



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

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

September 13, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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Welcome & Introductions	<p>Participants: Keith Howard, Kristine Paquette, Lindy Keller, Mark Lefebvre, Donna Marston, Jake Berry, Brian Mooney, Cheryl Pacapelli, Elizabeth Atwood, Polly Morris, Greg Smola, Michelle Lennon, Jess Parnell, Jon Martin, Mitch Yeaton, Ryan Fowler, Jeffrey Stewart, Karen Collins, Melissa Schoemmell, Adriana Lopera</p> <p>Phoned in: Ginger Ross, Heather Blumenfield</p>	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Review and Approval of August 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
Recovery Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NHCORR has 14 certified houses now and 10 houses are in the process of getting their certification. NHCORR is a National Alliance on Recovery Housing Affiliate. Certification is a time consuming but not difficult process. You don't have to own a home to be a NHCORR member. Membership is \$120 a year- the money goes to the certification process including site visits. It was confirmed that NHCORR certified homes are on the BDAS registry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given how few have certified so far, lack of certification on the registry does not necessarily mean a poor quality house. As more houses become certified this will change. The legislation states that BDAS must make referrals to the houses on the registry, regardless of certification. BDAS, NHCORR, and the Fire Commissioner are meeting to look into changing the legislation around the BDAS registry so that it can be better aligned with certification. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If interested in volunteering with NHCORR, please contact Kristine Paquette at kristinepaquette@homesteadinn.org
Recovery Friendly Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ana Thomas of the Manchester Department of Health and Mayor Joyce Craig have requested input on how to make Manchester a recovery friendly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith encourages people to talk to their community leaders about

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	<p>community. Note: that this is not an official designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would make a community a recovery friendly place? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy Organizations • Medical Treatment Services • Re-Entry Services • Harm Reduction Organizations • Prevention Organizations • Recovery Community Organizations/RCOs • Mutual-Aid Organizations • Peer Recovery Services • Recovery/Drug Courts • Collegiate Recovery Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recovery High School (currently there isn't one in NH). ○ All high schools should be recovery informed. • Recovery Informed Institutional Services- For example: a city case worker will understand the importance of recovery and is informed of the resources that are available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 24/7 help is essential- this is possible in larger cities like Nashua, Manchester, Portsmouth, and Dover. The need for help doesn't follow normal office hours. • Additional suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recovery Friendly Workplaces- This can include the city and schools ○ Recovery housing- not sober, because people assume MAT isn't allowed. ○ Respite housing – there is none in Coos County ○ Homeless shelters- there are none in Coos County. Manchester is the only town in the state with year round care. Hope for NH is having the problem of people who don't have a SUD seeking services. Berlin Doorway is having to refer people to Manchester and Nashua. Some of the housing doesn't allow for MAT. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Based on this discussion- homeless services should be listed 	<p>what it would mean to be a Recovery Friendly Community</p>
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	<p>separate from recovery related housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Integration of faith based services. ○ Single point of access in the community- phone number, options on a website, 24/7 ○ Trauma informed service delivery ○ Continuum of Care- is not just disparate pieces, they're all connected ○ Recovery can include behavioral health. Need to be clear about who we're trying to help. ○ Recovery Friendly Zoning ○ Transportation ○ Family specific services- early childhood support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Could pilot the Recovery Friendly Community process with 3-4 towns with guidance from the state. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In Coos County- a community could be defined as made up of several towns. ● It was suggested, after gathering feedback from Manchester, that it would be useful to create a document for towns (regardless of where they are in the state) with recommendations that could be endorsed by the Commission 	
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continuing Resolution expires at the end of September. There are 3 options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pass a budget- cautiously optimistic that this will happen ○ Issue another continuing resolution- this would emerge soon if a deal isn't in place ○ Government shutdown (highly unlikely) ○ Budget includes funding for RCOs and an increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates. ● Legislature is convening next week for veto overrides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB100- Would ban the checkbox on job applications that asks whether a person has been convicted of a crime. There is a push to override the veto. New Futures is working with the ACLU. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If override fails, there is a house bill that could be pushed through in the new legislative session. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB311- Allows towns to create regulations for recovery housing- this was retained from last session over concerns from New Futures and others over constitutionality and the American with Disabilities Act. There was a work session on this on the 12th. Fire Marshall was present and suggested that there be another conversation with DHHS before this is passed. Will meet again on October 3rd. • SB 209- Introduced by Senator Watters. Commission for the construction of a monument for people in recovery- celebrating those who have found recovery. There's a meeting on 9/17 in Room 201 at 11 am. Senator Watters is asking for people to come and testify in support. 	
Governor's Commission Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every year, Task Forces are required to submit an annual report to the Governor's Commission • Tabled at the meeting. Keith will finalize the section of the report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith will finalize Recovery Task Force submission for annual report and share with the Task Force for feedback by Monday September 16th.
Other Business/Events/Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Burns and Keith Howard met with Commissioner Myers around \$600,000 shortfall for RCOs and will be meeting again in 2 weeks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ State is still on continuing resolution which makes securing funding difficult. • <u>Upcoming events:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SOS Rally for Recovery-Saturday, September 14th at Henry Law Park in Dover. Governor Sununu will be attending. Senators Hassan and Shaheen may be in attendance as well. ○ Rally4Recovery NH- Saturday, September 21st, 11am-3pm at Veterans Memorial Park in Manchester. Senator Shaheen will be speaking. ○ Recovery Day 2019- Saturday, September 28th, 12-3 pm at Barnes Park in Claremont ○ Recovery Community Cookout, Saturday, September 28th, 12-4 pm at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you've had difficulties/delays in events being posted please be sure to let SAMHSA know.

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	<p>Revive Recovery Resource Center in Nashua- Catered event, yoga workshop, open house with clinicians, parking is between 7 and 15th Prospect Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Doorway at Granite Pathways- Monday, September 30th, 2-4 pm at 303 Belmont Street in Manchester. Free and confidential Hep C and HIV testing. Results in 30 minutes from the Manchester Health Department○ Girls Night In- Thursday, September 19th, 4-7 pm at Revive Recovery Resource Center in Nashua.○ Sicker than Most Show- Saturday, September 28th, 7:30-10:30 pm at 293 Wilson St., Manchester, Open mic for folks in recovery. Professional musicians stop by and perform.○ New Futures Annual Awards Celebration –Thursday, October 10th, 4:30-6:30 pm at the Grappone Conference Center in Nashua. Suggested donation of \$10. Justin McKinney is the Key Note Speaker.○ Naloxone and Hands Only CPR Training- Various dates at Concord Fire Department, 24 Horseshoe Pond Lane.○ The next Peer Recovery Support Services Community of Practice will be on October 23rd in the Concord area.○ More events are posted on the RecoveryHub.○ Events in NH are not showing up on the SAMHSA website. <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Plymouth Area Recovery Connection- Position open for program director, FT w/ benefits. Looking to hire in October. Can email Cheryl if they are interested or know someone. Funding secured for at least 6 months.● https://recoverttogether.withgoogle.com/ –RCOs will be putting their locations on the maps on the website.● CRSW Support- With funding from the Opioid Grant for Workforce Development, NH Works for Recovery offers tuition support for those earning a CRSW, including training and fees for certification and exams.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ NH Works for Recovery also has an on the job training program, which will pay up to 50% of CRSW salary for up to 6 months at a willing	
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	Motion to adjourn, seconded and approved by all.	

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