



PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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

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Prevention Task Force
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Attended: Tim Lena, Traci Fowler, Ann Crawford, Marty Boldin, Annika Stanley-Smith, Betsy Houde, Rick Frost, Celeste Clark, Marissa Carlson, Kat Howland, Aly McKnight, Abby Shockley, Devin Rowe, Donna Arias, Sarah Shanahan, Katy Shea (phone) and Sandra Kiplagat

Minutes from August 6, were approved.

Review Membership Protocol

- The Prevention Task Force meetings are open to the public. However, regular members approved by the Chairperson of the Governor's Commission will be the only official voting members.

Legislative Plan Updates

- HB656: This bill is an act relative to the legalization and regulation of marijuana that is currently under study. There are 7 people on the committee. There has been ongoing discussion regarding the impact of this bill on youth (considered illegal for individuals under 21) and regulations similar to alcohol.
 - New Futures working on campaign to oppose marijuana commercialization that may impact youth and employers. Legislative work to bring partners together, including Raymond Coalition.
 - Current research suggests there has not yet been significant revenue (only costs) observed in states that approved marijuana legalization. States like Ohio, by Public Referendum, are reviewing economic impacts of legalization.
- SB247: This bill makes various changes in the law regarding lead poisoning impact on children. The bill has been retained and LSR is currently working on legislation to study how lead impacts early development on children.
 - Prevention TF can collaborate with one of the representatives in the upcoming legislation.
 - Partners may include Lead Poisoning Coalition, city planning, and experts including Anna Thomas from Manchester Health Department.
 - Sponsors of the Bill include Senator Feltes and Senator Bradley.
- DCYF: We need to remain cognizant of what's happening with DCYF. Current evaluation of the services provided to parents offered through DCYF. The metrics will highlight the impact of SUD on parents, SUD services and discuss the need of increasing number of workers, LADCs, etc.
 - Abby will send a brief summary of the proposal to members to review.
 - The CURES act embraces a generational approach encompassing engagement with home visiting, family services, DCYF (impact on SUD on family). The prevention messaging program will be designed for families and young children.
- SB43: This bill recently went into effect and requires opt-in option and parental consent for non-academic surveys that exclude the CDC YRBS.
 - There needs to be clarification regarding this bill as more information needs to be disseminated to coalitions, etc.
 - Aly McKnight will reach out to Michelle Merritt for more guidance and send a follow-up document to disseminate.

- Marty Boldin suggested that we can involve Health and Human Services (HHS), Attorney General, and New Futures to promote ongoing conversation.
- It will be helpful to have a productive conversation with Senate leadership to track how this affects the work we are doing, in a written explanation and discuss unintended consequences.
- BDAS is currently meeting with the DHHS attorneys to figure out the implications of the new law.

State Plan Review

- Katy Shea mentioned that there was a meeting scheduled in the week of (10/13) to ensure that there is a coordinated approach for annual reports.
 - The Governor's Commission, DHHS and Data and Evaluation Task Force are currently having ongoing conversations to discuss behavioral health as a broader scope without missing any key data points.
- The Children's Behavioral Collaborative is currently updating their plan while making plans to align to the state plan from the Governor's Commission.
 - The collaborative includes systems strengths, system gaps and conducted provider surveys, focus groups and key informant interviews.
 - The comprehensive workforce development will be reviewed by the end of October. Traci will share the document with the group once it is finalized.
- The state has been awarded funding for the implementation of State Youth Planning Grant to perform a gaps and assets analysis.
 - There is some opportunity to discuss with SAMHSA to identify the adjustments, and to align the efforts.
 - Kevin from Data and Evaluation Task Force is working with the IDN. This will assist us to think about system integration, the more opportunities we can allow to involve and work together.

Prevention Task Force Work Groups

- The task force has identified the priority areas in prevention and suggested the development of workgroups or sub-groups to tackle these priority areas.
 - Historically, the Prevention Task Force has championed documents like Early Childhood/ACES, ATC and model policy documents. Traci suggested that we, as prevention task force, should not lose momentum and continue the streamlined efforts.
 - What is the role of the workgroup? Reach out to prevention partners and to discuss the priority areas. Make the connections with the identified stakeholders. Observe each of the tasks, how can we communicate the tasks? How we can relay the information to the stakeholders?
 - Each sub-group will have a champion or ambassador who is working for specific-work groups, or strategy to inform these expectations. It remains important to track our priorities and the progress on the specific priorities.
- There were conversations on how to best form ambassadors and workgroups
 - Organize the workplan by the stakeholders. Consolidate the priority action steps for the taskforce to build in for accountability.
 - Appoint an ambassador or ambassador teams
 - Identify particular tasks. Just to see it visually. May not be necessarily meetings. We need to keep communication channels open.
 - