



PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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

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Prevention Task Force April 6, 2018

Attended: Tim Lena, Shannon Bresaw, Susan McKeown, Anni Stanley-Smith, Celeste Clark, Susan McKeown, Tim Lena, Sgt. Rick Frost, Jill Burke, Donna Arias, Marissa Carlson, Devin Oot, Kate Frey, Katie Kachavos, Traci Fowler, Laura Milliken, Sarah Freeman, Betsy Houde, Carrie McFadden, Kate Frey, Pedro Altagracia(New Futures), Jess Wojenski (New Futures), Katy Shea and Sandra Kiplagat

Minutes from February 2, were approved.

Governor's Commission Retreat Summary- Tim and Shannon

- The Governor's Commission Retreat was held on March 23, 2018 in Concord, NH.
- Although there were several discussions on priorities and recommendations by task forces, funding remains a priority. Assurances have been provided by HHS and Governor; however there are no guarantees
 - During the retreat there was discussion on using the alcohol funding and dedicate to the Medicaid expansion.
 - The block grants will cover some of the priorities identified by task forces.
 - Tim and Shannon mentioned there needs to be open, honest conversations on funding and the goal to establish more authority to re-allocate funding etc.
- There was also discussion regarding the Chair of the Governor's Commission:
 - In December 2017, Tym Rourke had resigned as the Chair.
 - Annette Escalante was recommended to serve as the chair and commission members voted Annette as the chair.
 - However, there have been concerns in serving as a dual role as the Executive Director of BDAS and the Chair of Governor's Commission.
 - There have not been any significant challenges but with issues in Medicaid Expansion, there may be differing interests. There was a vote to have a proxy.
 - The consensus of the group is to have a commission who is independently funded.
 - No decisions have been made but stay tuned!
 - Shannon reported that Judge Gordon had mentioned at the retreat that the part of the intent of the alcohol funding in the Governor's Commission had been prevention. He made a suggestion we consider the alcohol funding to be increased to 8.4%.
 - Approximately, 5% will go to treatment as per the Medicaid expansion while 3.4% dedicated to prevention.

Medicaid Expansion Updates- "Breaking news during the meeting"

- Traci announced to the team that hospitals have agreed to pay the State \$50M over the next 5 years (the expected equivalent of the full 5% alcohol fund) to "back fill" the funding loss for the Governor's Commission.
 - The 5% "back fill" funds will be available as soon as the Medicaid expansion goes into effect. This is expected to go in effect in January, 2019.
 - Anni inquired if the funding would still fund the Sununu Center; however Kate Frey suggested the footnote will be removed in the report.

- Shannon suggested that the hospitals should be represented on Governor's Commission to build connections and bridge stronger networks.
- Tim noted that it is worth noting that the nurses creed encourages nurses to get out to the community to do prevention work. In addition, the nurses are part of the VNA
 - VNA have been involved
 - Looking for services
 - Compassion fatigue training has been scheduled for April 23-27 2018; throughout the state for 5 different locations etc.
 - All trainings have been fully registered except for Lebanon and North Conway.

Legislative Updates- New Futures and All

- **SB431:** This bill relates to non-academic surveys required to be filed by school districts to maintain state and federal funding.
 - This bill came out of the Senate and Inexpedient Legislature
 - More clarity was needed from the Commissioner of Education
 - There was discussion to bring this bill back this year from the Health and Human Services as the Commissioner is aware of the bill and its impacts.
- **HB656:** This bill relates to the legalization and regulation of Marijuana. The bill is in the study committee.
 - Hearing open to the public on April 16, 2018 from 9:45-11:00
 - This will be a great opportunity for individuals working in prevention to highlight the work you do and the impact of this policy.
 - ***Kate Frey will provide more info through email.***
- **HB1725:** This bill relates to wine samples and samples for consumption on the premises of a beverage manufacturer.
 - It is worth noting that this bill removes the three-tiered system promoting serving alcohol in general. This bill removes serving food as a requirement.
 - By removing the three-tiered system, this harms prevention messaging in our community.
 - New Futures will provide talking points as a guide and April is Alcohol Awareness Month.
 - The hearing is set to be on April 11, 2018 from 11:15.
 - ***Kate Frey will send out additional information.***
- **SB590:** This bill is on state loan repayment program relative to emergency involuntary admissions, and relative to the child protection act.
 - There is a series of work study sessions.
 - More updates will be provided.
- **SB570:** This bill relates to the expansion of childcare scholarship program.
 - The hearing is scheduled for April 10, 2018 from 2:15 at LOB Rm. 306
 - If you are interested in this bill, please let Kate Frey know.
- **Medicaid Expansion:** This bill passed the house. However, it may be difficult to pass this through the financing committee.
 - New futures will be reaching out to advocates through phone-calls.
 - The rally day is scheduled on Wednesday, May 2, 2018.

