



HEALTHCARE TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Co-Chairs: Seddon Savage and Lindy Keller

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Members: Seddon Savage, Lindy Keller, Jake Berry, Peter Mason, Kerry Nolte, Molly Rossignol, Janet Thomas, Julie Hazell-Felch, Dan Andrus (proxy)
Public: Peter Ames, Ryan Landry, Rebecca Sky, Carol Furlong, Ann Branen, Teddy Rosenbluth, Kate Frey, Jessie Daigneault, Paul Kiernan
Absent: Cynthia Cohen, Gerard Hevern, Jim Potter, Krystal Sieradzki

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"> Seddon Savage, Lindy Keller, Jake Berry, Peter Mason, Molly Rossignol, Janet Thomas, Julie Hazell-Felch, and Dan Andrus approved the minutes for August and September. Kerry Nolte abstained. Motion carries to accept August and September's meeting minutes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> August and September's minutes will be posted on the website.
Updates to the Membership List <i>Appointing Dan Andrus to replace Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg has appointed Dan Andrus to replace her as an official member. A discussion was held on changes to the membership list, including adding representation from the Board of Pharmacy. Seddon suggested connecting with Helen Pervanas from the Opioid Task Force for additional representation. Kerry Nolte will discuss representation with Seddon offline regarding which organization to represent moving forward. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seddon, Lindy, and CHI will review and revise the membership list.
Governor's Commission Funding Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick Tufts will entertain one funding request per Task Force during the October 23, 2020 Governor's Commission meeting. The maximum recommendation will be awarded \$200K. After discussion between Seddon, Lindy and authors of the care coordination proposal, Molly Rossignol and Ann Branen, it was decided that the Healthcare TF submit the alcohol awareness campaign for October's funding request and to submit the care coordination proposal in March. Peter Mason suggested reviewing IDNs for the next round of funding. Molly Rossignol and Ann Branen will meet with Peter to include this for the upcoming funding recommendation in March. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seddon will share the results of funding recommendations during the next meeting.
Telehealth Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Task Force discussed and reflected on the previous meeting's presentation by Dr. Gus Crothers from Groups Recover Together's findings on telehealth outcomes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seddon and CHI will create a poll to be sent to the Task

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Mason advocated for data collection on a statewide basis, to determine what best practices are, and to have ongoing surveillance. • Molly Rossignol advised keeping inequities in mind when providing telehealth services (for example, individuals who do not have a safe space for telehealth visits). • HB 1623 still requests that first interaction be an in person visit. • Jake Berry mentioned the impact of individuals in rural communities and wants a better understanding for these impacts (ex. transportation issues). • A conversation was held regarding concerns around opioid treatment programs, due to higher in person only services. There is less concern for telehealth services that only request in person visit once every 6 months to 1 year. • Seddon suggested creating a “straw” poll, requesting both official and public members review this document about confidentiality and list items that accommodate telehealth services. 	Force in between meetings.
Syringe Service Program discussion, request from Patrick Tufts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been concerns in Manchester from the public health department about SSP programs around the training of volunteers, more syringes on the streets, and disposal of syringes. • These concerns were initially raise last February and were brought to Governors Commission attention again in September. Best practices are evolving nationally. • Seddon noted that Patrick Tufts asked the TF whether they felt 1. There should be legislatively required oversight and some responsibility from DHHS of SSPs and 2. Whether further funding to the NH Harm Reduction Coalition should be on pause until resolution with Manchester has been made. • Funding received from the CARES Act has been reduced, while the state contract remains intact. • Lively discussion ensued, key points are documented separately. • The Health Care Task Force agreed to recommend having both Manchester Public Health and NH Harm Reduction Coalition meet with DHHS to attempt to resolve the issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seddon will bring this to attention at the Governor’s Commission meeting if mentioned.
Legislative & Policy Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
Other news and sector updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None • Julie Hazell-Felch made a motion to adjourn. Lindy seconded. 	

Next Meeting: TBD, 9am-10:30am (Virtual Only)

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