



# HEALTHCARE TASK FORCE

## Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Co-Chairs: Seddon Savage and Lindy Keller

Thursday, December 3, 2020

### Meeting Minutes

**Members:** Seddon Savage, Lindy Keller, Jake Berry, Peter Mason, Molly Rossignol, Dan Andrus, Kerry Nolte, Julie Hazell-Felch  
**Public:** Carol Furlong, Peter Ames, Jessie Daigneault, Paul Kiernan, Lauren Urbach Kristine Stoddard, Janet Thomas, Ryan Landry, Polly Morris, Kate Frey  
**Absent:** Cynthia Cohen, Gerard Hevern, Susan Latham, Krystal Sieradzki

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Steps
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Task Force members and public members provided brief introductions.</li> </ul>	
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seddon Savage, Lindy Keller, Jake Berry, Dan Andrus, Peter Mason, Molly Rossignol, and Kerry Nolte approved the minutes for October.</li> <li>Motion carries to accept October's meeting minutes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October's minutes will be posted on the website.</li> </ul>
<b>Updates to the Membership List and 2021 Meeting Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janet Thomas requested to be changed to a public member.</li> <li>Polly Morris will represent Peer Recovery and has connections to individuals with lived experience for future presentations and discussions.</li> <li>Seddon suggested reaching out to board of pharmacy for membership representation. Kerry suggested reaching out to the Pharmacist Association and will send her contact information from the Pharmacist Association to Seddon for review.</li> <li>Lauren also offered to represent this role. Seddon and Lindy will speak with Lauren to discuss representation in further detail.</li> <li>The Task Force discussed confirmation of the schedule for 2021 to keep the same schedule.</li> <li>Paul shared any members interested in having a proxy to send to Seddon for approval.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CHI will update the list with these changes to send to Patrick for review.</li> <li>CHI will draft the schedule and email the official members for the proxies.</li> </ul>
<b>Governor's Commission Funding Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Task Force received approval for the funding request of \$200K for alcohol misuse awareness among healthcare and SUD professionals. DHHS is responsible for distributing these funds.</li> <li>The Task Force suggested associations, including the medical society, to train and raise awareness in clinical settings.</li> <li>Two methods for the Task Force to promote distributing these funds include creating an RFP to provide materials and trainings or a request for grants for these suggested associations to apply to.</li> <li>Seddon suggested recommending care coordination for the Governor's Commission funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seddon and Lindy will discuss the next steps internally on how to recommend distributing these funds</li> </ul>

<p><b>Review of Summary of SSP Discussion</b></p>	<p>request in March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The last Task Force meeting held a detailed discussion of SSPs and the City of Manchester’s concerns. Seddon drafted a detailed summary to capture this discussion and asked the Task Force if this discussion has been captured accurately.</li> <li>• Kerry Nolte suggested for the Task Force’s initial recommendations, to capture the CARES Act funding to “was restricted last minute funding was reduced and unable to be used in Manchester. Any other city can use these funds”.</li> <li>• A discussion was held to reword legislation section of the summary, under consideration of oversight. Kristine Stoddard suggested “Continue to allow DHHS to monitor the SSPs through the State contracting process.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jake Berry and Kristine Stoddard will review the language to help reword the legislative section of the summary, then send to Seddon for review.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Review and Discuss Telehealth Changes Since COVID</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Task Force reviewed the Telehealth Changes under COVID-19 Emergency Rules document originally published by CHI/JSI on May 11, 2020. Seddon asked the Task Force which changes to advocate to keep and which to suggest returns to its prior status.</li> <li>• The Task Force agreed to keep the following under “general”: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pharmacologic and psychosocial therapies along with recovery support services for substance use disorder may be provided using telehealth services.</li> <li>○ Eligible providers include: Physicians/Physician Assistants/Advanced Practice Registered Nurses/Clinical Nurse; Specialists/Nurse Midwives; Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists; Clinical Psychologists, Clinical Social Workers, Master’s Level Psychiatric Nurses; School Psychologists licensed by the Board of Psychologists; Pastoral Psychotherapists, Marriage and Family Therapists, Clinical Mental Health Counselors; Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs); Master’s Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (MLADCs); Certified Recovery Support Workers (CRSWs); Applied Behavioral Analysts; Providers licensed by the Board of Mental Health Practice; Community Mental Health Programs designated by the Department of Health and Human Services; Dentists; Registered Dietitians or Nutritional Professionals.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Under Confidentiality, Seddon will review HIPAA compliance for telehealth visits via telephone/audio only visits. The Task Force agreed for 42 CFR, this is not something that will need advocacy.</li> <li>• Under Reimbursement changes, <a href="#">HB 1623</a> also include these suggestions and are studying the outcome. The Task Force agreed to acknowledge this and note support of this study.</li> <li>• Prescription Policies for Buprenorphine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A discussion was held around support for more latitude for DATA waived buprenorphine practitioners prescribing buprenorphine to new and existing patients for treatment of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Task Force will finish reviewing the document during the next meeting, starting at the “cross border prescribing issues” section.</li> </ul>

	<p>SUD on the basis of telehealth visits. There is consensus to prescribe without including a first in-person evaluation as well as a need to determine how long before the in-person visit is required. The Task Force agreed to revisit this at a later time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A discussion was held regarding how long schedule II practitioners may issue controlled substance prescriptions based on telehealth visits either electronically (for schedules II-V), by calling in schedule III-V prescriptions to the pharmacy, or on an emergency basis schedule II, or by written prescriptions (for schedules II-IV). The Task Force agreed not to advocate for script changes.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kristine Stoddard shared this <a href="#">link</a> to assist with edit this document.</li> </ul>	
<b>Legislative &amp; Policy Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● None</li> </ul>	
<b>Other news and sector updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Molly Rossignol shared the Northern New England conference was held a few weeks ago, which discussed the increase use in methamphetamine throughout New England. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dave Mara will double down on treatment and prevention of methamphetamine use for the state of NH.</li> <li>○ Seddon will share an upcoming presentation being held on December 10<sup>th</sup> focusing on the misuse of stimulants in New England.</li> <li>○ Polly Morris shared Ryan Fowler from Claremont Exchange may be a connection to present on 'Working with people who use stimulants' from a peer based perspective.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Molly also shared NH Healthy Families are recognizing assessments, only paying for them once every 30 days. A discussion was held on whether these assessments are being completed appropriately and represent ASAM's continuum of care. These suggestions are based on claims and repeats of evaluations are being seen. Kerry Nolte offered to connect with Molly offline to discuss in further detail.</li> <li>● The NH Harm Reduction is looking for a full time executive director. If anyone has any leads or referrals, contact <a href="#">Kerry Nolte</a>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Seddon will share the presentation details with the Task Force via email.</li> <li>● Methamphetamine will be a priority discussion topic during the next meeting.</li> </ul>

**Next Meeting: January 28, 2021, 9am-10:30am (Virtual Only)**