



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

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

November 13, 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

<p>Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Members present: Kristine Paquette, Lindy Keller, Mitch Yeaton, Carolee Longley, Donna Marston, Jake Berry (On behalf of Michele Merritt), Elizabeth Miller, Brian Mooney, Cheryle Pacapelli, Jess Parnell</p> <p>Members not present: Keith Howard</p> <p>Public participants: Foad Afshar , Mark LaFebvre, Barry Sandberg, Laina Reavis, Polly Morris, Rachel Azotea, Donna Harbison, Daisy Pierce, Kent Thompson, Rene Brooks, Jon Martin, Elyssa Clairmont, Gina Redford, Tonoka Batts, Sarah Johnston, David Mara, Ryan Fowler, Brooke Holton, Eliza Zarka, Karen Vigrou, Kim Bock, Gabi Teed, Laurie Scorzelli, Ginger Ross</p> <p>JSI/CHI Staff : Melissa Schoemmell, Victoria Babcock</p>	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
<p>Attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll call was performed. Quorum was established. 	
<p>Approval of October Meeting Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carolee Longley motions to accept the October meeting minutes, Mitch Yeaton seconds. Unanimous approval. 	<p>CHI will post the September meeting minutes on the Task Force's webpage.</p>
<p>Doorways NH Update on the Program and Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barry Sandberg presented on the NH State Opioid Response (SOR) initiative and the Doorway program. The SOR grant is a two-year grant program, now entering its second phase, and will go to 2022. They are working to build capacity and sustainability around the state so that clients can enter the SUD and OUD recovery systems easily. There are nine Doorways around the region, they are located in: Berlin, Littleton, Lebanon, Laconia, Concord, Manchester, Nashua, Dover, and Keene. The Doorway system works with 2-1-1 that provides a centralized intake venue for clients. They provide referral services and get clients to the 	<p>CHI will make connections between Barry and meeting participants who had more questions.</p>

RECOVERY TASK FORCE

	<p>Doorway; the Doorway then connects clients to community providers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doorway On-Call is an after-hours program that attends to crisis stabilization, screening and immediate needs assessment, connection to emergency services and then connect clients to their chosen Doorway the next working day.• The Doorways is working with CAP clients for housing assistance.• All Doorway summary activity can be found here• Question: <i>Are there any discussions regarding expanding the number of Doorways or at least extending the access to areas that are "under-performing"? Specifically, the Seacoast from Portsmouth south to the Mass border and west to Exeter/Epping?</i> There are no plans to expand the number of Doorways, but they are working with Doorway managers to expand their services. They are looking at doing outreach centers within this region due to its size. They are looking to do outreach in Laconia and the North Country region as well.• Question: <i>Can you please share more about housing funds and how to help people access those?</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The funding accessed through the Doorways is through CAP and this funding is specific to COVID-19 housing needs and it expires in December. In the flex fund category there is funding for housing.○ NHCORR also has funding for housing.○ The judicial branch also has housing funds, but they are specific to those coming out of incarceration or involved with drug court.○ Suggestion is to have clients who have housing needs contact NHCORR directly or go to the Doorway for direction. Clients have to be recommended from the Doorway to access CAP funded housing assistance.• Question: <i>Female respite beds were supposedly going to be starting next week in Nashua.</i> Barry will follow up with his team to understand this and confirm this implementation.• Question: <i>Is there a shareable data set outlining naloxone distribution by</i>	
--	---	--

RECOVERY TASK FORCE

	<p><i>Doorway? A timeline and a breakdown of who is getting naloxone from Doorways and out to the public would be helpful to efforts to expand harm reduction services. There have been some new increases in overdose rates in more rural regions of the state. The state does collect naloxone data, Barry will be in contact with Ryan Fowler via email. Doorway Activity Summary.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question: <i>It appears that the numbers of adolescents served is very low. Will there be any initiatives to improve those stats?</i> Barry mentioned that there just are not that many adolescents accessing the services, but if this was an area of need they will look at more closely. Children and adolescent services. • We will invite the NH Doorways Program back for an update after contracts are finalized. 	
Governor's Commission Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keith Howard brought forward addressing homelessness in the recovery community to the funding discussion in October. This initiative was approved to move forward. • There are delays in administering new funds, but GC funding does not lapse. 	
Legislative Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The election results have been monitored; there will be a Republican majority in the house and senate. • This is a budget year, so New Futures will be paying close attention to what is and is not in the budget proposal. • The second and final bill-filing period is open until Friday November 20. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Confirm Recovery TF Meeting Dates 2021. Currently meet monthly, on the second Friday. 2021 Dates: January 8 February 12 March 12 April 9 May 14 June 11 July 9 August 13 September 10 October 8 November 12 December 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will place a hold on this until Keith Howard is back next month. • We can change the frequency of meetings if members would like. Melissa Schoemmell mentioned moving our dates from the second Friday to avoid bumping up against the governor's commission meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHI will follow-up with a reminder about our December 2020 meeting.

RECOVERY TASK FORCE

<p>Other Business/Events/ Announcements, including updates on re-opening status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will need to confirm and update our membership list at our January meeting.• NH Harm Reduction Coalition and the HIV/HCV Resource Center have started a New Hampshire Harm Reduction Works (HRW) Meeting. Every Monday on Zoom. 7pm to 8:30pm. https://zoom.us/j/93055731125 A mutual aid support group focusing on harm reduction as a pathway of recovery. Anyone interested in harm reduction is welcome. https://harmreduction.works/ for a listing of meetings and meeting script. https://www.facebook.com/events/279888440002571• NH works for recovery has expanded their support services for clients who commit to their training program. They are now offering funding for rent for up to 12 weeks. www.nscite.org• Cheryle Paccapelli motioned to adjourn. Mitch Yeaton seconded. Approved unanimously.	
---	---	--