



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Co-Chair: Cheryle Pacapelli

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2018 – 9:00AM-11AM

UBER Call-In Number: 1-719-284-5708 **Passcode:** 80169

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: Keith Howard (Facilitator in Cheryle's absence), Lindy Keller, Kristine Paquette, Carolee Longley, Aly McKnight (New Futures), Brian Mooney, Melissa Schoemmell, Debbie Love, Pam Littlefield, Polly Morris, Elyssa Clairmont, Joshua McCabe, Elizabeth Atwood, Kathy Tufts (White Horse Addiction Center), Abbie Shervinskia (Governor's Office), Yvonne Meisner (White Horse Addiction Center), Matt Huusko (SOS), **Phoned In:** Ginger Ross

Introductions

Review and Approval of October Meeting Minutes

- October minutes were reviewed.
- Edits: 1) Under Membership of Task Force – Kristin Paquette is already a member, so remove her from list. **Cheryle is contacting potential members to recruit and will provide update during the December meeting.** 2) Lindy's name is missing a 'd' in Recovery Housing section.
A motion to approve minutes was made by Polly and seconded by Brian
- Minutes approved for posting.

Legislative Updates

- Aly McKnight for Michele Merritt, New Futures*
- Priorities proposed by DHHS specific to the budget will likely have good support.
 - Members were urged to reach out to newly elected officials. **New Futures is working on a list of newly elected officials and Aly will send to group when ready.**
 - Medicaid expansion workforce requirement. There is a one-pager coming out about these requirements which start January 1st.
 - Aly shared the New Futures contact information:
 - Aly McKnight: amcknight@new-futures.org
 - Michele Merritt: mmeritt@new-futures.org
 - Website: www.new-futures.org

Next Meeting: December 14th, 9AM-11AM

Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, 2nd Floor, Bow NH

State of Recovery in NH

Polly Morris, Harbor Homes

- Polly shared a three page document, created to summarize the key points from the longer "state of recovery report" crafted by a subcommittee of the task force.
- Polly asked attendees for feedback. Attendees reviewed and provided some suggestions for edits.
- Any additional edits can be sent to Melissa Schoemmell at Melissa_Schoemmell@jsi.com
- **A revised version of this document will be shared at the December meeting.**

Recovery Housing

Lindy Keller, BDAS

- Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services continues to develop the rules.
- The process for volunteer registration won't go into effect until July 1, 2019.

Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative

Abbie Shervinskie (Intern) for Dave Mara, Governor's Office

- Dave Mara was unable to attend.
- Attendees asked the following questions for Dave:
 - What is timeline for the Recovery Friendly Workforce Initiative?
 - How will the recovery advisors work with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act?

Other Business

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- The HHS Office for Civil Rights has launched a new addiction awareness campaign. The [campaign](#) highlights civil rights protections for people living with addiction and aims to make more health care providers aware of how discrimination in health programs has created barriers to care and delayed or prevented people from seeking the services they need. OCR released [a list of best practices](#) for providers to follow to ensure services are available to everyone. (Handout provided)
 - Handout is not specific to NH. Aly has a one-pager she indicated would be helpful to go as a supplement to this document. **Aly to send to Debbie.**
- [Lobbying and Advocacy: A Primer for New Hampshire Non-Profit Advocates – Training on 11/14/18.](#) (Handout provided)

Attendee Cross Sharing

- Attendees shared interesting events and initiatives with the group.

Motion to adjourn meeting early – Kristine
Seconded by Carolee.