including adding appendices and using priorities established as the meat of the document. It's a work in progress. He also noted that if Recovery Housing needs to be included – we should provide real information. Dean has started a list of recovery housing in NH with # of beds, costs, meds used by patients, etc. He requested help in making calls to these establishments. Polly offered to help. Cheryle suggested calling Ashley Hurteau from Granite Pathways as she did something similar as part of RAPS.</p> <p>Lindy noted that BDAS could develop a document that is for people that are looking for housing and the questions to ask around that. She requested help in determining the questions. She wants it to be a document that doesn't have to be revised or take 6 months to create. It will have to pass through the higher ups to get posted on the BDAS site, but the creation of it shouldn't take long. Kristine indicated she has a document she could share. Kristine and Cheryle will work on this and forward to Lindy and Randy Moser when drafted.</p>
Recovery Housing Standards Status	Lindy			Lindy reported that group has met 3 times. Seemed to be a similar discussion from a previous meeting she attended. It was BDAS' understanding that this bill

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				<p>would be tacked on to some other piece of legislation and currently, that has not happened. There was concern that because this bill has a cost component that a fiscal note must be included, which was a surprise to this group and changed the focus because when costs are associated – this can potentially become controversial. So it is back on Senator D’Alessandro to find the legislation that this can attach to.</p>
Other Business	Kristine			<p>Kristine noted that she started a coalition for Recovery Housing and there are concerns from the new core group of people around licensing and levels. There are multiple gray areas and few details to navigate the level 3 vs residential care. There are huge costs associated with licensing and she wants the three houses at the table currently to be supported through this so it works for everybody. The discussion focused on creating a document that: 1) figures out what the concerns are to review; what’s already been considered, and what the process is that these houses need to go through. There is an issue with distinction between what is considered Recovery Housing vs. Residential Treatment. This document needs to be done soon as has not gone to public comment yet. Need business model that will survive shift in economy and be sustainable.</p> <p>NEXT STEPS: Information Rule Making</p> <p>People own good recovery housing. Develop what is good and present to state and provide data on what happens if forced into Level 3. Bad actors (scam recovery housing owners) will fall off radar over time. Lindy noted that this Task Force can’t take position on this. We can help guide the conversation. It was noted that developing questions around the levels could help in making better decisions. Discussion is that we need to know the need vs demand with Recovery Housing.</p>

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Upcoming Trainings/Other Events	Marty		May 14th event	Marty indicated that on May 14th Tom Cordere will be coming to NH. He requested a coalition of the “willing” who are interested in joining Tom and him for a meal to email him to be adding to the mailing list for this. He does not want this to be a big thing – 10 to 15 ppl.
	Marty		Recovery Friendly Workforce Initiative	<p>Marty indicated this is getting big quickly. Lots of interest from national organizations. Through this initiative, Recovery Friendly Workplaces will demonstrate a commitment to create a recovery friendly environment including the promotion of a culture that reduces stereotypes associated with substance use disorders and prevents discrimination against those with substance use disorders.</p> <p>By participating in this initiative workplaces will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Address Substance Use Disorders ‘Head On’ » Provide employees with important health information » Promote a ‘Recovery Friendly’ environment in the workplace » Synergize with communities <p>Marty indicated that there are some early adopters of this initiative that are not linked to any RCOs currently like Wal-Mart and he indicated we should be reaching out to them to provide education on SUD services.</p>
	Carolee			<p>May 12th (9am start) in Tilton, NH – 4th Annual Walk for Addiction sponsored by Chucky’s Fight and Teen Challenge.</p> <p>Carolee shared she won a scholarship along with 3 others to attend the Addiction Policy Forum in DC this month.</p>
	Kevin, Cheryle, Marty			Kevin shared that Cheryle, Marty and he will be attending the BRSS-TACS Policy Academy in Rockville, MD on May 1st & 2nd re: Integrated Mental Health and Peer Recovery Support Services.

**2018 Meeting Schedule
Monthly – on 2nd Friday
from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**

February 9	July 13
March 9	August 10
April 13	September 14
May 11	October 12
June 8	November 9
	December 14