



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

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

February 12th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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<p>Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Members present: Keith Howard, Kristine Pacquette, Lindy Keller, Carolee Longley, Donna Marston, Michele Merritt, Elizabeth Miller, Brian Mooney, Cheryle Pacapelli, Jessica Parnell, Mitch Yeaton</p> <p>Members not present:</p> <p>Public participants: Gabi Teed, Elizabeth McGowan, Gina Redford, Jake Berry, Kent Thompson, Kerran Vigroux, Laina Reavis, Liz Quinn, Macey Muller, Mark Lefebvre, Melanie Boyd, Melissa Magdefrau, Rachael Azotea, Sydney Lewis, Tonoka Batts-Settles, Daisy Pierce, Donna Harbison, Eliza Zarka</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 January Meeting Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add Harbor Care to the name of the facilitating organization and add in that Drug Court Housing is not for people who are a part of county jail and that it comes with case management. Mitch Yeaton motioned to accept the minutes as motioned, Cheryle Paccapelli seconded. Approved unanimously. 	<p>CHI will post the minutes as amended.</p>
<p>Treatment Task Force- Update on what this task force is working on and how to collaborate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stephanie Savard reviewed the treatment task force membership, goals, and successes. The treatment task force has been focusing on getting SBIRT initiatives out, bolstering treatment in and out of provider offices, reimbursement for providers, and improving the treatment workforce. The treatment task force has chosen three strategies to focus on for the upcoming fiscal year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting SUD services and assessing current services to make improvements to the existing model. Increasing treatment for specialized populations: pregnant women, LGBTQ, seniors, homeless, young adults, veterans, and 	<p>Stephanie and Shanna shared their contact information for potential collaboration: ssavard@fitnh.org slarge@riverbendcmhc.org</p> <p>Stephanie, Shannon, Cheryle, and John Burns will meet outside of this meeting to go over the need for improved</p>

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	<p>brain injuries.</p> <p>3. Training to all providers related to trauma informed best practices and harm reduction strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The treatment task force is looking for someone with lived experience whose profession is not working in the SUD field. If anyone has contacts, they would like to share, please recommend them to Shanna and Stephanie. Cheryle Paccapelli mentioned putting out a call to action among the recovery centers to assist in this search. • Noted that there is great opportunity for collaboration between the recovery task force and treatment task force, especially around similar funding requests. • Concern raised that treatment facilities aren't referring to RCOs. There is a need for improved connection. With COVID there haven't been any warm-handoffs so the small amount of referrals has only decreased further. <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the treatment task force doing anything around withdrawal? This topic was discussed as a funding recommendation, but was removed because the bureau released an RFP to get this initiative funded. • What services are available for sex offenders in terms of treatment in the state of New Hampshire. Unfortunately, there is not much out there. 	<p>connections between treatment providers and RCOs.</p>
<p>Legislative Update Jake Berry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Governor Sununu released his FY2022-2023 budget proposal on Thursday, Feb. 11. Proposal does maintain 3.1 percent increases to Medicaid reimbursement rates from the current budget • HB 602, relative to reimbursement for telemedicine (New Futures opposes) Would eliminate audio-only phone as a reimbursable telehealth service; would eliminate the reimbursement parity provision that requires telehealth services to be reimbursed at the same rate as in-person care February 2nd hearing was recessed amid strong opposition. Not 	

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	<p>rescheduled yet. Amendments are being proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HB 212, relative to drug courts and alternative drug offender grant programs (No position) Would allow drug courts to order social work or mental health consultations for participants (redundant?) Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1pm in the House Judiciary Committee• HB 569, relative to offering vocational training as part of the drug court and alternative drug offender grant program (No position) Would allow drug courts to order vocational or technical training for participants (redundant?) Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1:30pm in the House Judiciary Committee• HB 578, relative to standards for mental health courts (New Futures supports) Would instruct the NH Supreme Court to develop standards for a statewide system of mental health courts, similar to drug courts Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2pm in the House Judiciary Committee• HB 377, relative to the authority of the state fire marshal to grant an exemption from fire code requirements to recovery houses (No position) Would allow the fire marshal to grant waivers to recovery homes that are NHCORR-certified Hearing was held February 4th, some opposition expressed, strong support from Fire Marshal, Manchester Fire Department• HB 558, establishing a committee to study the use of information technology in the legislative process (New Futures supports) Would establish a committee to look at the legislature's use of technology under COVID and to identify costs and needs to maintain virtual access to the legislature going forward. Hearing scheduled for Monday, Feb. 22, 10:30am in House Legislative	
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	<p>Affairs Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSR 837, establishing a harm reduction and overdose prevention program in the Department of Health and Human Services (No position) Would establish an Overdose Prevention Program within DHHS, allow municipalities to authorize safe injection sites within their communities No hearing scheduled; formal language not yet released 	
<p>Other Business/Events/ Announcements, including updates on re-opening status</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindy Keller asked to add safe injection sites to the March agenda. • The governor's commission is looking for input from folks with lived experience. CHI created a template to gather this information/input. Patrick Tufts will be taking information from all of the task forces. CHI will share the form with task force members to collect input. It is due Friday February 19th. Pregnant populations were mentioned as an area where input would be important. Gabi Teed offered to gather information from pregnant folks and parents within their organization. Keith Howard offered to administer a survey through Hope Recovery. Donna Marston offered to get information from parents, family members, and grandparents. Kristine Paquette can get information from those living in recovery housing via NHCORR. • Cheryle Paccapelli sent out an email with a scholarship opportunity for leadership academy. If folks are interested, please email Cheryle. • NHCORR has just released their bed availability platform. Once all the houses are on the platform anyone will be able to get into the site and see where/how many beds are available. • GC task force chairs met to go over funding. The recovery task force funding requests received support from all of the other task forces. • Cheryle motioned to adjourn, Mitch seconded. Unanimously approved. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe injection sites in NH will be added to the March agenda.