



HEALTHCARE TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Co-Chairs: Seddon Savage & Lindy Keller

Thursday, July 27, 2018

Minutes

Present: Jake Berry, Anna Ghosh, Julie Hazel-Felch, Cynthia Cohen, Kimberly Fortier, Susan Latham, Rebecca Sky, Sarah Freeman, Ann Branen, Gerard Hevern, Peter Mason, Jeanne Ryer, Joshua McCabe, Rachel Eichenbaum, Jim Potter, Seddon Savage, Lindy Kelly **On Phone:** Kerry Nolte, Molly Rossignol

I. Minutes

- The June minutes were approved

II. Legislative Updates

- \$23 million
 - A listening session was held on Monday 7/23, decisions will be made by the Commissioner and the Governor.
 - On August 13 the proposal will be released and the State will know what has been applied for.
 - There was discussion related to concerns of the data requirements of the Grant.
- MCO reimbursement rates
 - The \$23 million cannot be used to supplement these rates; the rates apply to Medicaid, Medicare, and funding through private insurance companies.
 - Providers have been encouraged to go to the legislature directly, or for the MCOs to seek legislative action to raise the rates.
 - The special advisory board of the insurance commission has been on hold and it may require advocacy from the TF to get the group up and running again.
 - **Seddon will advocate that the behavioral health group of the insurance commission should resume; she will bring this to the next Governor's Commission meeting.**
- New legislation
 - New Futures is continuing to look at the following topics: requiring sales of syringes, requiring sale of lock med boxes, requiring hospitals to have disposal sites. They will determine what is most politically feasible and have a better update in September.
 - The NH Nurses Association would be happy to partner on this legislation.
 - **Jim Potter, Cynthia Kohen, and Jake Berry will continue discussions and provide updates in subsequent meetings.**
 - **Jim suggested inviting Paula Moynihan to the next meeting. Seddon will invite Paula and Kathy.**
 - Kathy from the Hospital Association could possibly conduct a survey of the hospitals to see who would be willing to engage in this effort.
- It was suggested to pursue legislation in order to provide the AHECs more money.
- Public comment for the MCO RFP ends Friday 7/27.

III. Opioid Medication Insert Card

- The card will be going to the Governor's Commission for approval and will be piloted at two pharmacies. There is an opportunity for users to provide feedback through a link.
 - **Seddon will bring the final cad to the TF meeting next month.**

IV. Project ECHO

- The ECHO has recruited and exceeded their goal of 10 practices. There will be 12 or 13.

- Faculty has been established and will include Peter Mason, Lindy Kelly, Lucy Hodder, and two SAMHSA fellows.
- The ECHO will start in September and efforts will be made in order to assure that the MAT ECHO is complimentary to the MAT Community of Practice.

V. Strategies and Priorities

- Seddon reviewed the strategies and priorities that the TF has identified.
 - It was suggested that achieving sustainable payment for treatment, screening, etc. be added to the priorities.
- Discussion of Priority 1: SBIRT
 - All hospital EDs that Rebecca is working with have a goal of implementing SBIRT.
 - The practice transformation network (over 150 practices) and BH learning collaborative (65 organizations) collects a measure related to SBIRT for a CMS requirement.
 - SBIRT billing issues are still of concern for the Citizens Health Initiative.
 - An overview of the Youth SBIRT Initiative was provided.
 - SBIRT is in the curriculum of the UNH nurses program.
 - Southern AHEC was doing an undergraduate training program for SBIRT; that money has since finished.
 - Dartmouth is working on implementing screening of everyone admitted to the hospitals, there is also efforts for ED screening and inpatient screening with hospitalists.
 - The NH Charitable Foundation has bought 500 licenses for use until March 2019 for an online simulation training titled “SBI with Adolescents” – the lessons learned in this modules are applicable for screening and brief intervention with all populations. The course offers CE credit.
 - To access visit kognitocampus.com, create an account and enter code “nhsbirt”
- Discussion of Priority 2: SUD treatment including MAT
 - The Opioid Use Disorder Access to Treatment Project works with hospital systems to develop MAT in primary care and EDs to develop a bridge to treatment in the community. A description of this is on the Foundation for Healthy Communities website.
 - FQHCs are also trying to work through these activities but lack funding.
 - UNH has submitted a proposal to include MAT training into its nursing programs so they can get waived right after graduate.
 - UNH has submitted a proposal to trail academic detailing in order to discuss evidence based practice related to harm reduction strategies and supporting patients through withdrawal symptoms in the practice setting.
 - The Northeast Node will start an implementation project in early October at CMC and Valley Regional Hospital.
- Peter suggested utilizing the IDN education and training subcommittee as the hub for information of Initiatives in the state. However, this would not be appropriate for the sharing of experiences through peer sharing.
- The TF wishes to educate the Governor’s Commission on the complexity of developing these services; it requires bot time and funding. These priorities cannot just be given attention for two years. **The TF will request an opportunity to educate the Commission.**

VI. Other:

- Kimberly Fortier is working on developing a data dashboard that may exist on the Center for Excellence website.
- **Molly will send information to Adelaide about updating opioid page of the Medical Society website. Adelaide will share with the TF.**