



# PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: Tim Lena

Co-Chair: Shannon Bresaw

October 5, 2018

## Meeting Minutes

**In-Person:** Tim Lena, Shannon Bresaw, Donna Arias, Marissa Carlson, Betsy Houde, Katie Kachavos, Sarah Shanahan, Annika Stanley-Smith, Melissa Lee (DOE), Nick DeMauro (L.E.A.D.), Lisa Remick (L.E.A.D.), Robert Cormier (Tilton PD /L.E.A.D), Debbie Love

**Minutes from August 3** – Not enough members present for a quorum, however, group indicated they had no edits and a member commented that they liked the setup of minutes where action items are in “red”. **Approval of the August minutes was tabled until next Prevention Task Force meeting.**

**L.E.A.D. Presentation** – Nick DeMauro, CEO, presented an overview of this non-profit 501c3 organization, founded in 2014, who developed a comprehensive evidence based means for law enforcement agencies to provide proven effective methods to serve their respective communities – focused on offering K-12 evidence based proven effective curricula to local school districts in the US. The evidence based program has four modules: 1) address drug misuse, 2) drug-related crimes, 3) bullying and violence and 4) promotion of law enforcement services in communities. There are two prevention initiatives they offer: “On The Street” and “In The Classroom” curricula. Chief Cormier shared his experience implementing this program in Tilton with a 7<sup>th</sup> grade class at Winnisquam. One teacher and one officer were trained to work the program at the school. Chief Cormier asked for feedback after a month of implementation and the feedback from the teacher, officer and the students was very positive. Lisa Remick (NH resident), Director of the *On The Street* Initiative, leads the Officer Certification Program. She explained that it’s important to not only engage teachers and officers but parents and provide them tools. She described the challenges of getting parents to trainings after working all day. The organization is working now on an online program to get the training out to parents.

Nick explained that the demand for this program exceeds their resources, but their mission is not to charge a lot of money to provide the trainings – only cover the costs of travel for trainers and cover the kits supplied for the trainings. Trainings are one-day for \$150. Must have a minimum of 10 people (could be a mix of officers and teachers). There is also a one-week training specific to only new officers (new is defined as not a current SRO or DARE officer). The week-long training costs \$350 per person. The kits for the trainings are \$250 each. Just need one kit per classroom. NOTE: Training is not just for teachers/officers – anyone could take training.

- ❖ A member asked if there is anything built into this training to address situations brought up by students in the classroom on how to respond and connect kids to services? (Ex. A student indicates his parents are addicts)

- Response: Currently working on a mechanism for referrals. The key is collaboration and being aware of the resources available in each community prior to setting up program.
- ❖ A member asked if there could be a regional training in NH?
  - Response: Yes
- ❖ A member asked if they were looping in State Troopers/Sheriffs about being trained on this?
  - Response: Yes – have had some conversations with local Colonel and others. Also shared that NJ trained 65 troopers for free as they are aware that some police departments do not have the capacity to provide this work in the schools and communities.
- ❖ A member asked if there was a data to show an impact of what this program has done after implementation.
  - Response: There is not, and we have not circled back to those programs started in 2014 either. However, three years in existence is not a lot of time. We can't even apply for a company credit card yet until we have had two audits, the second one is being done now. They do have a researcher on staff from PIRE and the Mendez Foundation has an evaluation component. Our curricula is constantly being vetted and monitored by those provided the trainings to check on fidelity. Chief Cormier did note that there were a small percentage of kids that the school had noted were “at risk” and he has seen their personalities and participation improve after participating in the program. He could not speak to any other improvements beyond that.
- ❖ A member asked about what districts were teaching K-12?
  - Response: Lisa is providing the program to 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> in Freedom, NH. Sandwich is getting ready to try it as well.
- ❖ A member asked about if risk factors were being covered in training?
  - Response: Yes
- ❖ A member asked what was being done around stigmatizing language as “addiction” has been mentioned here a few times rather than “substance misuse”?
  - Response: Each lesson has an overview and title, utilizing a very comprehensive approach. It was also noted that the Mendez Foundation is open to any suggestions in improving the curricula. Although not what you were asking, we also have this program in Spanish.
- ❖ A member asked about how long will they wait on funding before setting up trainings?
  - Response: Classes will be scheduled in next month regardless if funding comes through. We also want to set up a statewide board.

