



# RECOVERY TASK FORCE

## Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

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

March 13, 2020

Meeting

Minutes

ZOOM OPTION: <https://jsi.zoom.us/j/926720035>

Call-in Number: 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 926 720 035

Welcome & Introductions	<b>Participants:</b> Elizabeth Miller, Keith Howard, Whitney Brown, Polly Morris, Eva Shepherd, Ginger Ross, John Burns, Carolee Longlee, Kristine Paquette, Jon Martin, Lindy Keller, Cheryle Pacapelli, Brian Mooney, Melissa Silvey, Natacha Davis, Jake Berry, Pam Littlefield, Laina Reavis, Michelle Leclerc, Ryan Fowler,, Kim Bock, H. Grant, Dawna Aiello, Kila Naradovy, Rene Brooks, Mitch Yeaton, Kila Shepard, Nicole O'Brien, Jess Parnell	
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>
Approval February Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add Carolee Longley and Mitch Yeaton to list of attendees.</li> <li>• In the business, announcements there looked like there were two lines there that were not complete. Watch for any RFPs coming out to be added. The bullet point beneath that has an incomplete sentence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Lindy moves to approve the minutes with the revisions mentioned. Elizabeth seconds, and the motion is approved unanimously.</li> <li>•The CHI team will post minutes on the Task Force webpage</li> </ul>
Investment Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$350,000 was awarded to support recovery organizations.</li> <li>• The capitol area was mentioned as being a particular place of interest for Recovery organizations. Rene is holding focus groups, and based off of community meetings there has been support and interest in moving forward with a recovery center. They are looking for a facilitator for these focus groups.</li> <li>• It's important to note that the investment recommendation does not specify the Concord area. There will still be an application process to receive funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

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NHCORR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New office space and locations 2 ½ Beacon Street, Concord. There are two new certified homes, and there are nine homes in the process of being certified. There has been a lot of interest from the community, and the public seems to be more aware about what NHCORR is.</li><li>• A marketing team has come in to ensure that even more people understand what NHCORR is.</li><li>• NHCORR is hoping to have certified housing in Coos and Grafton counties.</li><li>• The scholarship program was released on March 1, and they hope to roll out 26 scholarships per month for four months for rent assistance.</li><li>• They hope to award scholarships by public health networks and are trying to spread that money as evenly as possible across the state. This scholarship is for people in recovery who are going into or living in an NHCORR certified house. NHCORR is also collecting information on where they grew up, went to high school, and where their parents reside to assign them a public health region.</li><li>• The scholarship is for 1 months' rent up to \$750 per individual</li><li>• Application can be found on the <a href="#">NHCORR website</a>. It works out to be about 26 scholarships per month for this fiscal year and then 13 scholarships per month for the next fiscal year.</li><li>• Question: Is this for recovery housing for men and women?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Yes.</li></ul></li><li>• Are there women only housing options that have been certified? Sober sisters in Somersworth has been certified, and there are three more female only houses being certified. There are women only houses in Nashua as well run by Rise Above</li><li>• Question: Is this just rental assistance, or can they use this scholarship for businesses or clothing?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- This is just rental assistance.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
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<p>CRSWS in Emergency Departments Subcommittee Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would be good to have recovery coaches in ER in hospitals through the state. The goal for the committee was to look at standardized qualifications and procedures to roll this out. They are exploring through RCOs throughout the state. SOS, Navigating Recovery and Whitehorse are currently doing this so the subcommittee is reaching out to them for data, procedures, and guides.</li> <li>• This information will go out to the subcommittee for review to look for best practices and form a recommendation understanding that each hospital will have different regulations and standards.</li> <li>• Members are looking at trainings in Vermont and other states to review existing programs.</li> <li>• Eva Shepard from Reality Check: We have an on-call program with Monadnock and would love to help out the subcommittee. Eva will email Mitch to get in touch on this.</li> <li>• The subcommittee’s next meeting will be forthcoming, and Mitch will reach out to participants with news.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please reach out to Mitch if you have any information to share about the use of recovery coaches in the ED</li> </ul>
<p>Legislative Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">HB253</a>: Fair chance-hiring bill, prohibits employers from asking about criminal history. There was a version that was vetoed, and this new version is amended and will only apply to public employers. This bill has passed the House and will be moving onto the Senate soon.</li> <li>• Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and telemedicine bills, one in the House and one in the Senate. The bills clarify that MAT may be administered through telehealth for people coming in through the Doorways, and waives the first time in person meeting requirement for veterans health care facilities, the Doorways, emergency departments, and the Department of Corrections.</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB1623</a> Passed the house this week.</li> <li>• <a href="#">SB647</a> passed the senate in February, and scheduled public hearing at 2:30 on Tuesday.</li> <li>• <a href="#">HB1667</a> Study Committee to explore provisional driver’s license for</li> </ul>	

