



TREATMENT TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Stephanie Savard

May 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes		
Welcome & Introductions	Participants: Stephanie Savard, Amy Daniels, Hannah Lessels, Paul Kiernan, Emily Robbins, Shanna Large, Jake Berry, Peter Burke, Jaime Powers, Stephen Noyes, Danni Bultemier Alex Casale, Susan Latham, Dianne Castrucci On the Phone: Lynn Fuller, Joe Lindbeck, Sue Gordon	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doorways will be on the agenda for the next few meetings. 	
Doorways Check In Amy Daniels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Wednesday, May 15, 2019, the Doorways and various residential treatment providers met for the Community of Practice. • Feedback from this meeting was overall positive. • Members of the task force aided this event: Stephanie Savard and Emily Robbins. • Seven organizations run nine Doorways. • The event was a “speed dating” style sharing of information. • Some providers get clients from all over the state, so they appreciated the opportunity to network with the Doorways they have not met yet. • SOR staff involvement was helpful because they were able to witness the level of connectivity that already exists within the provider system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Providers with new offerings were able to communicate to Doorways and treatment partners. ○ Treatment Providers who had not had a chance to reach out to Doorways yet were able to do it all at once. ○ Doorways and providers were able to discuss ideas for improving their ability to stay in contact with patients after entering treatment. • Doorways are required to have weekly contact with clients and perform GPRA follow-ups. • Is there something that treatment providers can do to have a meeting with the Doorway before a client’s discharge in order to facilitate a warm hand off back to the Doorway? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doorways would be happy to do this. They need to know what types of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy will reach out if there are ways in which the Treatment Task Force can assist with advocacy etc. • If you know of an event where the Doorways can reach out to additional targeted audiences, please notify someone from the Doorways. • Amy will update the group on Doorways’ progress reaching out to targeted audiences. • Granite State News Collaborative is have a forum in Manchester in the next week. • Stephanie and Amy will update the Task Force when the next Doorways

	<p>additional staff would be necessary for this.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It could be possible to connect clients with the Doorways even if they did not enter treatment through the Doorway. Aftercare coordinators could assist with this. ● Are there MOUs between Doorways and treatment providers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is not required, but it is allowed. ○ Some Doorways prefer them as a way to have a written record of the referral process. Some prefer to network in other ways. ● This event was all providers, not contracted providers only. ● Are the Doorways going to do additional events to educate the public? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, there are none scheduled/planned yet, but there will be events. ○ There will also be a massive marketing/PR campaign involving additional forums. This has been put on hold for now. ○ The Doorways are working on next steps for continuing to develop referral partnerships. This involves the entire spectrum of recovery/treatment services. ● Will there be targeted events for people who may disagree or be skeptical? Some populations interact with people in recovery or treatment (law enforcement, corrections, general community, general medical community etc.) who have different mentalities and are perhaps distrustful of the Doorways. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a Doorways panel at the Emergency Preparedness Conference in order to reach out to new populations. ● Is there a particular person to reach out to at each Doorway? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anyone at the Doorway will know what direction to point you in; you can even call 211 to be connected. 	<p>event is.</p>
<p>Governor's Commission Update</p> <p>Stephanie Savard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There was a \$250,000 proposed cut to the Recovery Centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mostly because of the incentive for the Recovery Centers to bill for all their services. ○ Task Force members expressed that there is a mismatch between the commission's idea that the centers can be sustained through billing and the actual services that they offer which qualify as billable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stephanie will provide updates about the Recovery Center funding at the next meeting. ● The next Governor's Commission meeting is

