



HEALTHCARE TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Co-Chairs: Seddon Savage and Lindy Keller

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Participants

Members: Seddon Savage, Lindy Keller, Molly Rossignol, Peter Mason, Krystal Sieradzki, Susan Latham, Jake Berry, Julie Hazell-Felch, Public: Jessie Daigneault, Anna Ghosh, Kerran Vigroux, Ann Branen, Kieto Mahaniah, Dan Andrus, Carol Furlong, Peter Ames, Kristine Stoddard, Jenny O'Higgins, Kate Frey, Polly Morris

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Welcome and Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task Force members and public members provided brief introductions. 	
Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan Latham made a motion to accept the minutes. Julie Hazell-Felch seconded. No one opposed and everyone was in favor. Motion carried to accept the minutes as written. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JSI will post the minutes.
Update – Foundation for Healthy Communities OUD Treatment in EDs and Inpatient settings <i>Peter Ames</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foundation for Healthy Communities had established an OUD treatment project with two tiers: to establish MAT and create referral systems. The scope of work focused on receiving systemic support, supporting culture change within the healthcare systems, and a focus on continuity of care. Foundation received an additional \$500K from the Governor's Commission for their projects to invest in inpatient settings. In fall of 2019, the Foundation submitted an application with the FORE Foundation to focus on 3 areas for opioid response: 1. Inpatient settings 2. Rural healthcare settings and 3. Use of a patient centered co-designed process to develop implementation in those settings. The Foundation used the process to design interventions, tailored from those with lived experiences. The project had been delayed for six months due to COVID-19. Four partner hospitals were identified in advance. In response to a question about the relationship to the IDN, Peter Ames shared at this time, the Foundation is not certain how to best align that work but will find opportunities along the way. Molly Rossignol suggested focusing on care coordination for patients needing follow-up services (i.e. having case managers providing services). The project is a year long, including six months of preparation. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to a question of why the hospitals were chosen through an internal process, Peter Ames explained that due to the short time to implement the work (1 year), the Foundation for Healthy Communities chose to work with systems with a state of readiness, an interest for implementing treatment, and a track record for success. • Anyone who would like further information can contact Peter Ames or Dan Andrus. • Findings will be disseminated. Tanya Lord is the PI and can be invited to speak to this task force. 	
<p>Discussions –</p> <p>1) <i>Funding priorities for Governor's Commission 2nd round funding October</i></p> <p>2) <i>How to address rising alcohol use</i></p> <p>3) <i>Telehealth recommendation re: initial visit</i></p>	<p>Governor's Commission second round of funding in October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force reviewed the top priorities for the past 3 years, from 2017-2020: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incorporate SBIRT into high yield practice settings. 2. Include SUD treatment, including MAT and referral to psychosocial treatment areas. 3. Develop and launch a campaign to end stigma. 4. Expand on harm reduction. • Molly Rossignol suggested having more workforce support in areas of care coordination in the setting of addiction medicine. This may include training to increase understanding of addiction among staff who are interested in helping • Suggestion of nurse or physician training in hospital based care • Kristine Stoddard suggested expanding beyond hospitals to other organizations with SUD treatment services. • The loan repayment program for behavioral health providers and others in training who cannot bill for services is not confirmed for renewal. • The Task Force discussed advocating to have the billing code returned to ensure Bachelor's level support services are reimbursable. • Jake Berry advised there will be a 3.1% increase in Medicaid rates starting in January. • Alcohol public messaging in ER and primary care might be another funding opportunity. <p>Summary: The Task Force discussed the following for funding request for the next three years:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Care coordination around SUD training in inpatient and outpatient settings. 2. Supplementing the loan repayment program if CARE funds do not come through. 3. Alcohol messaging and awareness of using SBIRT. 4. Sustaining the work of the IDNs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Task Force also discussed recommended strategies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define the prevalence of alcohol use and use of SBIRT in different settings and associated costs. 2. Raise awareness of MAT, and legal exemptions permitting buprenorphine prescribing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Ghosh will follow up with Christin D'Ovidio at JSI for more information regarding the Binge Free 603 initiative. • Anna will follow up with JSI staff members to see if there is data to track who is using SBIRT. Peter Ames will follow up with the Foundation staff. <p>Summary documents to develop for funding recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Frey and Seddon Savage will develop a summary for alcohol use and SBIRT • Jake Berry and Kristine Stoddard will develop a summary for the loan repayment program. • Molly Rossignol and Ann Branen will develop a summary for care coordination and funding for inpatient and outpatient settings.

	<p>without a waiver.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Identify waived and experienced clinicians to provide support for MAT. 4. Provide strategic support for practice change, for the initiation of medication and engagement with psychosocial services. <p>Alcohol messaging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS has received a high volume of calls with individuals with alcohol misuse. • A discussion was held on current public messaging campaigns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At the national level, the CDC has a bulletin on the rise of using alcohol during COVID-19. 2. At the state level, BDAS prevention unit has had social media campaign called Binge Free 603, which focuses on changing of norms (focus on ages 18-25). The campaign has also explored a focus on millennials, middle age and older adults; through social media channels with a “sober curious” campaign; but not sure how long this will be funded. 3. AAA also has a campaign to assess one’s own drinking behavior, to access a need for change. • New Futures is concerned about the temporary order allowing beer, wine and cocktails to-go. New Futures will focus on advocating for regulatory changes and educating people on available resources to evaluate for behavior change. • The Task Force will make a decision on priority areas to recommend Governor’s Commission funding during the next meeting. <p>Telehealth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred to September’s meeting. 	
Legislative & Policy Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Other news and sector updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday August 31st is International Overdose Awareness Day. • Susan Latham shared that September is National Recovery Month celebrating SUD/mental health treatment and recovery. SAMHSA and DHHS promote toolkits for Recovery Month events that providers and others can access to educate, increase awareness and offer educational materials and resources. • Molly announced 3 MCOs are hosting a symposium on September 21, 23rd and 25th. The event is free to attend, however, you need to be a Medicaid provider in order to participate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Molly will send out MCO symposium registration information to the Task Force.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2020, 9am-10:30am (Virtual Only)

Zoom Information: <https://jsi.zoom.us/j/130590059?pwd=eGs2ZmZFNEpvS0ZorR3FDUVFBUIId4UT09>

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