



# RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Co-Chair: Cheryle Pacapelli

## *Meeting Minutes*

**October 12, 2018 – 9:00AM-11AM**

**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.

**Present:** Cheryle Pacapelli (Co-Chair), Lindy Keller, Kristine Paquette, Carolee Longley, Michele Merritt, Polly Morris, Brian Mooney, Katy Shea, Debbie Love, Melissa Schoemmell, Dave Mara, Elyssa Clairmont, Joshua McCabe, Keith Howard, Elizabeth Atwood, Abbie Shervinski, Andrew West

### **I. Introductions**

### **II. Review and Approve September Meeting Minutes**

- September minutes were reviewed.  
One edit: State of Recovery Committee - add that the making of the two-pager was done in addition to having a longer version report, which would be available should someone want more information.
- A motion to approve minutes was made by Brian as edited and all seconded.
- Minutes approved for posting.

### **III. Membership of Task Force**

*Cheryle Pacapelli, Co-Chair, Recovery Task Force*

- Group reviewed current membership list. Discussion regarding who should be removed from the list and who should be added either as a member or as general public. The final membership list needs to be approved by GC Executive Director.
- Updates include:
  - Katy Shea (CHI – Center for Excellence) will be replaced by Melissa Schoemmell (CHI- Center for Excellence).
  - Discussion to Add/Invite the following:
    - Keith Howard (HOPE-Member)
    - Andrew West (Treatment or Recovery Housing-Member)
    - Wayne Miller (Claremont Recovery Community Services/Recovery Advocate – Public)
    - a Faith-Based Representative (from Celebrate Recovery and/or Good Samaritan Network)
    - a representative from one of the Regional Public Health Networks
    - a representative from NH's new Hub and Spoke System

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- a representative from Mental Health Peer Support/ Mental Health Clubhouse Model
- a representative from the Justice Department or Drug Courts
- a representative from Finance/Grants Reimbursement/Medicaid
- **Cheryle will contact potential members to recruit. Keith (filling in for Cheryle) will provide update on any new members during November meeting.**
- Attendees discussed the opportunity to offer video conferencing at upcoming meetings beginning in January to encourage new members to participating remotely.

#### IV. Legislative Updates

*Michele Merritt, President and CEO, New Futures*

- Michele indicated that the priorities and strategic direction for the TF and New Futures will depend on upcoming elections and political landscape. The following updates discussed may be impacted by elections.
- The DHHS submitted and published the agency budget indicating increases. The proposed budget includes increased funding for voluntary services, family resource centers, and facilitating organizations around the state that support the family centers.
- The Housing Benefit in Medicaid can't pay for rent, but will pay for a housing case manager. There is a shift from Quality Housing programs to Medicaid Management Organizations. State Opioid Response funds are helping to boost SUD provider rates but more needs to be done on outpatient side.
- Student Loan Repayment Program was discussed. Program includes repayment of loans for those high need areas (all of NH) and positions (including MLADC and LADC). As currently funded, loan repayment cannot meet the demand and there are restrictions in how the funds can be allocated, further restricting the benefit of this program.
- Discussion was held regarding administrative barriers for workforce, including licensing regulations and criminal background checks delaying or deterring the process. **Dave to talk to Commissioner of Safety and the LADC Board about potential solution to backlog issues.**
- Medicaid expansion workforce requirement (currently 20hrs/wk) issues were discussed including requirements for those who are self-employed, full time students, individuals participating in recovery activities, individuals accessing SUD treatment (medically frail), parents and grand-families. Rules are still being finalized. **Michele will review final requirements with taskforce when finalized.**

#### V. Update on 513 Medicaid Billing Rules

*Cheryle Pacapelli, Co-Chair, Recovery Task Force*

- Cheryle indicated that these rules are being worked on. A public hearing was held and now the rules are moving to the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) on November 15 at 9:00 am at the LOB in rooms 306 and 308.

#### VI. State of Recovery in NH

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- Katy is finalizing upon receipt of information from Polly and Michele on recovery month activity numbers and recovery voice presence data at legislative meetings. The two-pager will be formatted before presenting to group.

## **VII. Recovery Housing**

*Lindy Keller, BDAS*

- Lindy reported that the process is moving forward and is consistent with the Recovery National Standards requirements. Rules still need to be written but the content is there. There is a meeting on this next week with the Department rules person. There are still some gray areas to work through and when those arise – a site visit could resolve whether licensure or voluntary registration would apply. Anticipate that this will go to JLCAR in January or more likely February. Lindy mentioned that the Division of Homelessness and Housing is now called Housing Supports.
- JLCAR next meeting is next week (10/18) to discuss Hep-826 rules which were tabled last meeting when agenda items ran over their allotted time.

## **VIII. Other Business**

- Dave Mara circulated job posting for Recovery Friendly Advisor.
- On October 27, the DEA is partnering with the Monarchs for a drug take back event at the hockey game. Tickets are on sale at [Monarchsgroups.com/DEA](http://Monarchsgroups.com/DEA) for questions contact Matt Johnson at 603-626-7825 ext. 6105 or by email at [mjohnson@manchestermonarchs.com](mailto:mjohnson@manchestermonarchs.com)
- The Perinatal Task Force is holding a summit on January 29 on the Plan of Safe Care at the Grappone Center in Concord. Registration will beginning mid-November.

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