



TREATMENT TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Stephanie Savard

**March 15, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

<p>Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Participants: Amy Daniels-Pepin, Hannah Lessels, Stephanie Savard, Diane, Jason Snook, Peter Berg, Emily Robinson, Paul Kiernan, Monica, Shanna Large, Susan Latham, On the Phone: Lynn, Alex Casale, Sue Thistle</p>	
<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Action Steps</p>
<p>Welcome/Introductions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of membership rules for voting 	
<p>Center for Excellence Assistance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Governor’s Commission Task Force February Chairs Meeting and how the role of the Center for Excellence will change moving forward. The Treatment Task Force thanked Rekha Sreedhara and Adelaide Murray for their roles in assisting the task force in the past. There is a new system is in place to create more consistency across task forces and a concrete scope of work for the Center for Excellence. Requests for work will be submitted as technical assistance requests through the Center for Excellence website so that they can be approved by BDAS. The Center for Excellence is hiring new staff in April, one of which will likely become the consultant for this task force. Formal materials (minutes, agendas etc.) will have a new format for consistency across task forces. 	
<p>2019 Membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biographies of 2 potential new members from the North Country were distributed for task force consideration. Discussion of their bios – strong candidates, it would be helpful for the TF to have representation from various boards and licensing agencies across the state. Monica Edgar made a motion to accept Stephen Noyes as a new task force member. The motion was seconded by Danni Bultemeier. Stephanie Savard called for a vote. Stephen Noyes was unanimously voted in as a member. Sue Thistle abstained from voting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie Savard will notify Stephen Noyes that he is now an official Treatment Task Force member.
<p>Scheduling VA Care in</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item is on hold for now. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie Savard will

<p>the Community Presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Joint Military Task Force has done work in this area and would be helpful to consult with. 	<p>contact the Joint Military Task Force chairs.</p>
<p>The Doorways – Hub & Spoke System (Amy Daniels-Pepin)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Doorways system had a soft launch for the first quarter beginning on 1/1/19. • Amy Daniels-Pepin has been providing consultation and TA to the Doorways since their inception. • The Doorway system consists of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 211 ○ Doorways/On-Call ○ Community Providers • After Hours service provided by Dartmouth Hitchcock. • 211 employees are certified information and referral specialists. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 211 provides connection to emergency services when needed. • Overnight On-Call provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crisis stabilization ○ Screening and immediate needs ○ Connection to emergency services or to their chosen Hub • Community Providers consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Services to address SUD already existing in the community. These are not strictly defined. ○ This created some initial confusion, but the intent of the Doorway is to utilize existing resources in the community. • Doorways provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Screening & crisis stabilization ○ Evaluation & care planning ○ Facilitated referral ○ Continuous recovery monitoring; hopefully weekly check-ins with clients ○ Naloxone purchase and distribution ○ GPRA data collection ends at discharge or a year, whichever comes first. Discharge is decided by the client ○ Needs assessment and service development • The list of “spokes” can change and is not strictly defined; any service can be a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Amy Daniels-Pepin if you would like to be involved in the planning of April’s Doorway Community of Practice meeting. • If you are a provider, you should be in contact with your local Doorway about what you offer and with 211 about services you can offer someone who may not need a Doorway. • The Treatment Task Force will be included in the April Doorway meeting planning and promotion. Please email any input to Stephanie Savard. • “Doorway Update” will become a recurring item on the Treatment Task Force agenda. • Please communicate any Doorways-related feedback to Amy Daniels-Pepin. • Paul Kiernan will find out if BDAS has an updated

