



OPIOID TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage

July 9, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions
Participants: Seddon Savage, Adriana Lopera, Jessie Daigneault, Nick Mercuri, Joseph Harding, Kiera Latham, Paula Holigan, Jaime Powers, Mark Cioffi, Kerran Vigroux, Joe Lindbeck, Eliza Zarka, Chris Shambarger, Michaela Hedberg, Lauren Chambers, Jeffrey Stewart, Nicole Rodler, Ryan Fowler, Stacey Lazzar, Elizabeth Duffy, Alex Casale

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Review June Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeffrey Stewart made a motion to accept the minutes. Nicole Rodler seconded. No one opposed and there was no further discussion. Motion carries to accept the minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHI will post the minutes.
Drug Monitoring Initiative Update - <i>Kiera Latham</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kiera Latham presented the Drug Monitoring Initiative report for May. There were no new trends in the data for the month of May. As of June 17th, there were 128 drug overdose deaths. HIDTA is predicting there will be more overdose deaths in the upcoming months, in comparison to last year. The greatest overdose deaths were for ages 30-39, with Strafford and Carroll counties having the highest death rates. EMS naloxone administration has shown stable numbers for 2020 and has been lower in comparison to previous years. Public naloxone administration has increased. Opioid related ED visits have increased by 60% from April to May. The rates of opioid use visits by month have been highly variable throughout the year 2020. This trend may be due to COVID-19. Treatment admissions have declined. Heroin and fentanyl are the primary substances individuals seek treatment for. As of July 1st Nashua's Safe Station is no longer open. Manchester's Safe Station remains open. The DMI report does not include alcohol misuse, unless it is contributory to deaths in combination with another substance. Overdose death data is provided by the NH Medical Examiner's Office. From the Dartmouth COVID-19 survey, alcohol usage has increased as a coping mechanism during the pandemic. Cannabis use may also increase as a coping mechanism. Nicole Rodler shared Strafford County overdose deaths have peaked while ED visits decreased. Jeffrey Stewart shared that Concord is 2.5 times ahead with overdose incidences for 2020, with a significant increase in stimulant overdoses. Project FIRST currently does not have enough data to determine if these trends are due to COVID-19. 	
Discussion of PDMP and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Harding presented for the Bureau of Program Quality (BPQ) data. 	



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<p>BPQ Data –Joe Harding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NH DHHS substance use disorder measures include clinically appropriate services, initiation, engagement, retention, continuity of medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), use of prescription opioids at high dosage in persons without cancer, concurrent use of prescription opioids and benzodiazepines, prescription opioids from multiple prescribers, prescription opioids from multiple pharmacies, and prescription opioids from multiple prescribers and pharmacies. • People engaging in opioid services have stayed constant throughout 2017 and 2018. • Retention in SUD treatment rates are lower, with higher rates among patients with NH Healthy Families, compared to individuals with Wellsense. This is 2018 data so Amerihealth Caritas members aren't reflected in the data. • Use of opioids at high doses trend has decreased, with Wellsense having a higher rate than NH Healthy Families. Use of opioids from multiple providers and multiple pharmacies had a significant difference between NH Healthy Families than Wellsense. • More information on the NH Medicaid Quality data can be found here. • The NH Crisis Dashboard has not yet been published. This website will provide a link to The Doorway, key data metrics from various sources, and an explanation of those metrics. • At this time, the data does not analyze sexual orientation, gender identity, and other social determinants of health. • BPQ is working to include additional data sets. Their current data sources include the Division of Public Health Automated Hospital Emergency Department Data (AHEDD), Comprehensive Health Care Information System, the Division of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), Medicaid MMIS, Premium Assistance Program (PAP), and NH Division of Vital Records Administration. • The dashboard will be released to the public as soon as possible. • PDMP Data Discussion: Mark Cioffi with PDMP shared the data is not available to the general public. However, researchers at the aggregated level can request this data. 	
<p>Legislative Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
<p>Other Business & Sector Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicole Rodler suggested inviting the Treatment Task Force for a brief discussion regarding their research for Involuntary Civil Commitment during an upcoming Opioid Task Force meeting. • Project FIRST will be hosting their first aid and hands only CPR classes starting the end of July. The statewide full year report is currently in review and will be published soon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jessie will discuss with the Treatment Task Force to speak at an upcoming Opioid Task Force meeting.

Next Meeting: August 13, 2020 – 9:00AM-10:30AM // Community Health Institute; Meeting ID: 601-328-716; Password: 394029

Zoom Information: <https://jsi.zoom.us/j/601328716?pwd=ZmlTaVVJVkdhWTxb2FsQWNnVFBxZz09>