



PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: *Tim Lena* Co-Chair: *Shannon Bresaw*

August 2, 2019
Meeting Minutes

<p>Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Participants: Tim Lena, Shannon Bresaw, Donna Arias, Sara Bresslin, Marissa Carlson, Celeste Clark, Betsy Houde, Heather Inyart, Katie Kachavos, Melissa Lee, Brittany Little, Bill Luti, Carrie McFadden, Susan McKeown, Laura Milliken, Nicole Rodler, Melissa Schoemmell, Sarah Shanahan, Annika Stanley-Smith Phoned In: Deb Naro</p>	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
<p>Review & Approval of Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed June meeting minutes. Change made to page three, removing the word “considering” from line 3. A motion was made to approve the updated minutes and seconded. 	<p>Updated minutes approved</p>
<p>Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM) NH <i>Deb Naro, Bill Luti, and Celeste Clark, SAM NH Organizing Committee</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deb Naro, Bill Luti, and Celeste Clark provided a presentation on SAM NH, outlining their accomplishments to date and their action plan moving forward. SAM NH’s goal is to show that with a coordinated action plan, marijuana legalization and commercialization is preventable and not certain. They have collaborated with 19 NH Professional Organizations opposed to marijuana legalization and are looking to expand their list of partners. They worked to defeat HB-481 by contributing to Senate Judiciary Committee expert and grass-roots testimony, organizing media coverage, launching Facebook ad campaigns, providing literature to senators, and publishing Senator Giuda’s op-ed. Efforts to legalize marijuana in NH have currently stalled but are likely to return in 2020. Moving forward, SAM NH will track the status of HB-481 and develop a strategy to defeat amendments. They will also use a multi-media strategy to influence “on-the-fence” senators. SAM NH expressed that they require a budget to execute their strategy, with a proposed amount of \$40,000. They are requesting \$25,000 from the Governor’s Commission and are asking for advocacy from the Prevention Task Force. A discussion on the proposed budget and the strategy took place, with SAM NH representatives answering task force members’ questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does the \$5,000 for legislative testimony cover? It covers travel 	<p>Tim Lena will bring the SAM NH funding request to the floor at the next Governor’s Commission meeting.</p>

	<p>expenses like mileage, airfare, and lodging for expert witnesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What efforts could be made to partner with or advertise to hospitals? Testimonials at the first Judiciary Hearing were videotaped and can be utilized in future ad campaigns, which can also be better targeted to specific audiences like nurses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A SAM NH Conference noted in the budget is tentatively scheduled for October 23rd ● SAM NH will work to get NH towns and cities to opt out of selling marijuana by passing ordinances that prevent zoning for marijuana dispensaries. In Massachusetts, 55% of towns have opted out. ● Tim Lena noted that if he receives approval from the Task Force, he can put SAM NH’s request on the floor at the next Governor’s Commission meeting. However, he cannot guarantee that it will be on Governor and Council’s August agenda. Shannon noted that if this is brought forward at the Governor’s Commission meeting, it should be connected to the Prevention Task Force Strategic Plan. ● A motion was made to recommend to the Commission that SAM NH be funded with \$25,000. The motion was seconded and approved. Three members abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest. 	
<p>Proposal for Incorporating Perspectives of Individuals Affected by SUD in the Work of the NH Governor’s Commission on Alcohol and Drugs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Proposal is to have an advisory council composed of individuals who have had their lives impacted by SUD. ● The request is for Task Forces to provide feedback on the proposal, including positive things about the proposal, foreseeable challenges, concerns and other ideas to consider. ● Positives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Low barrier. ○ Provides powerful insight from people with lived experience. ○ Creates an atmosphere where individuals affected by SUD feel comfortable sharing their experiences. ● Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creates an additional time commitment for Task Force Chairs. ○ Could stigmatize individuals with lived experiences as “different” and “sensitive,” and generalize that current Task Force members are not impacted 	<p>Members recommended that a separate council not be created.</p>

	<p>by SUD in their personal lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Might not be necessary for all Task Forces, as some have greater representation of individuals with SUD experience among their members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggestions/Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work to make at least 30% of Task Force members those who identify as having lived experience. ○ Use targeted, traveling learning sessions to get feedback from people with lived experience and hear their stories. ○ Specifically invite individuals with SUD experience to present at and participate in meetings, even if they are not able to serve as full-time members. ○ Incorporate the perspectives of those impacted by SUD into the current meeting structure. ○ Instead of a separate council, other culturally competent options be explored that empower individuals affected by SUD to participate in the Task Forces. ○ Reach out to the Governor’s Youth Advisory Council to incorporate a youth voice on the Prevention Task Force. ○ Open up seats on the Prevention Task Force for people in recovery who want to focus on prevention, and extend special invitations to parents and youth. 	
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Subcommittee Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No subcommittee updates were given. 	
Strategic Planning Retreat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tim provided an overview of strategic plan priorities that were made by the subcommittees. Dollar amounts were attached to each component using estimates collected by some of the subcommittees and adding a buffer amount to each estimate. ● Members discussed holding a stakeholder retreat with funding from NH Charitable Foundation and support from the Community Health Institute late in the summer to expand the details of the funding request. Members decided to have subcommittees continue researching specific priorities and dollar amounts, similar to what the Early Childhood Subcommittee did. ● The Prevention Task Force will submit a Technical Assistance request to the Center for Excellence to develop a template for Prevention Task Force Subcommittees to identify more specific details on resources required and expected outcomes related to the 	Shannon Bresaw will submit a Technical Assistance request to the Center for Excellence.

	<p>Strategic Plan Priorities. The request will also ask that the Center work with each Subcommittee Lead to help in researching, note-taking, formatting materials, and related tasks as needed. The ultimate goal of the request is to better quantify the need for and return on investment of the prevention strategies for future funding opportunities. The requested completion date is September 30, with report outs to be given at the October 4th Task Force meeting.</p>	
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates from the Governor’s Office were given. • Legislative updates tabled until the October meeting when a representative from New Futures will be present. 	
Other Updates/Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raymond Coalition Breakfast is on October 4th. • National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 6th. • The Prevention Community of Practice has had three meetings and is continuing to work with professionals in the field. Two professionals, Beth O’Connell and Julie Yerkes, were added to the planning team. The next meeting is September 11th and on the topic of ACES related to SUD. Information on the Prevention Community of Practice can be found on the Center for Excellence Website. • The Art of Hope show at the Currier Art Gallery starts September 9th and will be from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Mondays. It is a respite night for adults who have loved ones with SUD. Food is provided. • There was discussion around developing a telephone helpline for pregnant women that is oriented around social work-related questions rather than medical. Recommendations were made to connect with Catholic Charities and 211, and to make such a program state-wide. It was also recommended to look at the Help Me Grow Programs in other states to use as a model. • Kelly Untiet will be the new contact for the Bureau of Student Wellness and will be assuming the Task Force role for the organization. • A motion was made to create another seat on the Task Force called Cooperative Extension for Higher Education. Motion was seconded and approved. 	<p>Motion approved to create a seat on the Task Force for Cooperative Extension.</p>
	<p>Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.</p>	<p>Motion approved</p>

Next Meeting: October 4, 2019 9:30AM to 11:30AM at Community Health Institute