



# TREATMENT TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

Task Force Chair: *Stephanie Savard*

September 21, 2018

Meeting Notes

**Present:** Sue Thistle, Rekha Sreedhara, Jake Berry, Sarah Freeman, Dianne Pepin, Monica Edgar, Shanna Large, Abbie Shervinskie, Dave Mara, Josh McCabe, Jaime Powers, Abby Shockley, Stephanie Savard, Peter Burke, Alex Casale, Lynn Fuller, Danni Bultemeier

## Integrated Delivery Networks (IDN) Presentation – Abby Shockley

- All IDN regions have mandatory projects statewide; some others have voluntary projects. All regions are at different places in the implementation process.
- **Abby provided an overview of the region's projects and will send a higher level summary of what the regions are doing to Stephanie.**
- The DSRIP project will end in 2020 – DHHS needs to transition 50% of Medicaid payments to an alternative payment structure.
  - DHHS will use the IDNs to inform this roadmap of how to pay for services in an integrated model. This is also highlighted in MCO re-procurement.
- It's not too late for partners to connect with their local IDN.
- The Task Force will explore ways to bridge the work between what the Task Force is working on and what IDNs are doing.

## Governor's Commission Update

- The Governor's Commission received a presentation on the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant. The Task Force may have a mini presentation on what will happen with this money once it is better fleshed out.
- The Strategic Plan had been put on hold, it is now being reconvened with Patrick Tufts.
  - It will be a brief plan, no more than 10 pages with a potential website interface
  - The Plan will be completed in November and will be presented at the December Commission meeting.
  - Task force plans will have greater detail than the public facing document.
  - **At the next Task Force meeting, the group will review the Work Plan and see what is still relevant or what needs to be changed.**
- Additionally, Public Health received 3.3 million dollars to build a data dashboard.

## Membership Updates

- The group needs a representative from private practice.
  - Ray McGarty, Angela Thomas Jones, or Christi Mohan were suggested.
  - **Dianne will reach out to these people to see if they're interested.**
  - Peter Burke volunteered to connect with Donna Lennon who is now in private practice.
  - Selected representative would start attending meetings in January.
- Shanna Large was sent in the place of Marco Thompson. She will attend as a public member in 2018, and may join in January as a member to represent Community Mental Health.
- **The Western part of the state needs representation – let Stephanie know any ideas to represent this seat.**
- New Futures is moving locations. We will continue to use the old space for the November meeting. In 2019, the Task Force meetings will be held at the Community Health Institute.

**Next Meeting:**

**Friday, January 18, 2019 - 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Community Health Institute/JSI 501 South St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr. Bow, NH**

## Other Business

### Membership Updates

- Patrick Tufts and Stephanie will be meeting to discuss the need for a co-chair on the Treatment Task Force. **Please let Stephanie know if you would be interested in serving a one-year term.**
- Sarah Freeman is working on a policy development through BRSS TACS to better align SUD and mental health. She wants to make sure it's not duplicating efforts to increase recovery supports and ancillary services.

### Upcoming Events

- The Perinatal Task Force will hold a summit on the Plan of Safe Care to provide clarity around the legislation and how it will be implemented in the State.
  - The BH Summit will provide an initial introduction to the plan.
  - **Stephanie will forward an electronic Save the Date to the Task Force.**
- The BH Conference is on December 10 and 11
- New Futures Annual meeting is on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Treatment Updates

- Farnum is increasing their Detox beds from 21 to 30 beds.
- AWARE Recovery is working on getting enrolled with Medicaid. They provide in-home mobile treatment in a year long program.
- A new agency called Blueprint does some treatment but also provides recovery housing in Concord. They are reaching out to professionals around the State.
- Families in Transition has moved to the Wilson Street location on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and increased to serve up to 25 people. Referrals are being accepted for women's transitional living.
  - 11 recovery housing units for moms with kids will be opening in October.
- Hope for Recovery NH in Franklin has closed.

### Legislative Updates

- A public hearing will be held next Thursday at noon in Brown Building on new Medicaid Rules.
  - Public written comment may go until October 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Language about paying for interns is included in these rules.
- The LADC Board has updated the 400 rules
  - <https://www.oplc.nh.gov/alcohol-other-drug/documents/alc-400-500.pdf>
  - There were changes to the rules related to supervision
- The LSR first filing period ends today – there is a second one in November.
  - There have been 70 filed so far, none seem very relevant to treatment.

## Task Force Priorities

- The group had a working session related to the Task Force Priorities.
- Alex Casale provided an update on telehealth.
  - Many companies say they're HIPPA compliant, but cannot assure that they are 42 CFR Part 2 compliant.
  - The North Country is going to start using some telehealth with the drug court and is figuring out which insurances will cover this.
  - The committee working on this will work on a standard operating procedure to work with a telehealth company including BAA information and client communications.
    - The National Telehealth Association may have information to inform this.
    - **Josh McCabe can help connect Alex and Sue to the Association.**
  - The VA is using telehealth and is trying to hire a telehealth coordinator. Danni will try to connect this person to Alex and Sue.