



OPIOID TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage

**May 9, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Welcome & Introductions	Participants: Seddon Savage, Helen Pervanas, Chris Shambarger, Rep. Tom Loughman, Jaqui Baker, Joe Hannon, Rekha Sreedhara, Joe Lindbeck, Amy Slater, Alex Casale, Abbie Shervinski, Adelaide Murray Phone: Andrea Meier, Beth Hughes	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
April Meeting Minutes	The April minutes were approved.	
Justice System Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Report will be taken to the Governor’s Commission on 5/10 to discuss next steps. The intention of the report needs to be clear: everyone in the justice system is working very hard on these issues and this is intended to support efforts that are already underway. 	
HB 359 & Opioid Safety Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bill has been amended. The color of the sticker has changed from red to orange. The language on the sticker will be written into the bill - “Risk of Addiction and Overdose”. There will be a floor vote next Wednesday (5/15) to change the language back from “may” to “shall”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orange sticker on the top says opioid Sticker on the side of the bottle with the warning “Risk of Addiction and Overdose” The Bill will also codify the Opioid Safety Card in the legislation to accompany the sticker, with the responsibility to develop the card lying with the Governor’s Commission. It will also explicitly say in the amendment that the sticker can be removed. The Medical Society has decided to support this bill along with New Futures, NH Nurses Association, etc. The Task Force provided the following suggestions to Rep. Loughman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only one sticker on the cap - a white sticker that says “opioid” or has an orange “O” to match the card Does every opioid need to be labeled? If it is a maintenance medication – does it have to be labeled every time? How will implementation be supported including design of sticker and card, printing, training, data collection, etc.? There is no fiscal note attached to the bill to support implementation. NH DHHS will be responsible for implementation. 	



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<p>Task Force Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force reviewed their three main priorities and discussed the need for harm reduction education across sectors and the need for communication with doctors and health care providers. • The Task Force agreed to prioritize harm reduction as their next focus. The group discussion potential activities on this topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There are barriers to groups developing SSPs – the Task Force will look to inventory the barriers that programs are encountering. ○ Joe Hannon will present the report developed by the legislative study commission at the June meeting. ○ The Task Force will determine the information that would be useful to gather from community partners at the June meeting. • The Task Force will request participation from Dr. Jonathan Ballard, Ashley Greenfield, and Laura Burn at the July meeting to discuss challenges related to SSPs in NH. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force agreed to prioritize harm reduction as their next activities. • Joe Hannon will present the report developed by the legislative study commission at the June meeting. • The Task Force will determine the information that would be useful to gather from community partners at the June meeting. • The Task Force will request participation from Dr. Jonathan Ballard, Ashley Greenfield, and Laura Burn at the July meeting to discuss challenges related to SSPs in NH.
<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twelve members have been named for both the Governor’s Mental Health Workforce Study Commission and the Mental Health and Corrections Study Commission. Press Releases were sent on 5/6. Both commissions will be meeting within the next two weeks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Next Meeting: June 13, 2019 – 9:00AM-10:30AM // Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, 2nd Floor, Bow, NH

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