

# Governor's Commission Treatment Task Force

March 20, 2015

9:00 am-11:00 am

Thomas Fox Memorial Chapel  
105 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH

9:00	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> New Member: Chris Neiman – Veteran's Administration James Neuman – Representing Recovery	
9:10 – 9:25	<b>Governor Commission Update and Funding</b>	Joe/ Stephanie
9:25 – 9:35	<b>Taskforce Membership:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Community Mental Health representative update</li></ul>	Stephanie
9:35-10:15	<b>Core Competencies for Behavioral Health Counselors</b>	Lisa Mure
10:15 – 10:30	<b>NH Health Protection Update – Challenges/Successes</b>	All
10:30 – 10:45	<b>2015 Review Tx Taskforce Strategic Plan/Action Steps</b>	Stephanie
10:45-11:00	<b>New Business</b>	All
11:00	<b>Adjourn</b>	
	<b>Next Scheduled Meeting Friday, May 15 @ 9:00-11:00AM</b> <i>Mark your calendars</i> for Treatment Task Force meetings on the 3rd Friday of every other month – March, May, July, September, November	

**Thank you for your time!**



# TREATMENT TASK FORCE

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

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## March 20, 2015 Meeting

Attendance: Jaime Powers, Janet Atkins, Chris Neiman, Lindy Keller, Monica Edgar, Susan Vonderheide, Lori Magoon, Stephanie Savard and Susan Latham

Guest: Liz Hager

Excused: Rekha Sreedhara, Joe Harding, Ellen Eberhart, James Newman, Amelie Gooding

Absent:

### I. TASK FORCE MEMBERSHIP CURRENT/EXPANSION:

- A. All are invited/encouraged to attend the Governor Commission Meetings held in the Legislative Building, Rooms 301-303 in Concord on opposite months of this Taskforce meeting. Meetings are 9:30-11:30am, 4th Friday of month, with the next meeting occurring on April 14<sup>th</sup>. There is representation on the Commission from several state departments, the House and Senate and Tym Rourke as Chair. Other representation includes six public seats: (2) treatment (2) Prevention (1) Recovery and (1) non-specific. (Reps of House/Senate).
- B. Discussed recommendations for the Vacant Treatment Seat on the Governor Commission:
  - Annette Escalante –(Keystone Hall/Cynthia Day Center); residential treatment representation declined due to resigning from Keystone and accepting position at YWCA
  - Peter Evers- (Riverbend), CMHC representation
  - Monica Edgar- (Concord Hospital), Hospital setting with SUD treatment; Current Task Force member - accepts recommendation. Welcome and thanks to Monica E. Stephanie S. will inform Governors Commission.
- C. Taskforce recommendation for representation from a Community Mental Health Centers implementing SUD treatment. Janet A. to reach out to Jay Couture, CEO Seacoast Mental Health, and Chair of the Community Mental Health Association, for a recommendation.

### II. GOVERNORS' COMMISSION UPDATE AND FUNDING:

- A. Jaime Powers updated on State budget process. Currently in second phase at the House with the budget Senate Finance Committee reviewing at this time.

Current feel from House is that there is no support of Medicaid expansion, as well as for standard Medicaid adding SUD reimbursed services. Confusion persists regarding expansion program beginning and ending. Sunset date scheduled for January 2017. There are (5) insurance carriers at present (i.e. Minute Man; Harvard Pilgrim, Maine Medical and this will most likely be weaned back to 3).

- B. Alcohol Fund (currently pending level funding) remains in jeopardy
- C. John Wozmak appointed by Governor as Senior Policy Director of Substance Use/Behavioral Health. John was going to be attending the meeting today. Stephanie S. will reach out to invite to come and speak to the Treatment Taskforce at the May meeting.

