



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

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Meeting

Minutes

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Welcome & Introductions	Participants: Keith Howard, Kim Bock, Laina Reavis, Sam Wiege , Jeffrey Stewart, Kristine Paquette, Whitney Brown, Cheryle Pacapelli, Elizabeth Miller, Mitch Yeaton, Carolee Longley, Brian Mooney, Pam Littlefield, John Burns, Michele Merritt, Donna Marston, Jon Martin, Jess Parnell, Dawna Aiello, Natacha Davis, Rene Brooks , Lindy Keller, Joe Harding, Michelle LeClerc	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Approval of April Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit to page 5- need to correct acronym for Payroll Protection Program. Should be PPP. Motion to accept the minutes as amended from Mitch Yeaton, Donna Marston seconded. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CHI team will post the amended and approved minutes on the TF website
Task Force Check- In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NH Hope for Recovery: Offices are currently closed, looking into hybrid meetings with some people in person and others attending remotely. Requested personal protective equipment (PPE) from the state. Still need a washer and dryer. Hope for Recovery is starting outdoor “guerilla” ALL recovery meetings all over Manchester. White Horse Recovery: Their organization is already open, and they are waiting for ordered masks to be ready for pick-up. They have also ordered UV wands and UV air purifying systems. They are emptying out their thrift store area to convert it to one large meeting room, so that they are able to seat 10 chairs with 6-foot distance. Job Launch: They have space for about 10 people to meet with social distancing. She will also be looking into UV lighting and air filtration. Project FIRST: They are still operating as usual and working on their grant. Harbor Homes PPE has been ordered and there are plans to be back in the office before June 1. They are just trying to support RCOs with their 	

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	<p>reopening plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverbend Mental Health Center: They are providing face-to-face and online assessments to help people continue to get assistance. Their new CEO is starting next Monday (5/11) • NH Works for Recovery: Their offices are closed, but they are holding meetings via phone. • Groups Recover Together: Was able to pivot switch to telehealth and continue to offer MAT. • SOS Recovery: All centers are closed until June 1. In order to reopen, they'd need further guidance as well as PPE. • Makin' it Happen: They will keep their offices closed for May, but are all still working remotely. Meetings are still happening as a combination of online and in-person. • BDAS: They are working hard to try to get answers around funding contracts that are bring held up. • Family support: No support groups are able to meet in their facilities, so they are holding remote meetings. Donna and Renee are working on opening a RCO in Concord and looking to do focus groups in June. • Revive Recovery: Revive is closed for the public, but are working on plans to reopen. They are still live with the ACES Response Team. Jess was able to pick up PPE for the Nashua location. She will be picking up more PPE for their Derry location. Revive needs to come up with a plan for cleaning and sanitation. • New Futures: All working remotely and trying to meet needs of the fields they support including recovery and SUD providers. Looking to hear from the field where the gaps remain. 	
NHCORR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Wednesday a round table is conducted to check in with the houses. Thursday evenings a staff support group takes place virtually. • There are now 22 certified houses with 10 in process. Kim has been doing these certifications remotely through virtual walkthroughs. These homes are receiving temporary certifications until they can be in-person. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle LeClerc at Rise Above has had some positive COVID-19 cases. They had someone test negative, but they were tested again and were positive. They are operating as if their negative tests are positive. Fifty-six people were tested, and five were positive. Michelle is working with the state to determine whether to re-test everyone. NH does not have instant test sites, so results take 3-days. Only one person has symptoms. House managers are the only ones who have contact with these individuals. There have not been any other house-wide tests. 	
Subcommittee Report – CRSW’s in ED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This subcommittee was put together to develop recommendations around placing Certified Recovery Support Workers (CRSWs) in emergency departments. Over the last 4 weeks, they pulled data from four RCOs. They reviewed their reports for structure and set-up, then content. The report was distributed to the committee for edits and additions. They are planning to meet in a couple of weeks and are hoping to add hospital representatives for review of the report. They are in four hospitals: Wentworth Douglass Hospital, Memorial Hospital, Lakes Region General Hospital, and Cheshire Medical Center. Once the report is edited, they will present it to the task force for approval before submitting it to the Governor’s Commission for approval. They have determined that CRSWs do not need to just work in the emergency departments, but can be implemented in any area of the hospital. 	
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legislature is still not convened. However, remote work will begin in the next few weeks. They will convene for plans on social distancing. The Senate is going to use the House Chamber and have the senators sit in designated seats for social distancing. The House will not be able to meet at this location due to their size. They are looking at a location owned by the National Guard. When they do meet, there will be rule modification to meet remotely. They will most likely table bills until the pandemic is over. They will make a list of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michele will share the questionnaire used by the stakeholder group.

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	<p>bills to vote on that are significant to government operations and importance, New Futures is working to make sure recovery bills are considered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor’s Office for Economic Response and Recovery is comprised of two sub groups. One is called LAB and is comprised primarily of legislators and the second group is comprised of stakeholders. LAB was convened to assist in appropriating money from the federal government. The stakeholder group is still in the information gathering stage. There is a questionnaire given to stakeholders to collect information on community needs and where fund allocation needs to go. Michele can share this questionnaire. • New Futures has engaged Helms and Company to do a survey for SUD providers and the field as a whole to be completed by the CEO/CFO of each organization to assess the economic impact of SUD, whether not PPP loans were received, and to determine a specific amount of funding needed. TF members may receive emails about the survey. New Futures is asking that not everyone complete the survey, because it is really directed at those who have deep financial knowledge of their organization. • Contract for RCOs ends June 30, so they will be experiencing a gap in funding. May need a separate survey for them. 	
<p>New Business/Events/ Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adriana mentioned that CHI has been doing a four part series on MAT during COVID-19. Monday 5/11 12:05-12:55 session will cover harm reduction. • Mitch Yeaton motioned to adjourn, Carolee Longlee seconded, unanimous. 	