



HEALTHCARE TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and other Drugs

Task Force Co-Chairs: Seddon Savage and Lindy Keller

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present: Dan Andrus, Peter Mason, Susan Latham, Lindy Keller, Molly Rossignol, Krystal Sieradski, Seddon Savage, Julie Hazel-Felch, Kate Frey as proxy for Jake Berry, Kerry Nolte

Public Participants Present: Paul Kiernan, Hannah Lessels, Janet Thomas, Kate Frey, Ann Branen, Carol Furlong, Peter Ames

Absent: Cynthia Cohen, Gerard Hevern, Jim Potter

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"> Lindy Keller asked for any corrections, edits or comments. Dan Andrus motioned to approve the December minutes as presented. Seddon Savage seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously via roll call vote with three abstentions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes will be posted on the website.
Governor's Commission Funding Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Twice a year, the GC asks for recommendations for investment. Last round, our recommendation was approved for funding. The February GC meeting will hear new investment recommendations. Funding recommendations are due to Patrick Tufts in February. Care Coordination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task Force had considered a think tank approach to Care Coordination. Patrick Tufts has requested that recommendations be for larger sums. Seddon Savage has spoken with other TF chairs in order to coordinate recommendations. They will have a meeting in order to combine recommendations and ask for larger sums. Care Coordination will be considered for combining in a larger ask. The Perinatal Task Force is looking at this area with Plans of Safe Care. areas for integration: perinatal, prisons/jails, military recovery housing, etc. Treatment Task Force is considering the next funding round for: Compassion Fatigue, Harm Reduction, Trauma Informed Tx services, Brain injury Methamphetamine and other trainings Recovery supports: there has been a shortfall in funding recently. Recovery TF will be asking for investment to support this shortfall. Seddon suggested that the HCTF supports this ask. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seddon, Lindy and other task force members will coordinate these recommendations over email. Healthcare TF will write Care Coordination ask, support Training and write a letter of support for Recovery.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Care Coordination Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members expressed support for combining Care Coordination ask. ▪ Doorways could be a potential partner or model for care coordination. ▪ Ask can include the research aspect in order to identify gaps and other funding sources/ways to make this more billable. ▪ Research should look at how to improve the payment model altogether. ▪ Need to consider existing services and avoid duplication. Carol Furlong mentioned a Mom Grant in Manchester area to look at this exact issue. ▪ Should work with the State Medicaid Office. ▪ Julie Hazel Felch also mentioned existing funding for care coordination. ▪ Seddon proposed increasing the \$ ask and coordinating with other Task Forces such as Perinatal and Joint Military. ▪ Task Force Members will coordinate about this offline. ▪ Julie Hazel Felch mentioned that from the clinician perspective, often they see funding go to planning, but not to implementation and services. Seddon highlighted that looking at the payment model and sustainability will address this issue. ▪ Ann Branen emphasized defining Care Coordination and identifying outcome measures. Ann and Molly Rossignol will help to write this in the proposal. ○ Training Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treatment TF is looking at enduring issues like compassion fatigue and harm reduction. Methamphetamine may not be enduring, it's current and urgent, however, there may still be a need for funding by the time that this funding is available. ▪ Motivational interviewing training suggested. ▪ GC has discouraged sole source recommendations, but does ask that task forces suggest a specific organization who can provide these services. ○ Recovery supports discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This funding is likely to move forward, so a letter of support from this task force may be all that is needed. ○ Seddon presented the Dashboard of funding recommendations with indications of which are expiring or renewed. Task Force looked at the Alcohol Fund grants. Foundation for Healthy Communities, Ambulatory MAT grant is expiring this June 	
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	<p>2021. This is up for re-procurement with a recommendation for a broader scope, assisting hospitals to develop SUD services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Task force members agreed with this recommendation. ▪ Is there a way to specify that this does not go to administration? In the past, the bulk of this \$ went directly to hospital systems that wanted to participate. 	
Continue Review Telehealth Changes Since COVID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seddon has created a document summarizing the conversation of the Healthcare TF from the last meeting. This includes a summary of the Telehealth Emergency Provisions related to SUD. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seddon will send this document to the task force. Please review and provide comments.
Touch base on Methamphetamine materials for clinicians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled until the next meeting. • Task Force members to look for good resources for healthcare providers for the next meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Review of Summary of SSP Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seddon created a summary of this discussion. Some members recommended new language, which has been incorporated into this summary. Seddon shared this new language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Legislative & Policy Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills that are pertinent to this Task Force: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HB237: marijuana commercialization hearing yesterday. Bill will be retained ○ HB176: expanded alcohol accessibility, adds cocktails to-go. New Futures will oppose this. There is not yet a hearing for this, but please let Kate Frey know if you would like to provide anecdotes for opposition. ○ HB578: access to treatment, New Futures supports ○ SB59: New Futures Supports ○ HB602: reimbursements for telehealth. New Futures opposes. Paul will share the link to sign opposition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please contact Kate Frey with any questions.
Incorporation of Lived Experience for Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task Forces have been asked to submit plans for incorporating lived experience during this next round of strategic planning. • Paul Kiernan presented the template for planning. • Each task force has \$500 available that can be used as we see fit. • Suggestions for how to incorporate this feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Task Forces are able to utilize the help of JSI to conduct things like focus groups. ○ Participants mentioned concerns about feasibility of this. ○ The Foundation for Healthy Communities has a current project about hearing from people with lived experience. Dan Andrus will look into this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David DeGisjel has a project related to this. Seddon will reach out to him. • Paul will email members a summary of this discussion and move forward from that. • Task Force will begin by looking at existing data sources and projects.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need to refine exactly what we are looking to hear. 	
Other news and sector updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRSA seeking providers, prescribers and community organizations involved with or concerned about substance use in rural NH to describe needs through a survey. Gift cards offered (or can be donated) from \$20-\$99 for 5-15 minutes to take survey. Link to register for survey. https://survey.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Yk2s79hO49Qx49 Vermont has over 400 responses. NH so far has 67. Looking for your help in disseminating. • Task Force voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Next Meeting: February 25, 2021, 9am-10:30am