### **III. CORE COMPETENCIES FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELORS:**

- A. Lisa Mure discussed 9 month work group progress to formulate Core Competencies established professional guidelines for Behavioral Health service providers to provide SUD services/COD into their services (see attached). This will also address network adequate services to promote more availability of “licensed/credentialed” behavioral health specialists with the competency to provide SUD services. The work group compared core competencies of AOD and Mental Health. MCO’s can provide trainings specific to those identified/interested behavioral specialists who want to be listed as SUD providers. See recommended changes to page 1 green highlighted area to include; page 2: under categories of competencies #18: Treatment (Progression of Substance Use Disorder and Recovery vs. “of addiction and recovery”. Under Additional Competency Areas remove “dual diagnosis”.
- B. Task Force Recommendation to Governor’s Commission to support SUD Core Competencies for Behavioral Health Providers. This will support and benefit workforce development and improve network adequacies for consumer services. Lisa Mure to reach out to Tym R. informing of Taskforce recommendation and will have the Governor Commission provide a cover letter outlining how this could be implemented.

### **IV. REVIEW OF TREATMENT TASK FORCE STRATEGIC PLAN AND GOALS 2015**

- A. Reviewed strategic goals and made some changes. Revised Goals are as follows:

GOAL 1: Continue to advance Continuum of Care systems using a Resiliency and Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (RROSC)

- Identify progress made and next steps

- Continue collaboration with other systems

GOAL 2: Continue actions to promote/support the work of the NH state plan

GOAL 3: Map workforce capacity issues and solutions; report to Governor's Commission

Requested educational presentation on the move to Continuum of Cares by BDAS. Lindy K. and Lisa M. to present at May meeting.

**V. NHHPP Challenges/Successes:**

- A. As of Sept. 1, 2015 will initiate Phase 3 of NHHPP with ongoing work to build capacity
- B. Transformation waiver {1115} for infrastructure development via CMS still pending.
- C. Federal grant being submitted to develop MAT capacity in state (minimum of 2 high risk areas within State to be selected if grant received). The Opioid Task Force – Healthcare workgroup developed to review details of RFP at upcoming meeting. Community Health Centers invited to discuss the potentials for this RFP and consider how to assist in implementation of MAT that could provide wrap around services to include childcare, transportation, etc. Requested Treatment Taskforce members be represented at the workgroup 3/26 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. meeting. Monica E. and Susan L. will be attending.
- D. State applied for funding for technical assistance in development of a Recovery State Team to identify how to build capacity, provide a voice to recovery and state wide implementation.

**VI. New Business:**

- A. Jaime P. responded to member question regarding residential BDAS contracted providers and methadone treatment. Clarification provided that an incoming residential client cannot be denied admission due to receiving medication assisted treatment (i.e. Methadone). State encourages treatment facilities to problem solve how to assist clients in continuing their MAT per treatment plan while in residential treatment.
- B. Dept. of Public Health has available loans for those professionals who meet loan criteria/repayment for providers such as Mental Health counselors. Could this apply to MLADC's? Lindy and Lisa will meet with Alyssa to learn more about educational loan reimbursement so we can learn and educate others.

### Action Items

Proposed	Action Item	Follow up?
Stephanie S.	Inform Tym Rourke of Treatment Taskforce recommendation for Monica Edgar to fill Treatment Public Seat for Governor's Commission	
Janet A.	Reach out to Jay Couture to request recommendation for CMHC representation with specialty in SUD treatment for Treatment Taskforce membership	
Lisa M.	Inform Tym R. of Tx Taskforce recommendation to move forward with Core Competencies for BH; request cover letter from Gov. Commission	
Lisa M. & Lindy K.	Presentation to Taskforce on CoC system of care for state of NH at May meeting	
Susan L. & Monica E.	Attending Opioid Taskforce/Healthcare Workgroup meeting representing Tx Taskforce on 3/26.	.
Lindy K. & Lisa M.	Meet with Alyssa from Department of Public Health to learn more about educational loan repayment program in state and how to bridge to SUD providers	