State Plan Process- Katy Shea

- The Center presented the draft of the state plan to the governor's commission members during the Governor's Commission Retreat held in March.

- Annette Escalante, GC Chair informed the center staff to reorganize, flesh out strategies and modify recommendations.
- The next steps are to conduct Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) with commission members from Governor's Office, Suicide Coalition, Law Enforcement, Corrections etc.
- In addition, the center staff is planning to schedule 1-2 meetings with task force chairs in the next month or so to discuss the current draft plan, identify gaps and clarify on recommendations.

State Mental Health Plan

- In the NH Behavioral Health Collaborative, there has been discussion to embed children and youth initiatives in the Behavioral Health Plan.
- While it was initially presented as the identified steps were to conduct focus groups with subject matter experts. These groups focused on raising awareness on social determinants of health, early childhood etc.
- The NH Behavioral Health Collaborative's plan will be more focused on population health strategies.
- Traci indicated that if there's interest to join the collaborative, there needs to be a liaison of the youth substance use prevention. The meeting will be held on a monthly basis.
 - Betsy Houde indicated that Traci should connect with Nicole Rodler from NH Juvenile Diversion Network.
 - For those interested in joining, please be in touch with the Children's Behavioral Health Engagement Coordinator: Dellie Champagne.
- Katie Kachavos indicated that the knowledge of infant and child development remains abysmal and therefore, there needs to be a push for a better understanding.
- The prevention task force members agreed that it would be best to collaborate with the NH Behavioral Health Collaborative etc.
- Although ACES Impact has been studied, there remains limited awareness of this information to the general public.
 - It was discussed that the impact of epigenetics can be passed down through at least 5 generations.
 - The target audience includes: community stakeholders and legislators. For legislators, it is important to promote narrative story-telling using the data.

Work Group Updates

A. Systems Sub-Committee

- Although no official meeting has been set-up, there have been plenty of updates in the field.
- At a recent Community Anti-Drug Coalitions for America (CADCA) conference, NH DFC representatives met with NH Congressional delegates and presented some ideas:
 - It was discussed on the removal of the policy for the two five year cycle limit for the DFC grantees, similar process to DOE's 21st Century Learning Grants.
 - Congressional delegates seemed well-receptive of this information.
 - Southern Rockingham Coalition (SoRock) recently hosted Senator Shaheen to visit their program. The senator indicated that she was impressed with how all sectors collaborate and work together. They restated the request to extend DFC funding cycles.
- President Trump earmarked the omnibus bill prioritizing the states heavily hit by the opioid epidemic.
 - Celeste Clark added that staff from the Office of National Drug Control Policy attended meeting in Raymond.
 - More funding is needed to expand the current capacity.

B. Early Childhood Sub-Committee

- There was no official meeting set up as well. Updates have been provided to the early childhood team.
- In Manchester, the Adverse Response Teams have been really successful.
- The Concord Safe Community Coalition is currently planning a meeting in June to include the Police Chief, Superintendent
 - Laura Milliken will share more information.
 - One of the goals is to mitigate ACEs as well as build stronger communities.
 - Shannon mentioned that Granite United Way may have a bit of funding resources for Merrimack County.
- Several PD have received trauma informed training including: Manchester Police Department and Fire Department, Plymouth PD and First Responders
 - Nashua Boys and Girls Club recently received a grant pertaining to these issues.
- There has been a lot of interest in ACERT by police officers.
 - No funding has been provided.
 - Nashua PD recently applied for funding.
 - Manchester PD received funding from Healthy New Hampshire (HNN).
- CADCA has been implementing social worker ride-along; utilizing social work interns etc.

C. Children and Youth Sub-Committee

- The group has not yet convened as well.
 - ***Devin Oot will identify and send additional partners to Traci.***
- Children Behavioral Health Collaborative is working with Lisa Mure (JSI/CHI) on behavioral health information by scanning the CHIP and IDN.
 - This project is scheduled to be completed in the summer
- There have been focus groups with media power youth- working on a curriculum known as “Screenshots through DOJ,”
 - The themes are working on violence prevention, SMPs and bullying
 - Convened subject matter experts of prevention etc.
- The Governor’s Office has been focusing employing universal prevention curriculum as an online program. There was submission for proposals to the Department of Education (DOE).
 - Two RFPs went out
 - Submission date had been March 30, 2018.
- Timberlane High School will be implementing Edventi Program: computer based interactive program in which the teacher shares the video and students will respond to each other.
 - The program has showed 100% engagement by students.
 - The costs are only \$5 per student.
 - The planning and implementation process has started this year.
 - The piloting program in Timberlane High School will happen in 2018-2019.
 - In addition, community component will be held in community forums. Rotary International is interested in funding this component.
 - The curriculum is looking at developmental assets. Going away from Alcohol Edu.
- The Executive Director position for Media Power Youth recently went live. If interested, please apply on their website.