	<p>spoke at any given time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referrals are based on client choice. • The Center for Excellence facilitates a Community of Practice for the Doorways. • In April there will be a joint meeting between treatment providers and the Doorways. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This meeting is meant to clarify the role of Doorways in the existing healthcare system. ○ Invitation list for April’s meeting is not finalized. ○ This meeting is meant to be a precursor for eventual meetings that will be region-specific. • Is the VA included as a Doorway? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The VA should be considered a spoke for all Doorways. • Many of the Doorways are run by Hospital systems, not all of which have SUD experience and are therefore not always aware of the existing service systems. The April meeting will help to illuminate the existing services to the Doorways. • Doorways have begun to reach out and establish their networks, but the roll out was on a short timeline, so these are still in progress. • Many of the Doorways are not located within the hospital building. • Members of the Task Force expressed confusion over MOUs and other contracts: what will those look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was an initial miscommunication that to be a spoke, you needed an official document/MOU, but this is not true. The MOUs are meant to assist with referrals and communication, but are not required. Some Doorways are actively creating MOUs with spokes, but these are not to create designated referral lists or to guarantee referrals. • The treatment TF is willing to promote this meeting as a co-sponsor. • Recommended workflows would be helpful for spokes: when to refer to a Doorway vs. Safe Station vs. doing your own assessment etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If you can fill a client’s need immediately, you should. The Doorways should fill an empty gap, not replace services. • Many calls to 211 so far are family members and friends. 	<p>list of DWI evaluation providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are having issues with the Doorways system as providers, please communicate this to BDAS.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does BDAS have a list of approved DWI evaluation providers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, but it is not updated. • There has been some confusion among the Doorways about providing aftercare. • Some spokes have also had problems with incorrect level of care referrals from the Doorways. • Clarification: Doorways do not provide case management. • Do we know how well the Doorways are doing in their respective communities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No, we do not have this information yet, but this will be discussed at the next Doorways meeting. Concord, Manchester, Lebanon have all done lots of outreach. North Country has been touring the area reaching out to providers/other services in every town. • The Anyone Anytime campaign will relaunch in May with information included about the Doorways. So far media presence has been limited so that the Doorways can prepare for the inevitable influx of clients. 	
Governor's Commission Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Savard encourages public attendance at the Governor's Commission meetings. • The Governor's Commission retreat has been cancelled. • There was a presentation from the Department of Rural Development at the last Governor's Commission meeting. • The Governor's Commission also voted to oppose the current Marijuana Bill HB 481. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Savard will invite the DoRD to the next Treatment Task Force meeting.
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jake Berry couldn't attend this meeting. Stephanie Savard read Jake's email of updates. • SB 308: passed the senate unanimously on 3/14/19 • SB 5: immediate \$3,000,000 appropriation to the department of health and human services relative to Medicaid provider rates for mental health and substance misuse. Passed the senate, now under review in the house finance committee. • SB 290: passed senate yesterday and will go to the senate finance committee for further review. • HB 113: hearing 3/20 at 12:15 in LOB 306. About credentialing for MLADC and LICSW. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell your colleagues and organizations to attend the hearings and show support or send a letter of support/call members for bills that are relevant to you. • Stephanie Savard will ask Jake Berry to send more specific information about

		how to reach out/show support for bills (phone numbers, names etc.)
Legislation re: IEA for SUD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The TF needs to do some formal research around implementing Involuntary Emergency Admission for people with Substance Use Disorders before making an official recommendation to the Governor’s Commission. • This should be submitted as a request for Technical Assistance to the Center for Excellence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The lit review should include: all states that have IEA for people with SUD, what the language is, how it operates, entities involved, flow/system required etc. ○ The request will also include identifying experts who can talk to the Task Force. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hannah Lessels will submit the research/lit review as a Technical Assistance request for the Center.
New Business: Review State Plan May Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governor’s Commission State Plan has been formalized. • Hard copies of the state plan were distributed to all present at this meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Center for Excellence will give a presentation about Governor’s Commission state plan at the May Treatment Task Force meeting.
Membership Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dianne Pepin: launched a new website that makes it easier to see what trainings are out there as well as an events list with events from other organizations. • NHADICA has a new staff member Kaylee. Feel free to reach out to her. • Hudson 3/27 Community Advisory Meeting about MAT. All are welcome. • SB 5, there is potential funding for New Horizons to build a safe recovery shelter on their second floor. In the process of acquiring this funding. If this works well, New Horizons will share the model. • 5/9/19 Crisis Treatment Center is opening at 40 Pleasant Street. 24/7 crisis stabilization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please email Susan Latham and let her know if you’d like to attend the Community Advisory Meeting. • Stephanie Savard will provide further updates on the New Horizons Safe Recovery Shelter.

Next Meeting: May 17th, 2019, 9 am -11 am

Call-In Information:

