



OPIOID TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage

**April 11, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome & Introductions
Participants: Jaime Powers, Adriana Lopera, Rekha Sreedhara, Paula Mattis, Leena Joshi, Nicole Rodler, Elizabeth Hughes, Chris Shambarger, Helen Pervanas, Erica Marx, Seddon Savage, Danielle Sakowski, Abbie Shervinskie
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
March Minutes	The March minutes were approved.	
HB 359 – Opioid Safety Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Board of Medicine rules require physicians to identify prescribed opioid medications as an opioid and to provide education at the point of care. • The update to the legislation includes adding a sticker on the top of the cap that would be color coded to match the safety card developed by the task force. The sticker and card color would be changed to orange. There would also be a sticker on the side of the bottle that identifies risk of addiction and overdose. • Rep. Loughman presented an amendment to his bill, with the orange sticker. There were still some objections to the bill. The sponsor was asked to continue to meet with the stakeholders to work on the issues. There is a group of stakeholders working to get a meeting together with Rep. Loughman before the next HHS committee meeting next week. • The Board of Pharmacy remains against the sticker on the cap. • The Opioid Task Force supports use of the card over the cap or the sticker. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Task Force does not support the addition of another colored sticker on the bottle - a white sticker with a black O was suggested for the cap of the prescription. ○ Yellow tends to be a safer color for color blindness – the TF recommends yellow instead of orange for the color of the card. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seddon will update Senator Loughman that the Opioid Task Force supports the insert of the Opioid Safety Card but has mixed support / mostly opposition to the stickers on the bottle. Will mention the white sticker. • Seddon will forward the language that she sends to Rep. Loughman to Kathy Thunberg. • Kathy will share the language of the Opioid Task Force with the stakeholder group that will meet with the bill’s sponsor.
Justice System Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Force members reviewed the draft report and provided verbal edits and suggestions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adelaide and Rekha will share the draft report with presenters and contributors for input. • A word document of the report will be shared with Task Force members to provide edits using Track Changes.



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NH DMI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current projected overdose death number for 2018 is 470 for 2018. The projected number continues to increase but this number would be a 4% decrease from 2017. • Fentanyl, Fentanyl/Cocaine, and Fentanyl/Meth are the top three combinations of cause for drug overdose deaths. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NEHIDTA and NHIAC are going to work with Ashley Greenfield to study these combinations more. This proposal is being submitted – Leena will provide updates. • EMS Narcan administrations per capita are also continuing to drop (Page 6; top left) – the most are happening in Strafford County (per capita). • ED Visits per capita are most prevalent in Strafford and Belknap counties. 	•
Other Business and Sector Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been an uptake in persons traveling to Massachusetts for heroin and an uptick in persons receiving meth in the mail. • There has also been an uptake of Kratom pills being mixed in with other substances. People may choose to utilize this drug for withdrawal. People can get Kratom anywhere because it's not illegal, but there can be heavy metal products in the Kratom. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ketamine is also being seen more. • There is a big push from insurance companies for persons with opioid prescriptions to have naloxone on hand. People seem to be surprised to hear that. • Rekha maintains a list of all prescription drug drop boxes in the state of NH. There are 68 programs throughout the state. Google has contacted Rekha – they want to include prescription drop boxes on Google Maps. They have seven states signed on for the “pilot” but the information is live. They want permission to include the Drop Boxes for NH on Google Maps. It has been approved by the state of NH – Rekha is waiting to hear back from Google. Rekha will continue to provide updates. 	•

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

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