D. Emerging and Young Adults Sub-Committee

- Devin engaged with Stay Work Play as a networking opportunity.

- The plan is for this sub-committee to re-engage in the next two weeks.
 - The group will draft action menu to build capacity and awareness with the young adults in the Stay Work Play!
 - Pedro Altagracia from New Futures is interested in joining this sub-committee.
- Pedro Altagracia mentioned that there is a Governor's Diversity and Inclusion meeting held in Portsmouth in Manchester.
- Devin suggested that the sub-committee is interested in holding meetings in Concord, Manchester, and Portsmouth.

E. Adults/ Older Adults

- There was recent conference call with SAMHSA that reported that older adults have significant substance misuse.
 - SAMHSA is currently doing a series of webinars and/or provided targeted technical assistance to state.
- The Referral Education Assistance Program (REAP) indicated there are significant workforce issues among older adults.
- The committee will re-convene.
- It was suggested that medication treatment should be considered a topic.

Partnership for Drug Free NH (PDFNH)

- Partnership for Drug Free NH (PDFNH) will be launching a maternal health campaign focused on building resiliency of pregnant women.
 - The campaign will be targeted at women who are at child-bearing age.
 - If you are interested in these campaign materials, please reach out to Devin.
- Alcohol awareness month is in April. PDFNH is working with Liquor Commission to display ads in their marketing materials.
 - All NH liquor stores will have perinatal messages
- The team is interested in highlighting prevention work- Faces of Prevention. The photographer is available on Thursdays and Fridays.
 - Devin indicated that she is hoping to be done by the Prevention Week in May.
 - The Prevention Week is May 15, 2018.
- Currier Art Gallery: connect parents with children with substance use disorder. Partnering with drug Free. Every Monday from 6:00-8:00 in April. For more information, see the Currier Website

Frameworks

- Frameworks has recently wrapped their research on perception of adolescent substance use in New Hampshire.
- However, the paper is not finalized yet. Hoping to be done in June, 2018.
- Hilton is currently reviewing it as they are primary funder.
- Frameworks may conduct a preliminary webinar.

Juvenile Court Diversion

- Since November, 307 youth in juvenile diversion program have been screened using SBIRT.
 - 40% of these individuals have been receiving some type of services
 - 72% reported using one substance in the last year/
 - However, the SBIRT grant will be ending.
- AmeriCorps Vista is developing an expansion tool kit etc. Reaching out to help more community etc.

- The annual meeting will be held in May 16, 2018. Betsy mentioned they are currently looking for a speaker from the AG's office to explain the law.
 - There is interest to reach out to NH ACLU
- The Valley Court Diversion may expand to Sullivan County.
- There was discussion of graduates from diversion to collaborate with PDFNH to write a blog etc.

Life of an Athlete

- The Annual Meeting was attended by 425 participants representing 66 high schools.
- There will be coaches training to be held this week.
- The LOA reached more than 5000 followers in twitter.
- LOA has recently developed materials including the new coach book; new nutrition book (substance misuse has been weaved throughout the materials).

Other Updates

- The NH Teen Institute is currently seeking students for the Summer Leadership Program.
 - Online registration is open.
 - This will be a 5 day program to be held from August 12-17 in the Barbara C Harris Camp in Greenwood, NH.
 - Marissa will share more additional information. Stay tuned!
 - Capital Area will submit Scholarships/ Greater Monadnock- up to 20 kids
- Timberlane High School will be offering Teen Institute's "Staying Connected with your Teen", through the Adult Education program.
- NHADACA Upcoming Trainings/ Events
 - May 15, 2018 - The Era of Decriminalized Cannabis
 - May 22, 2018 - Organizing the Community of Prevention
 - May 30, 2018 - Cultural Considerations for Increasing Positive Outcomes for LGBTQ Individuals Across the Substance Use Disorder Continuum
 - June 15, 2018 - Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences & Working with Complex Trauma

See you next time!

Next meeting: **Friday, June 1, 2018, 9:30am – 11:30am**
at **Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, Bow, NH.**