



# OPIOID TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage

February 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes		
Welcome & Introductions	<p><b>Participants:</b> Seddon Savage, Abby Shervinskie, Alex Casale, Helene Anzalone, Adelaide Murray, Rekha Sreedhara</p> <p><b>On Phone:</b> Joe Hannon, Gail Parker, Helen Pervanas, Ryan Nix, Beth Hughes, Leena Joshi, Kathy Bizarro Thunberg, Nicole Rodler, Gayle Lee-Babineau</p>	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Review and Approve December & January Meeting Minutes	<p>The December Minutes were approved.</p> <p>The January Minutes were approved.</p>	
Review and Finalize 2019 Task Force Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Denise Roy will serve as representative for Association of Chiefs of Police.</li> <li>• The “business community” seat will be left vacant on the member list.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Seddon suggested a representative from the Human Resources perspective.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The “Emergency Medical Services (EMS)” seat will also be left vacant.</li> <li>• Seddon will reach out to the newly hired Opioid Program Director, Russell Keene and request his participation with the Task Force.</li> <li>• The membership list will be accepted and submitted to Patrick Tufts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rekha will reach out to Nick Mercuri to discuss representation from EMS.</li> <li>• Rekha and Seddon will request potential business members from Patrick on 2/22.</li> <li>• Seddon will reach out to Tom Raffio.</li> <li>• Seddon will reach out to Russell Keene for TF participation.</li> </ul>
Review Justice System Tables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) Programs have not been fully represented through this review.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>There is another “LEAD” program “Law Enforcement Against Drugs” that is a prevention program in schools. It will be important to not confuse these two.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• A Technical Assistance Request will be submitted to the Center for Excellence to develop this deliverable.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ The full summary tables and a narrative will be shared with the Commission.</li> <li>◦ The narrative will make clear that these are not just issues of the justice system; it is a multi-sectoral problem that requires a multi-sectoral response. However, when persons enter the justice system it is important to address their disease.</li> <li>◦ Rekha suggested updating the formatting of the summary tables, Rekha and Adelaide will work on making these changes.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alex Casale will send Adelaide and Rekha contact info for County Jail Superintendents.</li> <li>• Adelaide and Rekha will communicate with Superintendents to complete county jail table.</li> <li>• Joe Hannon will ask LEAD program organizations (Albany, NY) for list of NH implementing programs.</li> <li>• Alex will send Adelaide and Rekha information about Mental Health and Veteran Courts.</li> <li>• The Task Force will submit a technical</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All presenters will be asked to review the information for accuracy.</li> <li>○ The target due date of this report will be our April meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>assistance request for the Center to develop the Justice System Deliverable.</p>
<p>NH Drug Monitoring Initiative – 2018 Overview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The NHIAC is working to develop year-end reports for the online viewer.</li> <li>● Drug overdose deaths are currently projected to decrease 8% from 2017 to 2018             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It will likely be updated to a 5% decrease with close to about 480 deaths                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The projections are done out of the Medical Examiner’s office</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Belknap County and Cheshire counties experienced increases in drug overdose deaths during this time                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Laconia, Belknap, and Keene are experiencing increases (significant from 2017)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Seddon asked what the “other drug” deaths are including. Ryan shared information from the Medical Examiner’s office related to methamphetamine deaths.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Naloxone administrations by EMS decreased in 2018 by almost 20%; Belknap County had the greatest reduction with 41%.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hand Up Health Services and Nashua syringe service programs are distributing Naloxone to people that are actively using.                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Additional effort needed to get Naloxone to those actively using.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Emergency Department visits have decreased by 17.6% however, in Belknap County ED visits have more than doubled.</li> <li>● The NHIAC is still working on including PDMP data into the DMI (and potentially replacing the treatment data set)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Treatment data set is very incomplete and is not representative of the state; however, the PDMP data could be added in addition to the Treatment data, if it could be improved. They are still working on this.</li> <li>○ The Task Force suggested the NHIAC consider presenting treatment data by payor source (private data and Medicaid).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ryan Nix will request information on how overdose death projection modeling is done.</li> <li>● Ryan shared information from the Medical Examiner’s office on what drugs are included in the “other drug” deaths.</li> <li>● The Task Force will have a discussion on naloxone distribution to persons who use drugs in March.</li> <li>● Joe will provide data from Hand Up Health Services on naloxone distribution in March.</li> </ul>
<p>Other Business &amp; Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Opioid Misuse and Overprescribing Project has begun at the State level. Alex Casale and Kathy Bizarro Thunberg will represent the Task Force on the project.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The grant uses data from multiple sources to examine overprescribing. The group needs to define overprescribing.</li> <li>○ The meetings of this group are open to the public.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Seddon will talk with Dave Mara and Jim Potter about getting representation from the Medical Society involved with the Opioid Misuse and Overprescribing Project.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seddon provided an update on the Opioid Safety Legislation.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Legislative Sponsor has indicated that the bill is moving forward to the House Floor as written. It seems that New Futures has offered support.</li><li>○ The NH Board of Pharmacy does not support this bill; their Executive Director is going to be testifying against the bill. However, the Board would support the yellow safety card that the Opioid Task Force has been piloting.</li><li>○ Joe Hannon also testified against the bill.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seddon will draft a letter opposing this bill and request that it be submitted on behalf of the Governor's Commission. Seddon will ask Patrick's permission for this.</li><li>• Seddon will reach out to Katy Frey to inquire about New Future's support.</li><li>• Seddon will reach out to the sponsor to discuss this bill further.</li></ul>
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**Next Meeting:** March 14, 2019 – 9:00AM-10:30AM // Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, 2nd Floor, Bow, NH

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