



PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Intervention, Treatment & Recovery

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Prevention Task Force June 1, 2018

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By-Phone: Traci Fowler

Minutes from April 6, were approved.

Governor's Commission Re-Organization Summary

- In the past few months, Annette Escalante had been serving as the Governor's Commission Chair.
 - However, there have been concerns in serving as a dual role as the Executive Director of BDAS and Chair of the Governor's Commission.
 - The commission members decided that it is crucial to have a chair who is a neutral party to facilitate the Governor's Commission group.
- Governor Sununu recommended Patrick Tufts, the CEO of Granite United Way to serve as the new chair.
 - Members approved the new chair during the last Governor's Commission meeting.
 - Patrick Tufts will be serving the role as a Prevention Professional.
 - He is familiar, strong advocate of prevention work done in Granite United Way.
- Since the commission requires only one organization to be represented among commission members.
 - Shannon Bresaw has officially resigned as the Prevention Member of Governor's Commission.
 - She will continue serving as the Prevention Task Force Co-Chair.
- There was discussion on improving the current selection process of Governor's Commission chair and/or members. This may involve some of the following suggestions:
 - The commission members need to identify the roles of the Governor's Commission Chair.
 - There needs to be a better process to consult public comment for new suggestions of the chair.
 - Aly McKnight suggested that it remains important to utilize the public comment period as members of the task force to ensure prevention task force is represented.
- Marty Boldin formally resigned as the Governor's Advisor on Behavioral Health.
 - The position is currently vacant.
- Judge Gordon, a strong prevention advocate, announced in the last meeting that he will be retiring.
 - Betsy Houde recommended we reach out to Judge Gordon to serve as the prevention member seat if available.
 - *Shannon will reach out to Judge Gordon for any interest in serving in that capacity.*
 - Shannon will also reach out to Patrick Tufts regarding the process.

State Plan Process- Katy Shea

- The Center staff presented the draft of the state plan to the governor's commission members. These strategies were approved by the commission members.
- The task force members convened to provide input on the plan and the center received and incorporated feedback.
- Additional input from commission members was gathered through Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) in the past month.
- The draft of the plan is expected to be done during the 3rd week of June.
 - The plan will be reviewed by the Commission during the meeting on June 22, 2018.
 - The center staff will incorporate all comments by the due date on June 30, 2018.

Legislative Update- Aly McKnight

- Aly McKnight mentioned that we are coming to the end of the legislative session.
- Some wins in this year include: Medicaid Expansion and Marijuana Commercialization bill were shot down.
- If you are interested in learning more about specific bills related to Medicaid expansion related to workforce requirements and reimbursement period:
 - The public comment period has been extended to June 29.
 - *Aly will reach out to Sarah Freeman to provide bullet points to the prevention task force members.*
- The Marijuana Study Committee is currently still working. The public comment will be held in the fall.
- New Futures has hired an intern from Carsey School of Public Policy to research on local ordinances and will be producing a toolkit in regards to marijuana legalization.
 - It was mentioned that Jane Skantze, Monadnock SMP, has vast experience in local ordinances. She has experience with this work in tobacco from working with Cheshire Coalition for Tobacco Free Communities.
 - She submitted 9 ordinances for tobacco.
 - If a community invested in substance misuse, like Raymond, do the pre-emptive ordinances. They raise public awareness, and bring it to the legislature that the town has bought into this.
 - It was suggested that Jane Skantze could do a webinar.
 - Aly McKnight will connect Gretchen to the task force members to do interviews and focus groups.
 - Betsy Houde inquired regarding ordinances in Colorado. However, Aly noted that:
 - Colorado has towns never opted in.
 - 70% of towns do not allow Marijuana to be sold in commercial dispensaries
 - Unfortunately, the towns with marijuana commercial dispensaries are predominantly located in lower income communities and communities of color.
- In regards to therapeutic cannabis, the department is seeking additional public comment on administrative rule He-C 402 Therapeutic Cannabis Program- Alternative Treatment Centers.
 - The deadline for submitting written comment is Tuesday, June 19.
 - *Traci will send out a link to Tim and Shannon so they can forward it around.*

