



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

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

October 11, 2019

Meeting Minutes

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Welcome & Introductions	<p>Participants: Keith Howard, Kristine Paquette, Lindy Keller, Carolee Longley, Michele Merritt, Brian Mooney, Cheryle Pacapelli, Mitch Yeaton, Ryan Fowler, Linda Sacco, Greg Smola, Ginger Ross, James Sheldon, Adriana Lopera, Melissa Schoemmell</p> <p>Phoned in: Pam Littlefield, John Burns, Whitney Brown</p>	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Review and Approval of September Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion was made, seconded and all approved the minutes as is. • Recovery Housing- any houses that are certified are indicated as such on the list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes will be posted on the Center website
Taskforce Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add Zoom invite to enable others to attend • May want to consider adding a representative from law enforcement • Member specific discussion tabled for November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith will send out membership list to group, people interested in becoming voting members should let him know
Recovery Friendly Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last month, the city of Manchester had asked for guidance on what would make a recovery friendly community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is no official designation • This is a continuation of last task force meeting's discussion • Harm Reduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needle exchange ○ Broad free access to naloxone and making sure there's free access in certain industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Makin It Happen has been encouraging businesses to have naloxone next to their defibrillator so that it starts getting seen just as another life saving device. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pam will send a meeting invite to the whole taskforce contact list, those who are interested in joining the subcommittee can reply.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concern among businesses is that they wouldn't be covered by Good Samaritan laws. This is an education issue. ▪ Educating public as well. ○ Multiple MAT providers and low barrier access to them ○ Language that harm reduction is a legitimate pathway to recovery ○ Space for those actively using substances to have a voice in decisions that affect them • Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Municipalities have the power to conduct a city wide "ban the box", the box on job applications that indicates a felony charge. • Judicial/Law Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has viable alternatives to criminalization (for example: LEAD in Strafford County) ○ Law enforcement that is educated on addressing people with addiction and interacts collaboratively with the recovery community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Something similar to the mental health "first aid" trainings many police departments are undergoing. ▪ Trauma informed training. ○ Community policing-getting police officers out on the streets, walking and interacting with the community. • Suggestion that a subcommittee be formed around this topic. Pam has volunteered to chair. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ginger, Brian, Ryan, Keith, and a representative from the Center for Excellence will also be on the subcommittee. ○ Recovery Ready Community guide maybe helpful as a guideline: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nhl95TRzYdpYQ9lIQ1qTVUk1WnQJHl2Y/view 	
Misconduct Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ginger collected all of the reporting misconduct protocols across various licensing departments into a single document. The document is for both the general public and people working in the recovery community. • If anyone has concerns about misconduct, they can email BDAS, regardless of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheryl will follow up with CRSW licensing board about inserting the ethical guidelines in

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	<p>BDAS funding/license or not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern about sharing misconduct allegation with colleagues that may be unfounded-would it spread rumors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For social workers, they are required to approach the colleague who they believe to be impaired to clarify and offer assistance. ○ This requirement doesn't exist for LADCs and CRSWs. • Each Recovery Center has a system for reporting grievances. • Criminal misconduct should be reported to the police. • May want to include a list of what could be considered misconduct/ethical guidelines • For CRSW- they check a box but the actual ethical guidelines aren't listed. • Question of whether you can report on behalf of someone else. • Suggestion that a subcommittee of the task force, chaired by Ginger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kristine, Cheryl, and Carolee have volunteered to join subcommittee. Lindy will participate as able. • Once finalized, this should be posted in recovery focused spaces. Could be included in the intake packet. 	<p>the application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ginger will convene the subcommittee and they will report back at the next meeting.
<p>Other Business/Events/Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACLU has created voter information brochures for those who have been formerly incarcerated or in the process of being charged with a felony to combat the misconception that they aren't eligible to vote. • Free advocacy training with New Futures on October 29th for those who want to understand more on how to engage with the legislative process. Can register on New Futures website • Filing deadlines for legislation are approaching. If there's something you'd like to see potentially get addressed through legislation this year, please contact Jake Berry. • Across the board Medicaid increase and specific increase for SUD providers, Recovery funding is also included • Recovery Housing Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If interested in getting the ACLU voting education materials for your organization, email Michele Merritt directly. • If you know of any recovery houses that could be candidates for certification, please contact Kristine.

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	<p>5 houses in final stages of certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Linda Sacco from Kaden Health came to the meeting, Kaden Health is a NY based organization expanding to NH.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Kaden networks with licensed providers in the community to provide the medication and offers them a virtual platform for support.○ Kaden Health requires people to be in virtual group therapy which can improve access and allows people anonymity.○ Is contracted with Anthem, but also provides free group therapy to 50 individuals in NH○ Has a platform that allows virtual MAT (but not currently available in NH)○ Has NY based online navigators that can assist clients with barriers to care.○ Next steps for Kaden Health would be to meet with BDAS to make sure there is alignment with existing initiatives in the state.• October 23rd, 10-12, PRSS Community of Practice at the NH Hospital Association. The topic is Part 2: On Self Care. Both for front line staff and at the organizational level.• Wednesday November 6th- Center for Excellence 10th Anniversary Celebration.• Facilitating Organization is welcoming 2 new recovery centers- Plymouth Recovery Area Connection (PARC) in Plymouth and Reality Check in Jaffrey• Peer emergency services are now available 24/7 in the northern part of Carroll County, will soon expand to the entire county.• Mitch Yeaton interviewed in the Washington Post on 9/30 about the Purdue lawsuit.• Berlin State Prison conducted CRSW training for inmates and its first formerly incarcerated member is now volunteering at a recovery center.	
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