



OPIOID TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage

April 9, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions	<p>Participants: Seddon Savage, Rekha Sreedhara, Adriana Lopera, Jessie Daigneault, Eliza Zarka, Jeffrey Stewart, Steve Kelly, Ken Bradley, Nicole Rodler, Bridget Aliaga, Ryan Fowler, Kiera Latham, Thomas Donovan, Joe Hannon, Gail Parker, Helen Pervanas, James Boffetti, Matthew McKinney, Jaime Powers, Rob Reynolds, Stacey Lazzar, Elizabeth Sargent, Alex Casale, Kate Frey</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task force members shared their organizations' experiences and how they are managing during this time of COVID-19. • Helen Pervanas shared that the MCPHS University / NH Board of Pharmacy have been busy accommodating to the pandemic. • Rob Reynolds with Deterra System is listening in to see how NH has been managing. • Steve Kelly with Better Life Partners says they have been busy adapting. • Rekha Sreedhara with CHI shared they have added a webpage for resources related to COVID and SUD. CHI is also working with task forces and clients to modify agendas as needed. • Bridget Aliaga with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center shared they have been focusing on their SUD team. • Eliza Zarka with Office of Governor Sununu has been attending meetings and working with MAT providers. • Jaime Powers with BDAS shared their work has been focused on COVID-19 and what has been working well. • Joe Hannon with the NH Harm Reduction Coalition shared they have been focusing on instituting policies, working virtually, and have been collaborating with the Strafford County Public Health Coalition and Incident Command System. • Kate Frey with New Futures shared they have been helping at the policy level. • Ken Bradley with HIDTA shared they have been on conference calls looking at drug supply chains. • Kiera Latham with HIDTA also shared their partners are still collecting and sharing data. COVID-19 has not affected their ability to collect data. • Matt McKenney with Hypertherm shared they have adjusted through implementing safety measures, health screenings, participating in remote work when possible, and face shields. • Nicole Rodler with the Juvenile Diversion programs shared they have been able to manage seeing clients virtually. Court sessions have been cancelled for most cases and can still do entry 	



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	<p>level cases. Police staff are on an on-call basis for safety reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Fowler with HIV/HCV Resource Center in Lebanon and The Claremont Exchange shared they have had to slow down services, however are still consulting with local programs. • Stacey Lazzar with City of Manchester Health Department shared they have been busy setting up alternative care sites, with a focus on outbreak sites, to ensure they have enough personal protective equipment. • Jeffrey Stewart with Concord Fire Department and Project First shared there have been different protocols for tracking data through the 911 system. Project First is still seeing patients while implementing more precautions. They have been working with the homeless population in Concord through the Incident Command System. • Elizabeth Sargent with the Sheehan Phinney Capitol Group, shared they have been representing NH Funeral Directors, NH Penal System, and Pharmacy Board. • Seddon Savage shared she has been working with public health, ECHO groups and developing resources with CHI. • Alex Casale with the state Drug Court shared most court cases except emergency cases have been postponed. Federal Drug Courts have been operating via remote sessions. All treatment providers have moved to telehealth services, with the exception of providing drug testing. Some providers have been sending drug testing kits to their patients and having them record their testing. 	
<p>Review February Meeting Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeffrey Stewart made a motion to approve the February minutes, Helen Pervanas seconded. Motion carries to accept them as written. 	<p>CHI will post minutes on the task force webpage.</p>
<p>2020 Membership List</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task force members reviewed the membership list and made the following changes: • Matt McKenney from Hyperthem and the Governor’s Commission will represent the business community. • Ryan Fowler will represent HIV HCV Resource Center in Lebanon and The Claremont Exchange. • Stacey Lazzar will represent the City of Manchester Health Department. • Kiera Latham will represent HIDTA. • Ken Bradley will represent NHIAC. • Jeffrey Stewart made a motion and Helen Pervanas seconded to approve the membership list. There were no objections or further discussion. Changes made to the membership list have been accepted. 	<p>CHI will update the membership list and post on task force webpage.</p>
<p>Drug Monitoring Initiative Deep Dive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiera Latham presented the NH DMI report for December 2019. These reports will be issued monthly moving forward and had been slower due to COVID-19. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These reports reflect where patients reside, the location of where the drugs were used, and the states where treatment was provided. • Finalized overdose death data should be completed by July. Data has been trending down by a 13% decrease in 2019, for patients between the ages of 30-39. • Incidents of methamphetamine/fentanyl contributory deaths have increased from previous years. • For EMS naloxone administrated data, EMS is currently updating their system and 2019 data is currently unavailable. Data will not be received until EMS finishes their updates. • Strafford County had a major peak in overdose deaths in December, in comparison to previous months. • Individuals ages 30-39 have had the highest opioid related emergency department visits, with Sullivan County having the most during the month of December. • Methamphetamine treatment admissions significantly increased by 50% from November to December. • Ken Bradley shared that the Claremont region had an incident with bath salts usage and overdose. It is not certain if this incident is related to an increasing trend and HIDTA will continue to monitor. • Strafford County had the highest opioid treatment admissions for December. • For anyone who is interested in accessing the raw data, a link has been included in the DMI report on the top right hand corner of the document. 	
<p>Government's Commission Investment Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion was held among the task force to determine if any further steps will be taken on how the \$400K allocated investment recommendations should be spent. • Task Force agreed to leave currently allocated recommendation funds as is. 	
<p>COVID-19 Survey</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A survey regarding COVID-19 is anticipated to go out to different providers and communities in order to track trends throughout the state. Providers and communities will have a week to complete these surveys. • Task Force members agreed this survey will be helpful to determine how COVID-19 is affecting the SUD community and drug supply chain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ However, there was a suggestion to wait a week or two since there's no evidence yet that supply has dropped. • Discussed clients have been hesitant around social distancing and to provide education for COVID-19. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiera and Seddon will discuss how to analyze survey data.



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Task Force Justice Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The most recent justice report was submitted June 2019.• The justice report will be updated and discussed during the next meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ken will share if any updates are available during the next meeting
Other Business & Sector Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joe Hannon shared that HB 1256 has been tabled.• Task Force acknowledged New Futures for their work on legislative updates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CHI will check in regarding the Opioid Safety Card, which will be one of the first agenda items during the next meeting.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2020 – 9:00AM-10:30AM // Community Health Institute (Virtual Meeting Only)

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