- During the Juvenile Court Diversion Annual meeting, James Vara indicated the first offense for adults found with up to ¾ of an ounce, is \$100. However, there seems to be no tracking to the license.
 - Betsy will provide the meeting minutes to Aly McKnight.
 - Aly will connect with Kate Frey to discuss on the marijuana law.
 - It was mentioned that this may vary for children (individuals under 18) since they are arrested for marijuana possession.
 - The recommendation was to either: reach out to law enforcement rep or chief's police association.
- There have been some concerns with marijuana decriminalization in which there is no one final solution but this may include: - local ordinances, education with our coalitions, talk to local police departments.
 - What we do in our communities right now matter. We are all laying a message on the foundation. Discuss messaging on talking with recovery: marijuana use
- The Edventi program, backed up by Rotary International will be doing a training with Rotary International orgs in Massachusetts to hold community forums on marijuana legalization impact on communities.
 - Tim suggested that Coalitions need to consider partnering with Rotary International.
 - *Tim will send out additional info to the rest of the team.*

Work Group Updates

A. Systems Sub-Committee

- There was no group meeting held.

B. Early Childhood Sub-Committee

- There was no group meeting held.
- Spark NH is working on primary prevention.
- *Laura Milliken will share the pregnancy and opioids publication with the Tim and Shannon to send it around.*

C. Children and Youth Sub-Committee

- The sub-committee met on May 8.
- During the meeting, they discussed through recommendations compiled on the prevention task force. The team included estimated costs.
- Susan McKeown that many young children have parents diagnosed with SUD, without counseling and behavioral interests.
 - There was a brief discussion regarding ramping the ACERT Team to strengthen the law enforcement communication with social workers.
 - The schools can now bill Medicaid but this has not yet been initiated.
 - Teachers and staff will need significant training to understand how to bill Medicaid.
 - Anni mentioned that Kim Haley in her region who advocates for educational opportunities to spread awareness of the SAP may be interested.
 - Medicaid expansion can now incorporate screening and intervention, addiction.
- The team identified three core strategies:
 - Strategy 1: Create a multi-tiered system for behavioral health and wellness.
 - Strategy 2: Increase the reach of juvenile diversion
 - Strategy 3: Coordinating and strengthening of the NH Youth Leadership Program.
- *Traci will share the identified action items and strategies discussed during the team.*

D. Emerging and Young Adult Sub-Committee

- The sub-committee has not met since January but the next meeting is scheduled for June 6 from 1:30 at New Futures.
- Aly mentioned the sub-committee needs representation from males and young adults in recovery.
- It was suggested that Phil Sletten (Medicaid) and Zach (prevention specialist from UNH) may be potential candidates. The sub-committee can also invite someone from liquor commission.

E. Adults Sub-Committee and Older Adult Sub-Committee

- There has not been a meeting held for these two committees.

Office of the Governor

- This will be tabled since there is no representative from the Office of the Governor today.

Partnership for Drug Free NH (PDFNH)

- Partnership for Drug Free NH (PDFNH) recently launched the Recovery Hub Website: www.nhrecoveryhub.org
- If you are interested in submitting feedback, please connect with Kat Howland, , khowland@drugfreenh.org
- It was discussed that there is a need to make improvements to the 211 website. It is a one-stop hub that needs to be user-friendly, however, the resources may be limited.
- It was suggested to tag recovery hub in the 211 directory.

Frameworks

- *Tim will re-send the Frameworks Document*

Juvenile Court Diversion

- The annual meeting was held in May.
- The SBIRT grant will be renewed in the coming year.
- There is more work to be done in Peterborough and Jaffrey area.
- The Manchester location is currently finishing the pilot phase. The hope is to get accreditation soon.

Life of an Athlete

- During the end of the year, there have been 15 policy discussions.
- LOA has identified that vaping remains one of the biggest issues that is coming up in the schools. LOA wants to incorporate this in the policy.
 - PDFNH is working on messages on vaping.
- Printing a new coach book and new work book
- Currently working on a nutrition workbook
- Collaborating with PDFNH to incorporate messages in the Leadership workbook-
- Submitted a proposal to present at the DOE conference in Plymouth in August.

NHADACA

- SMART Colorado: Effective Messaging on Marijuana will be held on June 13, 2018.
- Substance Exposed Infants Training: June 16, 2018 Substance Exposed Infants Training.

See you next time!

Next meeting: **Friday, August 3 2018, 9:30am – 11:30am**
at **Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, Bow, NH.**