

# Opioid Task Force

2:00PM-4:00PM, Friday, January 23, 2015

**Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Bow, NH**

## *Agenda*

- Welcome and introductions (3 minutes)
- Review minutes (2 minutes)
- In brief (20 minutes)
  - Legislative update
  - Updates from Work Groups
  - Meetings, events, conferences
    - Provider Forum on Improving Systems of Care for Pregnant Women Receiving Methadone Therapy – *follow up opportunities*
    - Spring Dartmouth Symposium: Improving Systems to Reduce Opioid Related Harm– *planning opportunity*
- Discussion (45 minutes)
  - NH Alcohol and Drug Treatment Locator
  - Governor’s Press Release on Naloxone
  - Assertive Response Teams for Opioid Overdoses
  - Committee Focusing on Drug Collection Changes
- Develop 2015 Workplan (35 minutes)
- Review of Membership (10 minutes)
- Meeting schedule (5 minutes)

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### *Minutes*

Attendees: Seddon Savage, James Vara, Rekha Sreedhara, Lisa Mure, Anna Ghosh, Janet Monahan, Melissa Silvey, Donna Proulx, Nick Mercuri, Laurie Harding, Peter Mason, Kenneth Carr, Tricia Lucas, Amy Gagnon, Helen Pervanas, Chief Crate (phone)

- Welcome and introductions
- Review minutes
  - No edits made to November minutes
- In brief
  - Legislative update
    - HB271 – Narcan availability; amendment to possess and dispense; family and friends having the ability to disseminate and administer narcan with limited liability; \*\*Melissa will inform parent support groups of the bill.
    - HB270 – Looks to grant immunity from criminal prosecution to certain persons involved in a drug or alcohol related emergency; relative to protect people who call in an overdose
    - SB45 – Medications would not be paid for among Worker’s Compensation recipients after 90 days if an opioid treatment plan is not obtained.
    - SB67 - Establish a committee to study opioid misuse; task will be to create a report with recommendations for the legislature. Issue briefs, naloxone report and analysis center report were provided as resources.
    - Several bills on legalizing marijuana, one related to disease specifications.
  - Updates from Work Groups
    - Safety & Law Enforcement
      - Reports that larger amounts of heroin are being trafficked due to the decrease in price.
      - To date there have been 275 drug related deaths; 221 opiate specific; 82 heroin specific
      - Fentanyl-related deaths are increasing and is believed to be laced within heroin. According to Habit Opco in Manchester, 85% have tested positive for fentanyl but many have denied using this drug.
    - Healthcare Workgroup
      - This workgroup is discussing several topics including:

- Supporting a forum on medication assisted treatment to involve community health centers.
  - Expanding access to buprenorphine
  - Narcan dispensing to patients in methadone clinics
  - Narcan availability to family and friends
  - Following PDMP and promoting use with medical providers
  - SBIRT in primary care clinics
  - Disseminate information about the treatment locator
- Meetings, events, conferences
  - March 28-April 1, 2015 (Atlanta) - Addressing a Public Health Crisis: Opioid Dependence (<http://www.aatod.org/national-conference/2015-aatod-conference-atlanta/>)
  - April 10, 9:30AM-4:00PM - Strafford County Legislative Breakfast & Opioid Conference
  - Spring - Dartmouth Symposium: Improving Systems to Reduce Opioid Related Harm— currently planning; one agenda item relates to office-based MAT
  - Provider Forum on Improving Systems of Care for Pregnant Women Receiving Methadone Therapy – Forum was held on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Over 100 mother-baby care providers were in attendance.
- Discussion
  - NH Alcohol and Drug Treatment Locator
    - Provided group with an overview of the website.
    - Suggestion was made to develop a business card to promote site.
    - Chief Crate will share this resource and promotional materials at next Police Chief's Meeting.
  - Governor's Press Release on Naloxone
    - No discussion held on this topic
  - Assertive Response Teams for Opioid Overdoses
    - Melissa discussed how this is not billable in NH and the need for cost recovery models. She will pitch to BDAS for funding.
  - Committee Focusing on Drug Collection Changes
    - Bill requiring hospitals and pharmacies to accept medications.
- Develop 2015 Workplan
  - Review, discuss, and edit workplan at the beginning of the March meeting.
- Review of Membership
  - Review membership list at the beginning of the meeting and new members to invite during next meeting.
- Meeting schedule
  - This task force meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every other month** from 2-4 at Community Health Institute.
  - During next meeting discuss whether to meet monthly.

- Other
  - Consider starting meetings by discussing available data.
  - Doug Marlow, national addiction specialist will be working with drug courts and legislature

**Next Meeting:**

**April 3, 2015 – 2:00PM-4:00PM**

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