



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Keith Howard Co-Chair: Kristine Paquette

July 12, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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Welcome & Introductions	<p>Participants: Keith Howard, Kristine Paquette, Matt Huusko, Lindy Keller, Gayle Lee-Babineau, Carolee Longley, Donna Marston, Michele Merritt, Brian Mooney, Cheryl Pacapelli, Dave Mara, Pam Littlefield, Rachel Eichenbaum, Abbie Shervinskie, Ryan Fowler, Elizabeth Miller, Mitch Yeaton, Gloria Yeaton, Yvonne Meisner, Heather Prebish, Jon Martin, Karen Collins, John Burns, Sarah Johnston, Mary Drew, Andrew West, Adriana Lopera, Melissa Schoemmell</p> <p>Phoned in: Nelson Hayden, Jessica Parnell, Heather Blumenfield</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Review and Approval of June Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion was made, seconded and all approved the minutes as is. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes will be posted on the Center website
New Hampshire Coalition of Recovery Residences (NHCORR) Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristine Paquette provided an overview of NHCORR's work. NHCORR is the NH affiliate of the National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR). 7 houses are in the process of being certified, 3 who will be starting process soon. A volunteer training had been offered earlier this year. Process can be overwhelming for owners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 120 requirements in order to be certified, has been reviewed by State Fire Marshal who is working with Safety Board to get municipal fire chiefs on board. Each house is assigned a technical advisor who visits the home No houses have been completely certified yet Once a house is certified, the house will be listed on the state registry on the BDAS website Value of certification- people can feel confident that a house who is certified is insured, follows a code of ethics, and has gone through a rigorous evaluation NARR has a new package of information for MAT housing. NHCORR is offering a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHCORR.com – can contact through the website if interested. All resources needed to become certified are on the website. Need a lot of volunteers are needed for this certification process, more trainings to come.

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	<p>lot of support for MAT and/or MAR houses so that they can offer opiate replacement medications properly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an ombudsman to collect complaints. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parents filing complaints will be encouraged to have their family members who are residents to file the complaint ○ NHCORR is looking for a community partner to handle accusations of sexual misconduct, trafficking ○ Ombudsman will need to work closely with AG’s office and law enforcement for appropriate cases ○ Decertification would have to be brought to the NHCORR board 	
<p>Recovery Residence List Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindy Keller provided an update on the recovery residence registry. • The registry went to in effect on June 30th • It is a voluntary list, only houses who send BDAS a form requesting to be added are on it. • BDAS has pushed out information about the registry through the Doorways, Recovery Task Force, RCOs, and NHCORR. • The law states that any entity who receives state or federal funding can only refer people to houses on the registry • However, there are currently only 10 houses on the registry. • Law charges DHHS to create this registry but does not allow it to put any requirements in order for a house to become registered <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislation will hopefully be introduced in the following year that would put some requirements in place. • BDAS has put some questions on the registry form based on the NARR standards as a way to make houses aware of certain things they should be thinking about. • Some houses have expressed discomfort with some of these questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Houses are also concerned that by being on the list, local officials may demand extra requirements once they realize they have a house in their community and NIMBY backlash. • While BDAS can’t require certification, they can list whether a house is certified. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List can be available on the RecoveryHub, BDAS website, and the Doorways website. • Some issues with link on RecoveryHub website, Cheryl will reach out to Rob to work on resolving this. • If you know of a good house in your community, please encourage them to join the registry

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While certification is the gold standard, the point isn't to dissuade people from choosing houses because they aren't certified since no house is certified yet. • At the last Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs meeting, \$1.2 million was approved per year for 2 years. Recover housing funding was approved at the level the task force had requested (\$375,000). The Commission designated the funding to NHCORR. Funds will largely be used for an office and staff (including the ombudsman) to coordinate certification efforts and trainings. • The Commission also approved \$100,000 in rental assistance. This money will also go into NHCORR's contract. BDAS is working with NHCORR on contract. • Remainder of funding approved by the Commission is going to RCO development. 	
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michele Merritt gave an update on access to treatments bills • HB 113 - Allows experience as LADACs to count towards licensure for other clinical positions (clinical social worker, clinical mental health counselor , marriage or family therapist) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This bill has been signed by governor • HB 239- Allows a candidate for licensure and supervisor to meet at location convenient for both of them, awaiting Governor's signature. • HB 637 and SB100 are fair chance hiring bills, commonly known as "Ban the Box". Both are before Governor's desk for signature. Hopeful that he will sign. • SB5- Was meant to act as a backstop to address reimbursement in the case of a potential budget veto. Governor vetoed bill. Budget was also vetoed. • SB87- Allows federal funding to be used for syringe service programs. Was signed by the Governor on July 1st • SB236- Upgrades to SUD treatment facilities - in limbo, folded into budget • SB308- Medicaid provider rate enhancements, funding for State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP), criminal background checks, telemedicine- folded into budget • SB272- Mental health parity, codified PARI act into state law- enrolled in senate. No anticipated issues. • Senator Hassan introduced legislation as companion to house legislation that would remove initial barrier for providers to become MAT providers. Makes it as 	

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	<p>easy for clinician to treat a SUD as any other condition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Shaheen’s bill is a comprehensive omnibus piece of legislation. Turn the Tide, would bring over 100 million dollars to the state over ten years. It has built in flexibility and is not exclusive to opioids. It would support work on ACES and ASSERT teams in Manchester. It would also increase the block grant, long term support for SOR, loan repayment for clinicians. 	
<p>Doorway Improvements/Suggestions?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TF members provided shared their experiences with the Doorways so far. • Manchester- RCO works closely with Granite Pathways, the regional Doorway. Their work together has been mostly positive. Question remains as to what happens when people most likely to be in crisis, middle of the night. No services offered after 11 pm. Concerned with how little people in Manchester and Nashua have used Doorways relative to other. • Moms in Recovery in Nashua and Bedford- Have been working to place mother who lives in Keene area and got great response from that area’s Doorway. • North Country- Mixed experience with the Doorway there. Only been successful with Doorway when patients need Suboxone. Patients usually can’t access Vivitrol. Concerning for patients who are afraid they will abuse Suboxone. Have had people come in who would never go to Doorway because of what they’ve heard on the street. Transportation is a huge issue in the area. • Doorway in Concord area is running fairly smoothly. Significant uptake in referrals in spring, lull in the summer. Will be co-located with Riverbend. 	
<p>Other Business/Events/Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverbend is looking to partner with recovery community for Recovery Month • Upcoming events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 31st -10,000 candle vigil on state house lawn in Concord, Nashua, and Manchester. ○ August 31st- White Horse Addiction Center is organizing a fair in Ossipee that will have resource row, all are welcome to set up a table. They will send out more information soon. ○ September 12th- Dash for Recovery, 5k race at the Merrimack Valley Middle School in Penacook. ○ September 14th-Hope Recovery Rally in Dover. • It was suggested that a recovery month section be added to the RecoveryHub website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember to register NH events at www.recovery.gov

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	Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved by all.	
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