Chief Cormier shared that this program is very scripted and interactive, which keeps students engaged. It also provides that ability to create relationships where when he's out in the community at events – he has a rapport with many that he has interacted with in the classroom.

Nick noted that New Hampshire is their current focus specific to getting the program throughout the state. There are 87 instructors already trained in the state. The timing is right as many are interested in this program. He also asked the task force to like them on their Facebook page: Law Enforcement Against Drugs. Other states they are honing in on as well are Tennessee (80 officers trained so far); California with 20 instructors trained; and Florida, where new laws require there be an officer in every school building in the state.

Contact information for Nick and Lisa:

Nicholas DeMauro, Executive Director/CEO

[ndemauro@leadrugs.org](mailto:ndemauro@leadrugs.org)

609-468-6500

Lisa Remick, Director of ON THE STREET Initiative

[lremick@leadrugs.org](mailto:lremick@leadrugs.org)

603-986-6367

There was lots of discussion after the L.E.A.D representatives left around was this program being funded by the SRO grant or another funding source and how this organization would know to link with the regional public health networks. **Action: Shannon mentioned that someone needs to have a conversation with Lisa Remick regarding prevention systems already in place.**

L.E.A.D. presentation went over its allotted time so many agenda items were not covered due to lack of time.

### **Children & Youth Subcommittee Meeting**

Traci Fowler was not present for the meeting but emailed a handout to Tim that was distributed during meeting on Key Strategies & Responsibilities outlined in the State Plan recommendations and to add estimated costs to each.

Members indicated that providing costs was a challenge when we don't know the budget. Other discussion centered around if this L.E.A.D program is happening that we should integrate some language into the first strategy around "identifying children that need additional supports and figure out systems in place to assist." It was also suggested that something be added around the language used as well.

- ❖ A member asked what is the driver here for us? What are we trying to get across to Governor? Is it data? Reduction in Chronic Diseases and ER visits? Making people more employable?
  - Response: Governor's focus is on employers/businesses and children. Recovery Friendly Workforce is something the Governor is interested in and is responsive to best practices and listening to experts.

The question then becomes, what happens when two years of funding ends and the HUB and spokes are gone? Where does that leave Prevention? We need to coordinate things that are not getting done – bring in social determinants of health. **Action: state plan is being released in December. Get recommendations to Tim sooner rather than later so he can get some sort of skeletal framework prepared to fight for prevention.**

### **Recovery Friendly Workplace**

Shannon shared the information packet on Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative. She noted that there are funding opportunities in process. There are 29 early adopters and 27 or 28 other partners interested. All RPHNs have been trained and will provide the trainings to businesses. Next few months the workgroup is working on developing resources.

- ❖ A member asked how they are selecting Recovery organizations?
  - Response: RFP is coming out.
- ❖ A member asked will DFCs be included?
  - Response: **Noted that Jill should be nudged about being more inclusive.**

### **Announcements**

- Title 4A – new funding stream shared with school districts around safe schools/healthy schools framework. Minimum of \$10K being sent. **Action: Melissa to send link to group on this.**
- National Take Back Day is October 27th.
- PDFNH is closing. Website will be managed by CHI. The PDFNH office officially closes on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. They still have materials for pick up and red ribbon week (bookmarks). They are also giving out zip drives of materials and have a Google Drive they can share.
- Donna Arias will represent the Prevention Certification Board on the Task Force
- Alissa Cannon was hired as new coordinator for the Juvenile Diversion Network.

---

## **See you next time!**

Next meeting: **Friday, November 2, 2018, 9:30am – 11:30am**  
at [Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, Bow, NH.](#)