

Governor's Commission Prevention Task Force

April 3, 2015

9:30am-11:30am

Division of Enforcement and Licensing
57 Regional Drive, Concord, NH

9:30	Welcome & Introductions	Traci
9:40	Welcome John Wozmak , <i>Senior Director for Substance Misuse and Behavioral Health, Office of the Governor</i>	All
9:55	Legislative Update	Sarah Abby
10:15	WorkGroup Topics/updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alternative Treatment Centers• Safe Messaging	Traci/All
10:30	Review of the Model School Policy Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brief overview of current document• Recommendations from group on updates/how to make more "user-friendly"• Thoughts on a " re-release" <p>Please bring a copy of the policy with you: http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bdas/documents/modelschoolpolicy.pdf</p>	Katy
11:15	Other Business	
11:30	Adjourn	
	Next Scheduled Meeting Friday, June 5th @ 9:30-11:30AM <i>Mark your calendars for Prevention Task Force meetings on the 1st Friday of every other month –April, June, August</i>	

Thank you for your time!
Look forward to seeing you in June!



PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Intervention, Treatment & Recovery

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Present: Traci Fowler, Celeste Clark, Katy Shea, Marissa Carlson, Tim Lena, Abby Shockley, Katie Kachavos, Valerie Morgan, Sarah Sadowski, Susan McKeown, Jack Wozmack, Sarah Shanahan and Betsy Houde.

Welcome Jack Wozmack, the Senior Director for Substance Misuse and Behavioral Health, Office of the Governor. Jack described his new role and is working on identifying specific tasks, changes, collaborations that are needed so he can help organize those people to get together to get the work done.

During this early weeks, Jack has been reaching out to expand prevention efforts, focusing on messaging and social norms, using the template of tobacco. Recommended needing a sustainable source of funds for messaging, as free slots just don't have enough capacity to make a difference. Years ago there was a Fairness Doctrine which stated for every three cigarette ads, you need to have one that talked about the danger. He's been working with WMUR already to screen ads.

Jack's goal is to add 200 new treatment beds over the next two years using tax credits and creative funding -- on the eastern side of the state, western and North Country.

The idea came up about having the Building Code adapted to include a requirement for adding Prescription Drug Lock Boxes in all new builds. Jack will pursue.

We also discussed the challenge of E-Cigarettes that the fact that many schools tobacco policies don't include vapor. That could be another policy change... "chemical inhalants".

Abby broached the idea of broadening the number of schools participating in the YRBS. Jack indicated that he is also talking with colleagues about conducting the Middle School YRBS for 7th and 8th graders. Val described the current state of participation for the high school YRBS. Tim, Celeste and Betsy all indicated that their local Middle Schools conduct it. More to follow.

Legislative Update -- Sarah/Abby

More than 40 people came out and testified on the budget before the House Finance Committee, although it didn't make a difference. Huge thanks to all that participated in the #300LOST event! The Governor came out to speak with grieving families, and coverage extended as far as the Philippines.

The upcoming week is a huge legislative week. The Good Samaritan Bill will be on Tuesday at 9:20am. The decriminalization bill passed the House with a large margin. That hearing will also be on Tuesday. An amendment will also be added to an alcohol bill that includes allowing powdered alcohol. New Futures is working hard to make sure that isn't allowed in NH. There's another bill about using images of minors to promote alcohol. The growler bill, selling 64 ounce containers, is still pending, but they are hopeful it will be inexpedient to legislate. Valerie cautioned members about tracking their time carefully because we aren't allowed to lobby if we are federally funded.

Alternative Treatment Center -- Traci

Traci shared the letter written to Tym inquiring about the requirement to solicit community input around Alternative Treatment Centers. The rules were ambiguous about how input could/would be solicited from municipalities. In the response from Senior Division Director Mary Castelli, it appears that meetings that are conducted will be "developed in partnership with the governing bodies of the communities where the ATC's may be located." The sites should be announced mid-April. The Task Force will continue to work on promoting public health and child safety to ensure the safe implementation of NHs therapeutic cannabis program.

Safe Messaging Workgroup -- Traci/Katy

Traci shared that Northeast CAPT (Center for Applied Prevention Technology) is working on safe messaging for substance misuse, similar to messages available for suicide prevention, etc.

Synthetics Bill -- SB106 -- Senator Molly Kelly

Traci flagged that this bill is pending and is likely to pass. At that point, we will have three months to respond to the Statewide Public Strategy for Synthetic Drug State of Emergency Response.

Model School Policy -- Traci/Katy

The document Model School Policy hasn't been used as much as we had initially hoped. Hence, we are seeking input as to how to make it more user friendly. The Life of an Athlete program has a simple, actionable checklist, and then reviews each schools' policy as part of the school joining the Life of an Athlete initiative. A webinar will be held for Student Assistance Counselors on April 13th with two SAP who have successfully used the document to share with peers.

The group brainstormed ideas for how to strengthen the document, and the challenge of the quick, directive checklist vs. engaging a full community conversation. It is important to recommend more global/flexible language to adapt to emerging drugs (e-Cigs, synthetics, etc.) It is required that schools provide thorough alcohol and other drug education for all ages, yet there's no funding for it to happen, and no accountability.

Next steps involve pulling a work group together including some Partnership for Success members, Task Force members and others. More data will be collected and we will plan to use the August meeting to revisit this. Stay tuned for more information and please forward any additional ideas or feedback to Katy Shea.

WISDOM -- Valerie

WISDOM is a new web based data site full of NH health information. It now includes drug and alcohol information, along with obesity, tobacco, etc. Google NH Health WISDOM to find it. The system pulls from all kinds of other website and shows it for NH. There are three priority data sets, but the first priority is now available online.

NH Teen Institute Summer Leadership Program -- Marissa

Marissa handed out Summer Program flier -- July 12th to July 17th. Please tell everyone you know. Some scholarships are available.

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