



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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

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

June 8th
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: Cheryle Pacapelli (acting Chair in Kevin's absence), Lindy, Keller, Kristine Paquette, Carolee Longley, Dean Lemire, Katy Shea, Brian Mooney, Evan Stuart, Elyssa Clairmont, Sarah Freeman, Ginger Ross, Pam Littlefield, Debbie Love

Updates from Priority Areas:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Status/ Accomplishments	Updates
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Cheryle	Approval of May Minutes	Minutes approved	Change word on page 2 from "resurrected" to "reinvigorated" which references the Data Task Force.
Legislative Updates Report	Cheryle/Sarah			<p>Cheryle shared that the recovery housing legislation that this TF worked on got into a bill and passed. Language was included that stated "voluntary registration of houses" is effective June 2019. Cheryle indicated that they will be reaching out for assistance with writing rules for this.</p> <p>Katy shared that a great toolkit just came out. Link to toolkit is: Building Recovery: State Policy Guide for Supporting Recovery Housing - https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/18_Recovery-Housing-Toolkit_5.3.2018.pdf that could assist with writing rules.</p> <p>Cheryle also indicated that the bill for CRSW Board has died. Sarah noted that that part of the bill died but the bill # still exists.</p> <p>Sarah shared that the legislation season is over; however, she brought up new Medicaid rules and that a small group is meeting to work on advocacy around the rule of community engagement and how to remain qualified for Medicaid Expansion. Evan shared that Medicaid has a "one size fits all" mentality and he provided an example of how it's not and how we should be advocating given the upcoming Rally next Tuesday in support of Treatment at 10am in LOB around rate of</p>

reimbursement becoming lower (\$115 less per day).

Dean shared that Congresswoman Kuster is working on legislation on SUD to amend IRS code of 1986 to extend work opportunity tax credit. Kuster is looking for feedback on this. **Dean will share info with group via email.**

State of Recovery Report Dean

Dean asked for feedback from Kevin as well as the TF on content, structure, questions you think a legislator would have that aren't answered here, etc.

Edits:

1. Kristine indicated that on the Historical Summary, last bullet – the NH Coalition for Recovery Residences (NH CORR) should add “is a program of Homestead Recovery group”
2. Katy suggested organizing the bullets by year chronologically in a table
3. Need to add launch of website
4. List at back of document in the appendix a list of the many support groups happening a week. Could get that number from Anne Fuller.

Lindy asked who the target audience for this was. The response was the intent was to give to Governor's Commission. Lindy asked what the use of this report would be once approved? Response was for Gov. Commission and legislators and funders to know what our funding was used for. The majority indicated that the main focus of the report should be about what funding was used for and where the gaps still remain. Lindy suggested that, in addition to the report, it would be helpful to develop a two-pager bulleted or charted summary with a link to the full report. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that Brian, Katy and Dean will meet to tease this report out further. The goal is to have final document(s) by next fiscal year. Want it done in July. It was noted to TF if they have any feedback to contribute to this draft to send to Dean.

BRSS TACS PRSS Cheryle / Sarah

Cheryle indicated that she, Sarah and Kevin along with 14 other members are working on a team called “Peers Rock in the Granite State”. They are working on behavioral health, SUD, peer credentialing, better aligning MH and SUD supports to overcome cultural barriers, finding core competencies we can develop for both MH and SUD; and working on Medicaid payment. Currently, Medicaid benefit for recovery supports doesn't work. They are collecting info from all about what is the perfect Medicaid benefit option that works? What paperwork is already being done? Could rules be adhered to in “supervision” by peer supports, processing or guidance rather than using the word “supervision” that no one likes. Where clinical notes are required, possibly use our recovery plans or sign-ins to fulfill this rule as an example. What are barriers to billing? Sarah and Cheryle want to hear what everyone is doing now to create change in a vehicle to reimbursement. The buy-in is already there – we just need to create the solution we want to present to Medicaid. They need to know what

you are already reporting on and what you are interested in collecting for information. Cheryle indicated they will be creating something to distribute that asks the big questions so we can try to put together a model.

The second group Cheryle is on is working on looking at current structure at Behavioral Health, peers support on the SUD side: cost, licensure, background checks, etc. That meeting is happening next Monday.

Upcoming
Trainings/Other
Events

ALL

Carolee –

**Sept 15 – Statewide Rally for Recovery in Manchester.
Location: TBD**

Addiction to Policy Reform Nationwide Hotline flyer Dean indicated that language was taken without permission from our site or SAMHSA’s site to promote this hotline. There is some cynicism around this not being a legitimate resource and that perhaps best not to share. Carolee indicated she did call and spoke at length with a rep and felt this resource was good.

Lindy –

Recovery Hub has launched. Still working on calendar events being posted there. While those kinks are being worked out – submit your events to the website (info@therecoveryhub.org) and continue to post on SAMHSA website as well. Flyer on housing that we worked on last meeting is still working its way through the approval process and edits, but will be posted on the website as well.

Pam –

Sept 5 – Stars Program is holding a fundraiser for the first time indoors. This fundraiser is for scholarships for addiction recovery services. Pam Littlefield and Katie Padmor are launching a cocktail networking opportunity with David Muir Documentary and Panel at Red River. There will also be a silent auction and O’s Restaurant next door will be catering the event. It’s open to the public and targets businesses. Tickets are \$35 up until one week of event and then increase to \$40. Working on sponsors and a suggestion was made to offer scholarships for those unable to pay the fee but would like to attend. **Brian to send Pam a sponsorship level document to help with set up of those.**

Dean –

Next Friday (June 15) – “Hand Up Volunteer training is occurring to become an outreach worker. It’s from 3p to 5p at the Community Campus in Portsmouth, 100 Campus Drive, 2nd Floor Movie Room. The training is free. To register – go to Hand Up Facebook page to connect with registration link.

	<p>Dean/Sarah – Provider’s Assoc Event Annual meeting is taking place on July 19th at Mills Falls in the Lake Chase House, 300 Daniel Webster Highway. It will be “fancy with food”, but Dean assured everyone he will wear what he wears to the TF meetings. The annual meeting part is free and then afternoon (12:30p to 4p) is a training “Navigating Medicaid Changes for Prevention, Treatment and Recovery”. CEUs provided. Fee is \$60 for members and \$85 for non-members.</p> <p>Behavioral Health Conference is December 10 & 11th. No theme identified yet, but will be held at the Manchester Downtown Hotel (formerly Radisson).</p> <p>Elyssa – Sober Parenting Journey Programs begin June 12 – in Rochester June 13 – in Portsmouth June 26 – in Tilton It is a 14-week curriculum.</p>
Other Business	<p>Carolee asked about our absent co-chair and if his position would be replaced and how that affects our TF. It was noted that Kevin as chair has a seat on the Governor’s Commission – so our TF is not affected in that way. David Mara is covering the duties that were initially split between him and Marty by the Governor.</p>