



# RECOVERY TASK FORCE

## Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

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

August 9, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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Welcome & Introductions

**Participants:** Kristine Paquette, Brian Mooney, Andrea, Donna Marston, John Martin, Pam Littlefield, Michele Merritt, Andrew West, Cheryle Pacapelli, Jon Martin, Andrea Rancatore, Melissa Schoemmell, Adriana Lopera  
**Phoned in:** Mark Lefebvre, John Burns, Ginger Ross, Joe Lindbeck

### Agenda Item

### Discussion

### Action Steps

Review and Approval of July Meeting Minutes

- Motion was made, seconded and all approved the minutes as is.

- Minutes will be posted on the Center website

NH Healthy Families

- NH Healthy Families is a Medicaid Managed Care Organization-85,000 members.
- Andrea Rancatore came to present about a pilot, launching September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- My Health Pays- Rewards program for patients that engage in healthy behaviors.
- With new contract, found opportunity to expand rewards and relate them to SUD and recovery.
- Health Needs Assessment- members complete this to better inform their care.
- Promoting early intervention and members accessing treatment in their community and sustained recovery.
- Currently doesn't include alcohol and tobacco use for this pilot. TF members emphasized that these are important populations. Healthy Families excluded them because of their volume for the pilot. But they will be included in the full roll out, likely in January. Patients with polysubstance use disorders would qualify as well.
- Would be claims based.
- SUD Services aligned with Medicaid Fee schedule, including peer recovery support. Wouldn't include things like NH Works for Recovery, which doesn't bill Medicaid.

- Andrea will send slides and material to Center team to share with Task Force

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- There are some RCOs that are in a pilot that is billing Medicaid. The goal would be for all RCOs to bill Medicaid
  - Cheryl – RCOs are waiting for State to issue guidelines on how to bill Medicaid versus using funding from state contracts. RCOs have built up capacity and are ready to bill. The percentage of clients who attend RCOs who are part of Medicaid is very small.
  - John Burns pointed out that if RCOs bill Medicaid, they'll have to bill clients with private insurance as well, which could mean co-pays.
- Rewards would be monetary and non-monetary. Monetary rewards are restricted to certain retailers (like Walmart) and to certain items like food, clothing and other household items (no alcohol, tobacco, or firearms). Exploring whether rewards could be used toward dental practices. Medicaid doesn't cover restorative dental benefits apart from extraction.
- NH Healthy Families will share with Doorways, RCOs, and providers
- Members in the pilot would receive a backpack with items like a water bottle, socks, toiletries, etc. as well as information about resources.
  - Michele Merritt suggested adding to backpack information about obtaining Naxolone
  - Cheryl Pacapelli suggested including a flyer for their local RCO and information on supportive housing
- Program is open to patients aged 12 and up, includes pregnant women
- The responsibility of recruiting will fall on the MCO. Providers don't have the capacity.
- It will be challenging considering that people in early recovery tend to not maintain contact with their insurance. Care management services can help with this.
- Concern that there would be a lot of people that wouldn't be captured by these codes.
- However usually providers bill within 30 days of a visit.
- Overall the Task Force supports this initiative and congratulated NH Healthy

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	Families for undertaking this endeavor	
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State legislature is in recess</li> <li>• There's a Healthcare Workforce Task Force who is fighting for an across the board Medicaid rate increase. The Governor isn't opposed to rate increases but wants a targeted focus.</li> <li>• Governor vetoed <a href="#">SB100</a> Fair Chance Hiring bill.</li> <li>• Sen. Hassan's bill that removes barriers to MAT prescribing and Sen. Shaheen's omnibus spending bill on SUD- both are still in early process</li> <li>• Federal legislature is in recess</li> </ul>	
Recovery Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled for September meeting</li> </ul>	
Events for Recovery Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August is Overdose Awareness Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">August 31<sup>st</sup>- Overdose Awareness Rally in Ossipee</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">10,000 candles</a> is launching 6 events around the state on Thursday August 29th 8-9:30 pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Looking for a repository of events for Recovery Month (September) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="#">September 12<sup>th</sup>- STARS Dash for Recovery</a>- 5k, 1 mile walk. Would love to have a Recovery TF team- email Pam if interested</li> <li>○ <a href="#">September 14<sup>th</sup>- 10:30-3:30 SOS Recovery Rally</a></li> <li>○ <a href="#">September 21<sup>st</sup>- Manchester Rally for Recovery-Hope for NH Recovery</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Recoverymonth.org- but people need to post events on it. However, it's not clear whether it's updated regularly</li> <li>• NH Recovery Training Academy posts events as well</li> <li>• Individual events can request proclamations online from Governor's office</li> </ul>	<p>Pam will share a calendar of events</p> <p>Email Pam if interested in signing up for Dash for Recovery</p>
Feedback on Proposal for Advisory Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't want to tokenize people in recovery</li> <li>• Concern that it's not political and that it's truly individuals who want to contribute to this work</li> <li>• Some vetting will be required- make sure don't have stigmatizing views, but on the other hand it would be good to hear from perspectives different from us.</li> <li>• There has to be an education perspective.</li> <li>• Include banking, higher education, and other invested sectors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Center team will summarize feedback to inform future work on this project</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are not reaching people who have access to people on the ground that can report back.</li> <li>• Representatives from AA districts – GSR group, but they typically don't have official opinions.</li> <li>• There is currently lots of duplication in work across the state. Communication between taskforces could be improved, possibly sharing notes from taskforce chairs meetings, having chair responsible to report out about what is happening across taskforces or taskforce members attending other meetings</li> <li>• PHNs have public health advisory councils- but people in it are often have a leadership background.</li> <li>• This feels very like a focus group or an open forum</li> <li>• Pam Littlefield's group organized focus groups by Executive Council District- was very effective</li> <li>• Other TF have requested members from the Recovery TF to attend their meetings and provide input, but that can be a big commitment.</li> </ul>	
Other Business/Events/Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Friday, New Futures is having a goodbye Open House for Aly McKnight at their office from 1-3pm. All are welcome</li> </ul>	
	Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved by all.	

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