



OPIOID TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

September 10, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions	<p>Members present: Seddon Savage, , Lauren Chambers, Kathy Bizzaro-Thunberg, Ryan Fowler, Jeffrey Stewart, Helen Pervanas, Stacy Lazzar, Joe Hannon, Matt McKenney, Eliza Zarka, Alex Casale, Jaime Powers, Kiera Latham, Nicole Rodler</p> <p>Members not present: Elizabeth Duffy, Ken Bradley, Judge Tina Nadeau, James Potter, , Denise Roy, Chris Shambarger, Kate Frey</p> <p>Public participants: Naomi Greenwood, Sandy Khem, Mark Cioffi, Jerry Krahn, Mon Saelee, Sara Cleveland, Kristen Breton, Paula Holigan, Joseph Harding, Michaela Hedberg, Lynne Sullivan, Burhan Kakal</p> <p>JSI/CHI Staff : Adriana Lopera, Anna Laurence, Victoria Babcock, Paul Kiernan</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
Review July Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes as published, Matt McKenney seconded. Roll call vote to approve, 10 yes. Kathy Bizarro, Matt McKenney, Helen Pervanas, and Joe Hannon abstained, as they were not in attendance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHI will count the number of votes to see if the minutes can be approved after the meeting. • CHI will post the minutes on the webpage.
Drug Monitoring Initiative Update - <i>Kiera Latham</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of August 18, there were 200 confirmed overdose deaths and 57 cases pending toxicology. • Strafford County has had the most overdose deaths with Coos County following behind for this year. • Alex Casale asked what ETOH stood for; Kiera confirmed that it stood for alcohol. There may be an error with ETOH and fentanyl as ethanol and fentanyl are also listed on the chart on page 4 of the report. Kiera will confer with the state coroner's office to confirm/correct this. • EMS Narcan increased 24% from June to July 2020; Coos County had the highest rate for EMS administration. This is strictly EMS and does not include administration from laypeople. • Opioid related ED visits: 2020 has different collection criteria than other years so it is not compared to other years. There was a 35% increase from June to July in opioid related ED visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiera Latham will confer with the state coroner's office to confirm/correct ETOH and fentanyl data in report



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan Fowler mentioned that the increase in ED visits might be related to cutting agents (levamisole) in the fentanyl supply. • Seddon Savage mentioned adding alcohol and cannabis to the treatment admissions. The alcohol misuse and harm has been on the rise with COVID-19. Seddon worried that by not including these that it may give the message that only illicit drugs are a priority. • Joe Harding mentioned that this data is based on state funded treatment programs. • Jeff Stewart would like to see data around medically assisted treatment. This would give a good idea of treatment gaps and target areas/populations. • Joe Hannon had a question around the data by county- The Strafford County overdoses seemed to happen in clusters and believes that breaking this data down may show that these are from bad supplies. Looking at this data can inform messaging options to alert people about overdose risks. • Kiera Latham mentioned that there are limitations on the location data that can be shared due to privacy concerns. Public safety and public health can access location related data to identify overdose clusters. 	
<p>Presentation on Involuntary Commitment and Discussion – <i>Paul Kiernan</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governor’s Commission approached the Treatment Task Force to look into ICC laws. This began with a literature review that compared New Hampshire to other New England states as well as other states who implement ICC laws. • The section 35 commission report from MA was reviewed to assess statistics, issues, and data from MA’s law. • Paul Kiernan provided an overview on ICC implementation and measures taken to review implementation in New Hampshire. • Seddon Savage asked if there were four or five themes that came across (risk/benefits) in the research into ICC. Paul mentioned that a main theme was systemic issues around mental health, rights of patients, the idea that folks are being housed against their will who don’t meet the standard for imminent danger, families had a lot to say about their experiences/struggles of helping loved ones. • Alex Casale found there were problems with whether or not this actually works, and found that there was no follow-up on treatment/recovery due to confidentiality. • Seddon asked for clarification around people who are being admitted with mental illnesses, are 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHI will send along meeting information for task force members to join as public members.



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	<p>these people being court mandated after a psychiatric evaluation? Paul mentioned that MA has a recovery specialist do an evaluation however, the criteria they are using is not based on their imminent danger to themselves or others. The assessment is done based on criteria for substance misuse.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NH law enforcement can hold intoxicated individuals for up to 24hrs if they feel they are a danger to themselves or others. • Joe Hannon mentioned the need for strong data on benefits and risks of ICC laws before making an informed decision • The Opioid Task Force is not voting on whether to endorse ICC laws • The Treatment Task Force will vote on recommendations for the Governor's Council at their meeting next week. If anyone has questions or comments about the ICC law they can reach out Paul Kiernan • The Opioid Task Force members can attend the Treatment Task Force meeting next week as members of the public 	
Funding Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governor's Commission will decide on another round of funding at their October meeting • Seddon Savage asked the Task Force if there were any funding recommendations they would like to bring to the Governor's Commission. • Seddon suggested that the Task Force move forward with submitting one of their previous recommendations that did not receive funding- the recommendation to support technology based education through Project ECHO: this funding would have diverse potential uses. • There were no objections on going forward with the current recommendation. It has been voted on before and does not need a new vote. • Joe Hannon mentioned that BDAS decided to award the funder the Task Force recommended around syringe service programs to the NH Harm Reduction Coalition. 	
Legislative Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates 	
Other Business & Sector Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project FIRST: Naloxone and hands only CPR sessions have restarted with COVID precautions in Concord. The City of Concord has completed their first full year report on Project FIRST. Jeffrey can email this report to anyone who may be interested. • Seddon Savage: The survey that was conducted in March and April on the impact of COVID on 	



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	<p>substance use in NH was updated in August. Mental health questions were also added and anxiety, depression, and suicidality have increased as well as alcohol use and challenges. The data will potentially be available at the end of September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dartmouth Hitchcock has a new ECHO that is open and free with CEUs on the management of pain. There are 10 sessions and started on 9/9.• The DEA has decided that the drug take-back day will move forward on October 24th, 2020.• NH Providers Association Annual Meeting is Sept 17 9:00-11:00. We will have our Annual business meeting from 9-10 and a training on Anoxic Brain Injury related to overdoses from 10-11.	
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Task Force Chair: Seddon Savage

Next Meeting: October 8, 2020 – 9:00AM-10:30AM // Community Health Institute (Virtual Meeting Only)

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

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