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This issue has been tabled. ○ There will be a presentation at the next meeting to educate the commission about what the Recovery Centers look like across the state. 	Friday, June 21 st at 9:30
<p>Legislative Update</p> <p>Jake Berry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SB 5 Medicaid Provider Rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$3,000,000 appropriation to the department of health and human services for Medicaid provider rates for mental health and substance use disorder and emergency shelter and stabilization services. ○ Passed house and Senate. Will reach the Governor’s desk soon. ○ This funding will be retroactive. ○ Medicaid appropriates the funds. ● SB 308 Healthcare Workforce Bill <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 9 different provisions to boost workforce across the healthcare sector ○ Boost Medicaid rates 12% over two years. ○ Passed unanimously in the Senate. Then tabled. ○ There has been a media campaign and rallies, etc. ○ Includes requiring the state to create an automated system for background checks with a 48 hours turnaround time. ● HB 113 Licensure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Allows experience as a master licensed alcohol and drug counselor to qualify as experience for licensure as a clinical social worker or clinical mental health counselor. ○ Passed unanimously in the House. Will be on the Senate floor by next Thursday. This includes the acknowledgement of MSWs. ● HB 239 Supervision Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relative to requirements for supervision for licensure of certain mental health and drug counselors. ○ The bill originally cut in half the required supervision hours. Now it says that the hours must be held in a location that is convenient for the supervisor and supervisee. Also includes electronic supervision. ● Marijuana <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Unanimously voted to retain the bill in the Senate Judiciary Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Providers should reach out to the Senate Finance Committee about SB 308. ● Jake Berry will send the list of Senate Finance Committee members to the Task Force. ● Stephanie will ask Patrick and the GC about the Treatment Task Force sending a letter of support for SB 308. ● Jake Berry will distribute the brochure from New Futures about SB 290. ● Alex Casale will send out the specialty treatment court exemption template.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This will reach the Senate Floor next week and will likely be moved to the next legislative year. ● SB 290 Adjustments to the Medicaid work requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exemption for people with children: child’s age raised to 13. ○ Includes time spent on homework, travel etc. for students. ○ SUD treatment for MAT, not at ASAM level 2.1 ○ New Futures created a brochure about this bill. ○ There is a lawsuit pending in federal court regarding the work requirements. ○ Involvement in specialty treatment court can be an exemption. 	
<p>State Plan Presentation</p> <p>Amy Daniels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Save the date: Dr. David Mee-Lee will be in NH presenting on ASAM for two days: July 10th and 11th. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ July 10th will be for a broader audience with the goal of helping everyone understand the system of care and examples of different criteria and motivational interviewing session, July 11th will be ASAM specific for clinicians. Best practices for implementation of ASAM criteria. ○ There will be separate invitations for days one and two. ● Next Military culture training June 12th for three hours. ● May 21st training for Governance, Professionalism and Ethics in Portsmouth by Lucy Hodder. ● Eight-week online course for CRSW. ● The governor’s Commission has created a new three-year strategic plan. The governor and chair specifically requested that the plan be concise. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All Task Forces submitted recommendations for strategies to be included in the plan. ○ Every strategy aligns with the Guiding Principles on page 7. Page 6 outlines the objectives of the plan. The plan intentionally does not include “SUD” in order to make sure that the plan is understandable to laypeople. ○ Overdose and death rates due to alcohol and other drug use are tracked by the state. ○ This plan was intended to address the Opioid Crisis, but also addresses other substances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Save the Date/registration for ASAM event will be disseminated soon ● State plan review/work plan development will be on the agenda for July’s meeting. ● CHI will develop a document with the strategy items that apply to the Treatment Task Force.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recommendations from the task forces were adopted almost universally. ○ Treatment strategies are on page 9. ○ Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review the Treatment strategies ▪ Create a work plan for these strategies. ○ This will replace the previous work plan. 	
<p>IEA Research Update</p> <p>Paul Kiernan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Governor’s Commission has tasked the Task Forces with making a recommendation on IEA for SUD in NH. Paul Kiernan has been conducting research on this topic. ● Utah just passed Involuntary Civil Commitment. ● The only two states that are frequently using it and gathering data are Massachusetts and Florida. ● Other states may have this, but some just include SUD as part of their definition of Mental Health. Many of these additional states do not use it often. ● Some states only include alcohol or drugs. ● Some of the statutes are very old. ● Proposed legislation (SB 220 FN from 2017) for NH is very different from other states that have it. Only includes OUD and commits people to the state psychiatric hospital. ● MA goes first to any accredited Treatment Center, when those are full; they are housed in a corrections facility (Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center MASAC). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is no mandate to use evidence-based practices in MA. ● Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Write up the lit review ○ Treatment Task Force will read and discuss the lit review. ○ The Task Force will decide on a recommendation for the Governor’s Commission. ○ The Task Force will attempt to speak with a stakeholder in MA or FL. ● NH currently allows IEA for mental health and explicitly excludes SUD. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NH frequently uses this for mental health. ● The Task Force should be looking first at the efficacy and outcome data of the policy. If we decide to recommend this, we need to look at the best practices for implementation. ● The lit review will also include a review of obstacles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If Task Force members have contacts in MA or FL, please connect them with Paul Kiernan. ● We will attempt to speak with a stakeholder at the TF meeting in July. ● Paul will present a written summary in July’s meeting.

Treatment Task Force Work Plan Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be on the agenda for July. 	
Membership Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Care and Community can do a presentation in September. Danni will see if they have other outreach events that Task force members can attend in the meantime. • Rural development will also be on the agenda for September. • Riverbend is conducting a Hepatitis A vaccination clinic. DHHS will conduct a clinic if you ask. • Danni distributed brochures to Task Force members for the VA services for the LGBTQ veteran community. 	

Next Meeting:
Call-In Information: