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Thursday, September 17, 2020 – 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

<p>Welcome, introductions, roll call, overview of stated missions and objectives</p>	<p>Members: Dr. Andrew Breuder (AB), Richard Castrucci (RC), Amy Cook (AC), Rick Frost (RF), Paul Lloyd (PL) Linda Stone (White River VA) (LS), LTC Jeffrey Samon (JS), Athanasia (Nancy) Triantafyllou (NT), Eliza Zarka (EZ) Non-Members: Courtney Castro, Kristen Ferullo (KF), Paul Kiernan (PK), Gary D’Amour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Zoom tutorial ● Roll call taken ● Paul Lloyd replacing Dave Kenney ● Quorum met 	
<p>Agenda Item</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Action Steps</p>
<p>Review/approval of previous meeting minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LS motioned to adopt minutes; AC seconded. Vote was unanimous. 	
<p>Reports from other tasks forces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minutes from all Task Forces are available on the NH Center for Excellence’s website. ● NT provided Recovery TF update. TF discussed requesting funding for housing. A recommendation has been put forth advocating for a civil commitment for involuntary admission, which is currently only available for mental health. Recovery Task Force will vote on this tomorrow. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://nhcenterforexcellence.org/governors-commission/treatment-task-force/ ● AC provided Data and Evaluation TF update. At last meeting, discussed cost effectiveness study. Also collecting data on drug overdose deaths from medical examiner’s office. Service members/veterans not identified in that data, but that information is collected. There is a push to include that information in the data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A question on whether students are part of a military family has previously been removed, but has since been added back to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RF provided Prevention TF update. RF and KF have advocated for this program. KF will provide update later in meeting. 	
Review Member records of current initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PK reviewed Member initiatives form. Forms are an effective way of recording initiatives and ongoing work. The purpose of the form is as a resource for Task Force members' reference in between meetings. Will also serve as a resource for Strategic Plan. ● Five forms have been submitted. ● RF requested forms exist as a living document. PK advised that State employees tend to have trouble accessing Google Docs due to IT limitations. ● Form could live on the Center's website. ● PK will create a master list for submitted forms. Master list will be presented at Task Force meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Form will be re-sent to Members. ● Paul will create/update master list.
Task Force representatives form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fact sheet on front and note-taking page on the back so that representatives can print out and bring to meetings. ● Fact sheet is to remind TF members about what is relevant to JMTRF initiatives. ● Note-taking page is for members to take down information to bring back to JMTRF. ● Discussion around where this form will live; RF suggested the Center's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RF to provide a draft of the form to CHI.
TriCare/Humana Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Open source document; could also be uploaded to the Center's website. ● Letter advocated to address several areas, including credentialing problems, and reimbursement rates. ● Purpose is to address challenges providers have around TriCare. ● AB and JS discussed challenges around obtaining data to support this initiative. JS suggested having NH Congressional representatives asking these questions so that it is on the record. ● JS offered to provide points of contact to reach out to local and DC offices. ● AB asked how to convey request to avoid conflict between staffers and the Guard. JS suggested to invite them to have a discussion so they have an idea of what is being worked on, then provide the questions as a second step. PL offered to make the connection with staffers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PL will reach out to Congressional delegation. ● RC will pull together research and anecdotal information in order to draft questions for Congressional delegation. ● JS will help formulate the strategy to work with the legislative representatives.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RC expressed concern over length of time it takes to become credentialed because of demands by Optum. Advised that in his experience, it takes 4-6 months to be credentialed, even when all documentation has been submitted. ● KF advised that the military families that she works with express difficulty finding youth mental health or early interventions providers once they learn that the family has TriCare. 	
Purple Star implementation plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Program that supports military youth in the state. ● Expanded network of folks who are able to help with this program. ● KF is the Military School Liaison Officer for Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Job is education SME for the command. Biggest challenge is that military-connected students are spread out all over Maine and NH. KF finds where these students are, how to best serve them, and educates the community on how to support them. ● Purple Star will increase awareness on the supports available for these students, and will support the school by educating educators. ● Funding for this initiative has been approved. DoE will be fiscal agent. MOU has been drafted; not sure if Frank Edelblut has signed off on it yet. ● 25 pilot schools throughout the state have been chosen based on military student population to roll out program. These schools will received funding and supplies so they can provide direct support to students. ● Impact will be measured through focus groups, anecdotal data, and YRBS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RF will forward email to all Task Force members from others states that are watching this program in NH. ● RF will forward list of schools to all Task Force members.
Funding opportunities/interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Governor’s Commission needs input from Task Forces on where funding should be applied. ● LS suggested funds be applied to wellness initiatives for family members who remain at home while service member is deployed, e.g., gym memberships. ● JS suggested funding to broaden community centers/YMCA programs to include reservist families. ● KF suggested funding to support vouchers for local activities for families (recreational activities, athletics, etc.). Also asked if funds might be applied towards childcare for the parent who remains at home during deployment. ● RC suggested funding for additional training on military culture for providers. ● PK recommended taking a broad perspective when requesting funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RF, RC, KF, and LS will discuss funding for initiatives in an offline conversation. RF will reach out to this group to schedule meeting.

2020 Mid-Year GC Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group did not have any updates to draft input for GC Annual Report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
New business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No new business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LS was provided a website for providers who accept TriCare by another Task Force member. ● Group motioned and seconded to adjourn meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paul will find out about adding new members and recommendations.

Next Meeting:

Call-In Information: