



OPIOID TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage

January 10, 2019 – 9:00AM-10:30AM

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

Minutes

In-Person: Krystal Sieradzki, Ken Bradley, Leena Joshi, Marilyn Burkowski, Ryan Nix, Chris Shambarger, Helene Anzalone, Jacqui Baker, Michael Conlon, Alex Casale, Kathy Bizarro Thunberg, Rekha Sreedhara, Adelaide Murray, Seddon Savage

On Phone: Nicole Rodler, Joe Hannon, Denise Roy, Andrea Meier, Jaime Powers, Gayle Lee-Babineau

Presenter: Michael McAlister

I. New Hampshire Department of Corrections – Division of Field Services

Presented by Michael McAlister

- The goal of Field Services programming is to manage the population in the community as much as possible. There are 11 field offices.
- Persons serving probation are under the jurisdiction of the court; probation can be included with jail time or without, and can be at any part of a sentence.
 - There are approximately 1,000 female, and 2,733 male probationers
- Persons serving parole are under jurisdiction of the parole board; it is a privilege granted subsequent to serving a state prison sentence.
 - There are approximately 250 female, and 2,050 male parolees.
- The terms and conditions of probation and parole, as well as the rehabilitative special conditions have to help the individual with their criminal pattern or rehabilitation.
- Both probation and parole officers have received motivational interview training and EPICS (Effective Practice for Community Supervision) which includes MI and cognitive restructuring training.
 - EPICS provides a dosage of intervention to develop collaborative working relationship.
 - They utilize the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS)
 - Supervisors are given additional training on substance use and mental health.
- PPO's conduct supervision based on risk assessment tool and collateral information. The supervision case plan is focused on the goals developed from risk assessment, County/Parole Board orders, the client history/self-report, and professional discretion.
- Screening happens in the prisons however information is not typically shared due to HIPAA concerns, so many agencies have to start over.
 - HIPAA only allows for treating providers, not corrections officers to be shared the information.
 - Perhaps parole could allow for a release of information.

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- There is a ratio of 120 to 1 of probation/parole officer to individual. The APA standard is 50-70 to 1.
 - The Task Force may support probation and parole's request for additional staff.
- Mr. McAlister identified the following needs for the justice system based on his perspective:
 - LADCS in the prisons
 - Treatment case managers/care coordination to help follow individuals from pretrial through jail to parole (but would need resources to refer to)
 - More officers to help decrease case loads
 - Jail system needs to better connect to outside resources and supports
- Potentially, some form of consistency among the county systems is needed, but there is no single oversight body for this. Their policies and procedures come from county commissioners who are elected officials.

II. Review and Approve December Meeting Minutes

- a. Deferred to February Meeting

III. Determine 2019 Task Force Membership

- a. The Task Force discussed an updated membership list, to finalize at the February meeting.

IV. NH Drug Monitoring Initiative – November report

- a. The 2018 Overview report should be available for the February meeting.
- b. On Page 3 – the projected number of deaths for 2018 will be 437.
 - i. Seddon Savage suggested using a dotted line for the "current" number when it is still projected in the most current year, so it does not look confirmed.
- c. On Page 6 – **Seddon Savage will work with Ryan to edit language which was sent by the Fire Academy related to cardiac arrest.**

V. Update on Opioid Safety Information Card

- a. The group reviewed the data from the survey response received from one pharmacy staff member.
- b. There is a current LSR which states that any drug which contains an opioid must have a red cap and a warning label which contains the risks of the drugs.
 - i. **Seddon Savage (on behalf of the Medical Society) will meet with the bill sponsor. She will inform them about the Opioid Safety Card Initiative and suggest a second pilot.**
 - ii. **Alex Casale suggested a focus group with the two products to receive feedback from consumers.**
 - iii. **Joe Hannon will follow up with one of the sponsoring reps as well.**

VI. Other Business & Updates

- a. The February Meeting has been rescheduled to February 21, 2019.

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