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	<p>participants of drug court. It is under review from the justice system committee it is now a study committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">HB 311</a> was retained from last session, and was amended to create a statewide regulation that doesn't vary by community and will give the state's Fire Marshall the authority to issue variances to any house that is on the registry.</li> <li>• <a href="#">SB 633</a>: The intent was to strengthen the state regulation program. During public hearing, there was strong pushback from folks in Manchester. The bill has proposed that it be a voluntary regulation system, but members of Manchester community want it to be a mandatory registration. The committee will be continuing this discussion.</li> <li>• <a href="#">SB600</a>: This bill would require all county jails to administer MAT to all medically appropriate inmates. It has passed by a voice vote. There have been questions about the financial impact, it has been estimated that it will cost counties about \$5 million dollars. It was referred to the senate finance committee. It may just be waived and moved on to the House of Representatives.</li> <li>• <a href="#">SB 745</a>: Allow state drug court coordinate to use state funding to create family drug courts at the district level. This bill is still under consideration through the senate judiciary committee.</li> </ul>	
<p>New Business/Events/ Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hope for Recovery CoVID- 19 preparation: Hope has moved to utilizing Zoom meetings with their meetings and are talking with their 12 step groups and offering them the Zoom platform to offer meetings. There are recovery pathways national meetings available, but Hope feels it is very important to stay in touch with local meetings. Hope will be offering telephone recovery support with an opt in program for folks. Next Wednesday, Keith will pitch a new sick leave policy to ensure that part time employees will not feel obligated to come in while sick.</li> <li>• SOS Recovery: Similarly, they will be moving to virtual meetings. The All-Recovery meeting will be a mix of virtual and in-person to ensure access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ginger will contact Patricia Reeve to find out more about Nashua and Manchester</li> <li>• Ginger will share CDC resources, and CHI team will pass them along to the rest of the group.</li> <li>• Polly will share DOJ BJA opportunity with CHI</li> </ul>

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	<p>to folks who cannot get online and who may have privacy concerns. Goodwin has gone into an emergency operating procedure, so there will be screening of all individuals entering the center. They are also cleaning all computers, phones, and work areas hourly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ginger Ross: In the rooms.com will host any type of meeting from 6AM to midnight, so if meetings can be met using Zoom they can utilize this platform.</li><li>• Does every place have a response or plan to respond? Yes.</li><li>• Carolee: We are working with people to stay calm, and to use common sense procedures. Providers have stepped into groups to answer their questions and relieve anxiety and reinforce procedures.</li><li>• Are there any protocols in place for the Doorways? It is unclear, but since all Doorways are operating out of hospitals, so it can be assumed that they are following those hospital protocols. The Manchester and Nashua transfers to hospitals went through this week, so they are unsure of the process at those locations.</li><li>• Ginger Ross also recommended checking out the printable CDC guidelines for organizations</li><li>• BDASRFPs<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ There is a posted opportunity for recovery houses to apply for capital improvements to meet certification standards or expand number of beds.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Available to both treatment houses and recovery houses.</li><li>▪ Go to <a href="http://dhhs.nh.gov">dhhs.nh.gov</a> and click on vendor tab to find RFP.</li></ul></li><li>○ There will be an RFP for the Peer Recovery Support FO in the coming weeks.</li><li>○ BDAS will be hiring a new position that will be a recovery specialist that can be found on the DHHS website under jobs. That should be posted by next week.</li></ul></li><li>• SOS Recovery: They will be postponing the recovery conference, and it</li></ul>	<p>team to share with Task Force.</p>
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	<p>will most likely be in October.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Polly mentioned a grant opportunity on DOJ BJA website.</li><li>• Motion to adjourn, Mitch. Jake seconded. Unanimous decision</li></ul>	
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