



Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Keith Howard

March 8, 2019
Meeting Minutes

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Welcome & Introductions	<p>Participants: Keith Howard, Lindy Keller, Gayle Lee-Babineau, Mark LeFebvre, Michele Merritt, Brian Mooney, Kristine Paquette, Elizabeth Atwood, Polly Morris, Rachel Eichenbaum, Abbie Shervinskie, Senator Watters</p> <p>Phoned in: Kathy Tufts, Carolee Longley, Ginger Ross, Nelson Hayden</p>	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February minutes were reviewed. Add one edit that all but one received ear acupuncture during the meeting. A motion to approve minutes was made and seconded as edited. Minutes approved for posting. 	
Ear Acupuncture as an Adjunct to Recovery - Motion for Recommendation to Governor's Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motion was made by Kristine Paquette to recommend to the Governor's Commission the following: "Support the expansion of ear acupuncture services that follow the NADA protocol or equivalent training throughout New Hampshire to Peer Recovery Coaches and Peer Recovery organizations." Motion was seconded by Polly Morris. All were in favor. 	
Presentation by Senator Watters (Sponsor of SB209)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senator Watters is establishing a commission to honor those who are in recovery with creating a monument (memorial). Lots of discussion on what the purpose of the monument (memorial) was. "Memorial" could confuse the message. "Monument" was the preferred term. What message were we trying to send? What would the monument represent? (Those in recovery, those who have passed away? Families affected?) Senator Watters welcomes grass root efforts and is looking to this Task Force for help on suggestions for language, purpose statement and name to use (Monument, etc.) He encouraged anyone to contact him at any time. His cell: (603) 969-9224. 	Michele Merritt to send notification to Task Force when public hearing on this occurs in early April. She will also include a means to find the members on the House Public Works Committee to share with the Task Force.
Legislative Update <i>Michelle Merritt</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle reviewed the long list of bills that New Futures is keeping an eye on. They include: 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – HB113 – Priority for New Futures - This bill allows experience as a master licensed alcohol and drug counselor to qualify as experience for licensure as a clinical social worker or clinical mental health counselor. The bill also clarifies the mental health license exemption for psychotherapy activities and services of psychologists and master licensed alcohol and drug counselors. – HB239 - Relative to requirements for supervision for licensure of certain mental health and drug counselors. – HB253 - Relative to criminal records checks in the employee application process. – HB311 - Regulating sober living facilities. – HB546 - Relative to the regulation of art therapists. Being piloted at Elliot Hospital. For mom and babies and getting Medicaid to pay for. – HB610 - Relative to treatment alternatives to opioids. – HB692 - Relative to dental care for Medicaid recipients. – SB5 – New Futures taking lead on this one. Making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for Medicaid provider rates for mental health and substance misuse and emergency shelter and stabilization services. – SB84 - Making appropriations to the department of health and human services for homeless services expansion. – SB87 - Relative to the syringe service programs and changing language to allow for receipt of federal funds. – SB100 - Relative to discrimination in employment based on criminal background checks. – SB236 - Making an appropriation to the department of health and human services for the purposes of upgrades to substance use disorder treatment facilities. – SB308 - Relative to the health care workforce and making appropriations. – HB481 – New Futures is opposed to the commercializing of product and profiting off those who are addicted. Relative to the legalization and regulation of cannabis and making appropriations. 	
Recovery Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules have been established for Recovery Housing but lack any “teeth”. A volunteer list is being established for recovery housing with the intent that when the list is posted, it will 	

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<p><i>Lindy Keller</i></p>	<p>eventually denote the houses who have worked with NHCORR and completed the certification. There are no safeties in place with regard to who goes on this list since it's on a volunteer basis. Please encourage those looking for housing to proceed with the Buyer's Beware info created and posted on the Recovery HUB. Link to that information is: (http://nhrecoveryhub.org/images/pdf/RecoveryHousing.pdf)</p>	
<p>Other Business/Announcements <i>Polly Morris</i> <i>Mark LeFebvre</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polly asked the group to send 30-second videos of folks in recovery answering the question: "What does Recovery Mean to You?" Send any videos to Elizabeth Atwood or Elyssa Clairmont. For more information, please contact Polly. • Mark asked about Uber Health as a potential solution to the transportation barrier that could work through services provided by Doorways. Other states have been using this service. A suggestion was for Mark to have a sit down with Jake Berry/New Futures to discuss as well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark to draft up a document with information and links specific to this service being utilized in other states and give to Lindy to connect with SOR team. • Keith mentioned that Uber Health would be a good topic to add to next month's agenda as well.
	<p>Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved by all</p>	

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