



OPIOID TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage

**March 14, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

<p>Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Participants: Seddon Savage, Elizabeth Hughes, Ken Bradley, Alex Casale, Leena Joshi, Amy Slater, Kristina Kallas, Jaime Powers, Helene Anzalone, Abbie Shervinskie, Amy Slater, Adelaide Murray, Rekha Sreedhara Phone: Nicole Rodler, Joe Hannon, Andrea Meier, Denise Roy</p>	
<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Action Steps</p>
<p>February Minutes</p>	<p>The February minutes were approved.</p>	
<p>Task Force Membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS representation will begin attending meetings again in May or June. • Russell Keene will attend meetings going forward for his role as the staff lead for the State Opioid Response Plan. • Rekha is waiting to hear back from Patrick Tufts on business sector representation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rekha will send a reminder to Nick Mercuri in April to attend meetings. • Adelaide will follow up and confirm that Russell Keene can attend future meetings.
<p>NH Drug Monitoring Initiative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Nix was not present at this meeting; update on January/February reports will be discussed in March. • The finalized data for 2018 are still not available. • Seddon thinks that the projected number on the deaths should be a dotted line rather than a solid line. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January and February DMI Reports will be discussed in March.
<p>Justice System TA Request</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TA request that was submitted has been approved by the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services. • Seddon suggested the following outline: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Executive Summary [list of recommendations] ○ Background [outcomes & data with references, importance of SUD for justice-involved individuals] ○ Methods [TF membership, process to include presentations and feedback from experts across justice system] ○ Emerging Best Practices [ASAM, BDAS best practices for treatment] ○ Findings in the NH Justice System [include gaps and incorporate tables] ○ Opportunities [to grow towards best practices] • Task Force members are encouraged to review the draft of this report before the April meeting. • Rochester, Dover, Laconia, and Farmington are the only established LEAD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adelaide and Rekha will prepare draft report and will share with Seddon within three weeks • Adelaide and Rekha will send draft to justice presenters for review and comments • Adelaide and Rekha will provide a draft to the task force ahead of the next meeting for review and discussion at the April meeting. • Rekha will reach out to Paula Mattis for an article on evidence for treating SUD in the justice system. • Seddon will resend the draft outline to Rekha and Adelaide • Denise Roy will try to get a list of the LEAD programs from the Chiefs



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	<p>(Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) programs in New Hampshire. Joe is still waiting on the complete list from the national group.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adelaide and Rekha will follow up with the county jails to request information. • Seddon and Alex will review the request to the county jails before it is sent. • Rekha will reach out to Jaime Powers for BDAS treatment best practices.
<p>HB 359 and Opioid Safety Card</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill has been revised from a red cap and red sticker on the bottle to just the red sticker that says “Opioid” with language that alludes to “may cause addiction and death” – This revised bill has passed the House • Seddon suggested changing the color to yellow or orange for “slow down” but the sticker just says “Opioid” and then matches the card. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The task force discussed many pros and cons of having a sticker on the prescription bottle. Some concerns included that: the sticker should be removable, how noticeable the sticker is will depend on the pharmacy’s labels; when the sticker is removed it could obscure the information on the label. ○ It was also discussed that a lot of the necessary warning information is already included on the label. ○ A sticker could potentially go on the paperwork for the prescription. ○ Someone suggested a little tag on elastic that goes around the top of the bottle that could easily be disposed of. • The logistics of doing this without targeting the patient is a real concern. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The sticker and card need to not be visible to anyone except the pharmacy staff, and the patient until the medication gets home. ○ Pharmacies should not implement anything until they can assure privacy. ○ Pharmacy staff could potentially write on the card what medication the card pertains to. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seddon will connect Beth Hughes and Ken Bradley to the legislative sponsor. • Seddon will invite Representative Loughman to the April meeting of the Opioid Task Force.
<p>Task Force Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seddon shared an update on Priority Area 3 related to educational opportunities. The IDN partners have a website that is aggregating and sharing educational opportunities. • Education of school nurses seems like a priority that is not currently being addressed. • There are no requirements for pharmacists to receive education on substance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seddon will ask Helen if the Board and Pharmacy does an educational needs assessment. • The Task Force will plan to focus on Harm Reduction as its next priority. • At the next meeting, the Task Force will review its priorities and strategies with Russell Keene



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	<p>use disorder, naloxone, harm reduction, etc. There is a need at the pharmacist level to develop knowledge. Jaime had forwarded Seddon a resource from the National Association of Independent Pharmacists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potentially the Board of Pharmacy could send a survey saying “if we had training available on X, Y, Z, which would you prioritize” ● Families can also be left behind in terms of education. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a card that includes information for persons who use drugs, that could include information for family supports. ○ These cards could be distributed through the Police Chiefs Association. ● Harm Reduction should be made a priority, because once those strategies exist, there can educational opportunities made on those strategies. 	<p>present.</p>
<p>Other Business & Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Youth Summit will be held Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. It is all youth on Friday and Saturday will be a report out where adults are welcome. This will be held at the Grappone Center. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/youth-summit-2019-presented-by-dartmouth-hitchcock-tickets-48418908258 ● The DBT training being held is almost full, so if people are interested they should sign up quickly. Information on this was emailed to the group. ● Report outs from each sector will be done at future meetings once a quarter. 	

Next Meeting: April 11, 2019 – 9:00AM-10:30AM // Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, 2nd Floor, Bow, NH

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