



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: Keith Howard

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2019 – 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: Patrick Tufts, Keith Howard, Lindy Keller, Dave Mara, Kristine Paquette, Melissa Schoemmell, Elyssa Clairmont, Pam Littlefield, Polly Morris, Matt Huusko, Mark LeFebvre, Lindsey Messina, Rachel Eichenbaum, Hope Driscoll, Gayle Lee-Babineau, Abbie Shervinskie, Phoned in: Kathy Tufts

Introductions

Review and Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Patrick Tufts, Granite United Way

- December minutes were reviewed. No edits
- A motion to approve minutes was made and seconded by Kristine.
- Minutes approved for posting.

Announcement of Recovery Task Force Chair

Patrick Tufts, Granite United Way

- Patrick announced the approval and appointment of Keith Howard as Chair of the Recovery Task Force and Recovery representative on the Governor's Commission.

Review of Proposed Recovery Task Force Members for 2019

All

- Task Force reviewed the list of 2018 members and the 2019 proposed members. Some present expressed interest in being on the task force. Those interested were: Mark LeFebvre, Southern NH Services, Inc.; Gayle Lee-Babineau, DHMC Nashua's Mothers in Recovery; Pam Littlefield, RiverBend; and Matt Huusko, The Doorway to Granite Pathways.
- Explanation of the role as a member was noted: 1) having approval by your organization before committing to this role, 2) being an active participant in each meeting, and 3) that this is a public meeting that anyone can attend whether a member or not. After further discussion the group voted on proposing three additional members to the Task Force and all were approved by this group to be proposed to the Governor's Commission as members.

Debbie to send updated membership list to Patrick.

- Gayle Lee-Babineau
- Mark LeFebvre

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- Matt Huusko
- Pam Littlefield will be returning to her organization to check-in that she can commit to this role with the understanding we will revisit this at the next meeting for a vote.
- It was noted that Dave Mara and Patrick Tufts will be noted as “ad-hoc” members and be removed from the membership list.

Approval of 2019 Recovery Task Force Meeting Calendar

All

- The task force agreed that the current 2019 meeting schedule/location/timeframe noted in footer works for the group.

Approval of State of Recovery Two-Page Report

All

- This product was reviewed at the November meeting and edits were provided at that time. The designated committee went through and applied that feedback and the document reviewed at this meeting is the final product. The understanding is that this product will be available on the Recovery Hub website and will be available to print. This 2-pager is a summary of a larger report. It was created as a document for legislators to review. **Lindy / FO to make sure document is posted to Recovery HUB website.**

Legalization of Recreational Marijuana Proposed Bill Discussion (LATE ADDED AGENDA ITEM)

Keith Howard, Task Force Chair

- Governor’s Commission has been commissioned as a whole to make position known on this topic.
- It was explained that any drug is a public health problem and as a state we need to have one voice when addressing the Bill (HB215) about Legalizing Recreational Use of Marijuana in New Hampshire. Members expressed their views on the topic and through a formal vote, the following result will be brought to the Governor’s Commission by Keith:
 - Four members recused themselves from this vote, one voted to provide no position, leaving the majority voting in favor of OPPOSING this bill. A question was asked about who the “pro-legalization spokesperson” would be? A: Ask the bill’s sponsors.
- <http://mediad.publicbroadcasting.net/p/nhpr/files/201811/PotReport.pdf>

Questions Submitted to Commission Specific to Doorways (HUBs)

Last meeting questions were solicited from group with a starting email request that included four questions. Three additional questions were added and they are below. **Patrick will give to Bureau to get answers back to task force.**

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Questions Submitted for the Commission

Q1: If someone goes to a hub and presents with symptoms for extreme alcohol use or crystal met or anything other than opioid use disorder symptoms- What is the process for that person? Can they get services? Do they need GPRA (Government Performance Results Act)?

Q2: If someone shows up at a spoke presenting with AOD (alcohol and other drugs) symptoms- Does the spoke need to refer to the hub so the hub can refer back to the spoke? How will providers in spokes know if someone looking for services needs to go to hub first?

Q3: If the hubs are collecting patient data and the spokes are collecting data are we duplicating the data?

Q4: If someone presents in Laconia hub and lives in Rochester and wants ongoing services who does GPRA and who does follow up? How will transfers of information be handled?

Q5: Since we're building an airplane while it's in flight, where should troubleshooting notes be going? That is, if someone is turned away, for instance, from the Berlin Hospital, told the facility doesn't handle alcohol problems, who should be informed to make sure this doesn't happen again?

Q6: Given that many folks with SUD may have just one bite at the apple, what are we doing to ensure folks don't simply slip through the cracks.

Q7: Folks walk into recovery centers every day, saying they want help to either cease or reduce their use. At what point is the center required to refer someone to the hub?

Other Business/Announcements

All

- Members were told to review their websites and printed materials to make sure that any reference to the Crisis Line be removed. The crisis number will be good for three more months and then everything should be changed over to direct callers to 211.
- The Doorways website is: <http://www.thedoorway.nh.gov/>
- Everyone encouraged to attend a Doorway Forum. Manchester, Nashua and Keene is having a forum next Monday, January 14th.
- Doorways (HUBs) are actively looking to hire CRSWs right now.
- A note was made about HB 311 that proposes municipalities regulating sober housing. It was noted that licensing is mentioned in it again. **Lindy to look into this.**
- FO Open house in the new location for New Futures at 1 Eagle Square in Concord on the 4th Floor. Event is on January 31st from 4 to 6pm. It is catered.
- If there are any questions about the Health Emergency Grant, Mark LeFebvre (mlefebvre@snhs.org) is available to answer those questions or give an elevator speech.
- **Pam Littlefield will provide the Concord Doorway Phone number to Debbie to circulate to group.**

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