



# PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Tim Lena

Co-Chair: Shannon Bresaw

**February 1, 2019**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**In-Person:** Tim Lena, Shannon Bresaw, Donna Arias, Betsey Houde, Susan McKeown, Katie Kachavos, Hannah Lessels, Melissa Schoemmell, Nicole Rodler, Maura McGowan, Sarah Shanahan, Carrie McFadden, Melissa Lee, Jake Berry, Celeste Clark, Helene Anzalone, Abbie Shervinskie, Annika Stanley-Smith, Laura Milliken, Janet Valuk, Kameo Chasse

## **Minutes from December 2018 approved with the following edits:**

- Name spelling and dates were corrected from December's minutes.
- Clarification over who is being recommended for the prevention professional seat. Confirmed Sarah Shanahan is not being recommended for the seat at this time.
- The dates of the LEAD trainings to be changed to 2019.
- The above changes were made to December 2018 Minutes.

## **Task Force Recommendations for "Double Down on Prevention" Proposal - from subcommittee priorities – Tim Lena**

- The Double Down proposal included continuing funding at the current level for juvenile court diversion and other programs that have been successful in the past.
- Tim reviewed the recommended prevention investments for 2020. Funding is for July FY19 to July FY20.
- Funding will be streamlined where possible, including amendments to current contracts and renewals.
- Other good news from the meeting with the governor: Governor Sununu highlighted the value of Prevention through the Regional Public Health Network model in NH. Hopes to make NH the national model for prevention.
- Question: Where does Gun Safety tie in here? Emphasis on the need to tie in Gun Safety into other prevention efforts. Gun Safety is included in existing programs, such as LEAD and the SoRock community health awareness efforts.
- Highlighted the importance of evaluation and communication around outcomes.
- Early data from The Doorway indicate that many of the questions coming in are about prevention.
  - Remember that prevention programs must send their info to 211.

## **Juvenile Court Diversion Network Update from Nicole Rodler**

- Continuing to build 21 accredited programs and every county has a program.
- A new bill is proposing to reinstitute incentive funding for accredited juvenile court diversion programs. Money earmarked is for screening, outreach and program development for accredited programs, not for operational costs.

- The network is asking for support from anyone who can speak about these programs to their legislators. The bill is headed to the floor after 2/11.
- New Futures will take a look at it and consider supporting.
- Nicole will send an electronic version after the meeting.
- Comment about the last page: reduction in recidivism image can be confusing in the way it's written; suggestion to make more clear what the graph is.
- [Deb Naro](#) is the lead on this, questions can be directed to her.

### **Membership List Update and Appointments**

- Tim read through the existing membership list – Discussion regarding updates to the list. **Please see draft updated list attached.**
- The Prevention public seat on the Governor's Commission would be the chair of this taskforce. Currently Patrick. Tim will see if we can have a surrogate at the commission to represent Prevention.
- **Committee asked to bring back suggestions to task force to fill vacancies during the April meeting for vote. The final list will then be sent to Patrick Tufts for approval.**

### **Legislative Update – Jake Berry provided an update on the following legislation:**

- Marijuana Commercialization HB 481 hearing is this coming Tuesday 2/5/19 at 1:00pm.
  - New Futures opposes Marijuana Commercialization.
  - Prevention Task Force is opposed to this particular bill as it does not include child safety provisions.
- Medicaid home visiting bill SB 274
  - This bill attempts to expand home visiting to all Medicaid families
- Office of the Child Advocate SB 295
  - This bill would reinforce the freestanding status of the Office of the Child Advocate.
  - New Futures supports this.
  - No hearing scheduled yet
- Tobacco 21 bill SB 248
  - This legislation includes e-cigarettes and vaping
  - Device possession for under 18 is treated as an adult: violation (not a misdemeanor).
  - Hearing will be Thursday 2/7/19 at 1:15pm
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### **Work Group Updates**

- Systems Workgroup: haven't met in a few months, will continue to be a priority.
- Early Childhood Workgroup: the state was awarded a one year planning grant for early childhood, Spark NH is overseeing the strategic planning piece of the grant awarded to UNH.
- Children and Youth Workgroup: haven't met in a few months, will continue to be a priority, **will schedule another meeting for before the next task force meeting.**

- Emerging and Young Adults Workgroup: nothing to report as Aly McKnight was not present.
- Adults Workgroup: No workgroup members present.
- Older Adults Workgroup: No workgroup members present.
- **Everyone will consider chairs for the Adults and Older Adults subcommittees.**

### **Other Updates/Other Business**

- Office of the Governor: no updates.
- Recovery Friendly Workplace update from Shannon Bresaw.
  - Shannon has taken on the Director role for this initiative.
  - Hired recovery friendly advisors to work with businesses who are part of this initiative and recruiting new businesses.
  - **Sixty-five businesses have signed up - If you know any businesses who might be interested; send them to the recovery friendly workplace website.**
  - \$1,000,000 appropriation for non-profits who are interested in supporting this initiative by supporting and training workplaces.
- NH Doorway: **There will be a more formal presentation from The Doorway and 211 at the April 5 meeting.**
- RPHN: no updates.
- Life of an Athlete: no updates.
- Nicole is going to a conference on L.E.A. D. in March: **Nicole will provide an update at the next meeting.**

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## **See you next time!**

Next meeting: **Friday, April 5, 2019, 9:30am – 11:30am**  
at **Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, Bow, NH.**