



JOINT MILITARY TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs

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Lt. Col Samon

Thursday, June 20th, 2019 – 9:30 AM-11:30 AM
Edward Cross Training Center (Room 216), Riverwood Drive, Pembroke, NH.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome & Introductions (Feb. minutes approved)	Participants: Amy Cook, Ana McKenna, Andrew J. Breuder (MD), Athanasia Triantafyllou, Chris Chant, Christina Neiman, David Ferruolo, Elizabeth Duffy, Gary D'Amour, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Samon, Maj. Mark B. Patterson, Melanie Spears, Richard Castrucci, Staff Sgt. Richard Frost	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
II. Opening items: (All members)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask The Question (ATQ) campaign has been completely updated by Amy Cook. Has also been fully incorporated into Military Culture Training (MCT). 2. Still some contracting hurdles for public-facing website at state-level. 3. First Military Culture Training to public given at beginning of June. Around 20 attendees. Mostly social workers and counselors. 4. Adj. Gen. Mikolaities is interested in hearing from JMTF members about capacity in the community, and how the task force should move forward. Use this knowledge to inform where resources should be allocated around the State. 5. Possible scope for developing a program similar to “Life of an Athlete” > “Life of a Hero”. Military/first responders reaching out to schools. 6. HUMANA letter was co-signed by Patrick Tufts (Governor’s Commission) and has been sent. 7. Center for Excellence has now received funding to provide support/administrative support to GC task forces. 8. Chris Chant (CC) has developed a file system on Google Drive containing JMTF resources and materials for JMTF members to access. 9. CC presented folder contents to JMTF members. 	<p>⇒ CC to send copy of HUMANA letter to Melanie Spears.</p> <p>⇒ CC to send out Google Drive instructions to JMTF members, and to enable access.</p>

<p>III. Military Culture Trainings: (Maj. P, Chris C.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Three more MCTs scheduled between now and October, 2019 (with Amy Cook and Sue Brown (VFR)). 2. Eventually move toward delivering MCTs not just to behavioral health professionals, but to other populations. 3. CC has developed pre- and post- surveys to evaluate the training/presentation. So far, evaluation data have been collected from three MCTs. These data have all been added to a master spreadsheet/dashboard for analysis. These data are all available on the JMTF Google Drive folder. 4. CC presented data and findings from the past three MCTs. 5. First presentation was to CHI (where CC works); this was almost a “test run” for the presentation and also for the surveys. Nevertheless, the data captured were meaningful, because a majority of those from CHI haven’t had much exposure to military culture. 6. The second MCT, by comparison, had attendees who have more of a direct affiliation with the military and/or have served for a considerable time. Therefore, audiences from first two presentations have been quite different. Third presentation had more individuals with a behavioral health background. 7. Questions for pre- and post- surveys were developed quickly for first presentation. It can be acknowledged that these questions, going forward, are by no means fixed; there is definitely room for refinement/enhancement of questions. 8. However, if too many changes are made, sometimes newer data may not be able to be compared with older data. Continuity is lost. 9. Qualitative feedback was also captured in surveys > this has been used to inform changes to actual presentation content. 10. If data show that presentation content can increase awareness of and familiarity with military culture (measured by surveys), these could perhaps inform policy, practice, and civilian outreach efforts. Possible leverage for funding opportunities, too. 11. Evaluation of training required in order to utilize opportunity for continuing education credits. 12. What about schools, colleges, etc.? Survey could be modified to accommodate other populations. 	
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<p>IV. Ask The Question: (Amy Cook)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. More ATQ updates – Amy Cook (AC): Just finished work with Commission for PTSD and TBI in developing a toolkit, which will be available online (AC has Google link). 2. Delves into the “If ‘Yes’, what now?” scenario. Walks an organization through how to deal with military patients. ATQ handouts can be given for relevant patients. “Why are we asking you this question?” “How are we going to use this information?” 3. Also, walking organizations through how to implement ATQ principles, and what to do after the question. Scripts available for people answering phone, case managers, etc., as well as scripts for service members and families themselves. 4. Training with Community Mental Health Center Military Liaisons was successful with positive feedback. 5. Additional regional trainings will be delivered to organizations where ATQ is already in place; will go through entire toolkit, so organizations know how to use it. 6. Will also be trainings for those who aren’t currently “asking the question”. 7. Once website is up-and-running, toolkit will be available there. Additional funding from Commission for new materials and new web address. 8. Waiting for website transfer to be complete. 9. So far, 27 organizations have had access to toolkit. 10. Separately, AC has finished putting together a Military and Veteran Family Handbook > have been developed with school districts, and will be going out to military families via schools in fall. 11. Each school identifying how many families are somehow related to military, and handbooks will be given to those families. 12. If JMTF members want specific content to go in, let AC know so it can be added before it’s finalized. Good opportunity to get information to school professionals, as well as military families. 13. Two versions: one for military families, one for school professionals/teachers. 14. Expected summer transition for website. Older version will be discontinued in the fall. 	
<p>V. Other business: (All members)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maybe give JMTF time prior to next meeting to think about discussed items, as well as ideas for going forward (via e-mail in advance). 2. Dr. Breuder > opportunities for collaborating/communicating with other GC task forces? For example, Prevention Task Force. Chair meetings may provide an opportunity. Any ideas from GC Strategic Plan? 3. Maj. Patterson has been reassigned, will be stepping down from Vice Co-Chair role. Lt. Col. Samon will be taking his place. 	

Next meeting: Thursday, 15th August, 2019 (9:30 AM – 11:30 AM).

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