



# RECOVERY TASK FORCE

## Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Keith Howard

May 24, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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Welcome & Introductions	<b>Participants:</b> Keith Howard, Lindy Keller, Donna Marston, Kristine Paquette, Cheryle Pacapelli, Elizabeth Atwood, Pam Littlefield, Rachel Eichenbaum, Abbie Shervinskies, Thomas Donovan (Riverbend Doorways), Jon Martin (Harbor Homes), Debbie Love	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes <i>All</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April minutes were reviewed.</li> <li>• A motion to approve minutes was made and seconded.</li> <li>• All were in favor.</li> </ul>	April minutes approved for posting to TF webpage.
NH Coalition for Recovery Housing Presentation <i>Kristine Paquette</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristine explained the details of a proposal that New Hampshire Coalition for Recovery Residences (NHCORR) is requesting, which is funding to support certification of social model living homes and support two full-time positions (Ombudsman and Administrator) and one part-time position (Coordinator) to manage the certification/site visit process. Social Model living is a “home” not a residence. Homes are described as places where everyone knows everyone (like a family) and no locks on doors. If no one knows everyone in the home, it is considering a “rooming house”. Kristine briefly reviewed the workbook that contains the housing certification process/check lists. She does have this electronically should someone wish to review.</li> <li>• The ask is for \$269,195/year to sustain the two full-time positions and the part-time position in addition to covering the costs associated with a customized software program, office space, equipment, stipends for volunteers, professional development, printing, postage, etc.</li> </ul>	The Recovery TF is making the recommendation to Governor’s Commission in favor of this proposal.

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Funding Strategies <i>Cheryle Pacapelli</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cheryle indicated that Harbor Homes (Facilitating Organization) partners with 10 recovery center organizations (RCOs) and 12 recovery community centers. She explained that recently and without any discussion, the Governor's Commission reduced their funding by \$250,000. The understanding behind the decision is that the RCOs should be billing Medicaid for the services they provide. The reality is the services they provide, 12% of all people they serve could be eligible (and half of those eligible) may actually qualify to be billed.</li> <li>Cheryle wants to propose to the Governor's Commission at a minimum, that the funding of the \$250K be restored and increased. She asked the TF for ideas and strategies in preparation for the next Governor's Commission meeting on June 21st. Discussion was on raising grass roots voices to come to support this proposal by possibly wearing t-shirts during Governor's Commission meeting. Other ideas was letter and email campaigns to selectmen and Governor, etc.</li> <li>All voting members are urged to make the next Recovery TF meeting (June 14<sup>th</sup>) as Cheryle will have more details about this and a quorum is needed to vote.</li> </ul>	Cheryle to provide by next TF meeting in early June, a budget breakdown of what a deficit in funding would mean and a visual of where funding comes from.
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keith asked the group what the process was to appoint a co-chair to this task force. He has asked Kristine Paquette to fulfill this role. It was noted that Keith picking his co-chair needed no further action or approval.</li> </ul>	Kristine Paquette will now be listed as co-chair of this task force.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded and all were favor!</li> </ul>	

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