



# RECOVERY TASK FORCE

## Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

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

August 14,  
2020 Meeting  
Minutes

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

Call-in Number: 1-646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 926 720 035 Meeting Password: 482613

Welcome & Introductions	<p><b>Participants:</b>  <b>Members:</b> Keith Howard, Kristine Paquette, Mitch Yeaton, Cheryl Pacapelli, Jess Parnell, Lindy Keller, Donna Marston, Carolee Longley, Brian Mooney  <b>Members of the Public:</b> Melissa Schoemmell, Victoria Babcock, Joe Lindbeck, Daniel Andrus, Kim Bock, Laina Reavis, Bradford Volz, Michelle Murch, John Burns, Julie Moulton, Polly Morris, Mark LeFebvre</p>	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Approval of July Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to accept the minutes as written by Carolee Longley, Mitch Yeaton seconded, approved unanimously.</li> </ul>	CHI will post the minutes.
Reopening Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>White Horse Recovery:</b> All locations are open and things are going well. Guests/clients have expressed concerns about COVID-19. To address this, staff have testing done. RCOs are starting to see people return.</li> <li>• <b>Homestead:</b> Open with single room only. Meetings are starting to open up and there are 7-8 live meetings and residents are excited to begin joining them.</li> <li>• <b>NHCORR:</b> Video walkthroughs are still be conducted and live walkthroughs have begun with assurance that there are no symptoms present in the homes.</li> <li>• <b>Groups Recover Together:</b> Open to staff without underlying health issues only. Telehealth has been great.</li> <li>• <b>Revive Recovery Center:</b> Open to a limited capacity. Outdoor meetings have high rates of attendance and participants are doing really well following policies and procedures.</li> <li>• <b>Drug courts</b> held virtually. Rockingham and Hillsborough County south are</li> </ul>	Lindy Keller will be sending Victoria Babcock the program coordinator position from the Department of Justice.

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	<p>still receiving peer support. They are working to rebuild an existing space to provide a recovery center.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>NH Works for Recovery:</b> Open but building is closed. Clients are being enrolled and there has been success with on the job training programs, virtually and in person. They received a one year no cost extension.</li><li>• <b>Families Sharing without Shame:</b> All virtual meetings, with little resistance to this format. Donna has been meeting with families one-on-one.</li><li>• <b>Addiction Recovery Center of NH:</b> Following safety guidelines. There are two AA meetings going on currently, one-on-one and group.</li><li>• <b>PRSS Community Grant:</b> Assisting RCOs with accreditation and assisting centers with their transportation grants.</li><li>• <b>Makin' it Happen:</b> Recovery meetings are virtual. AA groups are starting to get creative with where they are meeting. SUD collaborative in Manchester is still virtual. They are also working on recovery friendly workplace initiative to try to make workplaces in Manchester inclusive.</li><li>• <b>Triangle Club:</b> Open since June and are back up to 46 meetings per week. The meetings remain small and morning meetings remain outside. People are very respectful of the rules and want to be there.</li><li>• <b>SOS Recovery:</b> All of their centers are open, and they are in phase 2 of reopening. Only 10 people allowed inside at a time. SOS will be adding commercial filters to assist airflow. Traffic has been slow and there are two recovery meetings a day. There are 2-10 people coming to alt recovery meetings. They are looking into getting their van going to assist in transportation.</li><li>• <b>Foundation for Healthy Communities:</b> Expanding from 10 projects to 19 projects.</li><li>• <b>Harbor Care:</b> No updates for reopening.</li><li>• <b>Hope for NH Recovery:</b> Reopened in June. A Majority of their work is taking place outside of the office. They are doing outdoor all recovery meetings. They average between 30-50 folks coming to meetings, and do not have the space for more than 50 inside of their building.</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Navigating Recovery:</b> Open for fulltime peer support. They are using virtual meetings for participants who want to do face-to-face meetings. They are doing parenting journey in recovery via zoom, they are open 9-5 Monday-Saturday and are seeing people in person for on-call.</li> <li>• <b>BDAS:</b></li> <li>• The <a href="#">Recovery Hub</a> website expired on August 3. The state is working on this and hoping to get it back in service as soon as possible. Working to update the <a href="#">recovery resource guide</a>.</li> <li>• BDAS has an MOU with the department of Justice who will be developing a community-housing program for people who are coming out of a state prison or in drug court. These funds are to ensure that these people have an appropriate and suitable place to live. A <a href="#">program coordinator position</a> is available and they are hiring now- this position is for someone in recovery.</li> <li>• The RFP for the Family Support Services has been cancelled as shown on the <a href="#">DHHS website</a>. You can check that website for updates.</li> <li>• Annette Escalante has resigned her position as the director of BDAS; her last day is September 3. There is not an interim plan for a new director yet. It should not create any major differences.</li> </ul>	
NHCORR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On August 19, there will be an MAT and MAR training for homes to accept residents who are using MAT/MAR services. They are looking to do another training for the public. They will share a link once they have decided on a date.</li> <li>• Hoping to expand their housing/rental extension program. They have given out ~\$84,000 in rental assistance during COVID. They have been awarded two grants. Their grant from NH Housing Finance Authority allows the assistance program to branch through the summer. There is anticipation for the need to surge as the weather changes. The second grant has come through the non-profit section of the CARES act; this is to provide housing for people who have become unemployed due to COVID. They are using this for their housing residents as their unemployment surged due to COVID.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have had three houses close and are hoping that these grants allow other houses to remain open.</li> </ul>	
Subcommittee Report- CRSW's in ED and Hospital Settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The subcommittee has put together a recommendation and has met with representatives from Concord hospital</li> <li>• Mitch reviewed the recommendations</li> </ul>	
Brainstorming Speakers and Presentations for Future Recovery Task Force Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">Governor's Commission action plan</a> was referenced during this discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following ideas were discussed:</li> <li>• Funding requests from the Governor's Commission. October is the next opportunity for task forces to request funding from the Governor's Commission.</li> <li>• Female respite beds</li> <li>• Recovery housing gaps and housing programs for women with children who are older</li> <li>• Detox programs</li> <li>• Transitional housing</li> <li>• Federal funding focus toward opioid misuse, but there is a need to address/treat the person and not the substance. Alcohol is underfunded.</li> <li>• NHCORR can put together data on certified recovery houses. NHCORR does not keep a record of what is required for each house because they are very different, but they can give an overview.</li> <li>• Gender specific needs for women in recovery.</li> <li>• SUD in older adults</li> </ul>	<p>Keith Howard and Kim Bock will meet to discuss gaps in recovery housing.</p> <p>Funding requests will be added to the September agenda</p>
New Business/Events/Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SOR Funding- applications have gone in for next years' funding. There has also been an application for extending SOR 1 funding. SOR 1 funding ends at the end of September, and the expectation is that there will not be any announcements until that time.</li> <li>• Sober Softball sign-ups are ongoing. The games will start Sept. 5.</li> <li>• There will be a corn hole tournament in Greely Park in Nashua on Sept 6.</li> <li>• Mitch Yeaton motioned to adjourn, Cheryle Pacapelli seconded. Motion approved.</li> </ul>	