

Opioid Task Force

2:00PM-4:00PM, Friday, April 3, 2015

Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, 2nd Floor, Bow, NH

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions (3 minutes)
- Review minutes (2 minutes)
- Current data review (5 minutes)
- Updates and information sharing (40 minutes)
 - Legislative
 - Agency & organization updates
 - Meetings, events, conferences
 - Co-Sponsor May 7 Dartmouth Symposium?
- Planning and discussion (65 minutes)
 - Develop 2015 Work Plan & Priorities (45 min)
 - Priorities
 - Membership
 - Other (20 min)
- Meeting schedule (5 minutes)
 - Changing schedule to meet once a month?
 - Dates and times

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Minutes

Attendees: Seddon Savage, James Vara, Rekha Sreedhara, Anna Ghosh, Janet Monahan, Laurie Harding (on phone), Kenneth Carr, Amy Gagnon, Helen Pervanas (accompanied by two pharmacy interns), Kate Frey, Jack Wozmak

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Kate Frey – New Advocacy Director for New Futures (replaced Tricia Lucas); Will attend all future meetings.
 - Jack Wozmak – Director of Substance Use and Behavioral Health for the Governor’s Office; Will be attending future meetings as able. Is available to advocate for resources/policies that may be needed to help task force implement goals.
- Review Minutes
 - No edits made to January minutes.
- Current Data Review
 - January and February data provided by the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center were reviewed.
 - From January 1 to February 28 there have been 73 ER heroin use visits. This number is much higher compared to the same months in the past three years.
 - More men have been admitted to the ER for heroin use compared to women.
 - Individuals 26 years of age or older exhibited the highest number of treatment admissions.
 - There were 300 overdose deaths in 2014 with 40 cases pending.
 - More fentanyl related overdoses compared to heroin
- Updates and Information Sharing
 - Legislative
 - HB271 – Bill for family and friends having the ability to disseminate and administer narcan with limited liability
 - SB45 – Medications will not be paid for among Worker’s Compensation recipients after 90 days if an opioid treatment plan is not obtained.
 - 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
 - SB67 - Establish a committee to study opioid misuse; task will be to create a report with recommendations for the legislature. Discussed redundancy of

having two groups and possibility of Senator D'Allesandro participating in the Opioid Task Force. **Seddon will reach out and invite to participate.

- SB31 – PDMP housekeeping changes to include dissemination of de-identified data available to others and interoperability with other NE states.
- Agency & Organization Updates
 - New Futures
 - A rally was held at the Statehouse which was attended by over 500 individuals to represent the 300 lives lost due to substance abuse.
 - Working with Senator Jeanie Forrester to determine how to secure SUD budget
 - Will support HB270 – Good Samaritan Bill
 - Information session for legislatures on April 14th at Legislative Office Building presented by Doug Marlow (national speaker) related to Drug Courts
 - Board of Pharmacy
 - 65% of prescribers have signed up to use the PDMP; those registered tend to also use the system
 - Healthcare Workgroup
 - Continuing to work on goals; SBIRT in primary care to expand to ERs, expanding access to buprenorphine with CHCs, naloxone expansion
 - Safety & Law Enforcement
 - Similar trends seen; overprescribing of meds
 - Doctor shopping has decreased with less numbers seen this year; may be attributed to PDMP
 - Recovery
 - Amy gave an overview of SMART recovery, a four-principle approach to recovery
- Meetings, events, conferences
 - May 7th Dartmouth Symposium: Improving Systems to Reduce Opioid Related Harm
 - Seddon requested everyone to disseminate conference info with contact lists
 - Currently being planned; brainstormed presenters for various agenda topics
 - Public Messaging – Jennifer Cusato/Nancy Jackson-Reno (**Seddon will contact)
 - Drug Courts – Judge Nadeau (**James will contact her); Rachel Kohn/CHI (**Rekha will contact her)
 - Recovery Speakers – Amy Gagnon will speak; **Jack will reach out to a few contacts if needed. Seddon will contact if so; **Anna will contact “Chucky”
- Planning and Discussion
 - Membership

- Reviewed current member list; identified several areas needing representation
 - Legislature
 - A new representative needs to be identified to replace Laurie Harding.
 - James will contact Senator D'Allesandro to see if there is interest in joining the task force. If no interest, Janet will invite Senator Reagan or Senator Feltis and/or Steven Smith.
 - Business
 - Department of Labor – Laurie will look into identifying someone to join task force
 - HR Association – Anna will contact Charlotte Stevens
 - Workers Compensation – Anna will contact Janet for contact info and invite person to next meeting
 - Court System
 - James will invite someone to join the task force
 - Corrections & Jail/Prison Systems
 - James will invite Steve Church
 - SUD Higher Education
 - Seddon will invite someone to join the task force
 - Department of Education
 - Seddon will invite someone to join the task force
 - Recovery
 - In a previous conversation, Melissa had suggested involving someone who can represent a broad focus. Who or if someone should be invited was not decided on.

Workplan will be discussed during next meeting once more members have joined the group.

- Meeting schedule
 - Members have decided to meet every month instead of every other month going forward on the 2nd Friday from 2PM-4PM at Community Health Institute.

May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 11
October 9
November 13
December 11

Next Meeting:

May 8, 2015 – 2:00PM-4:00PM
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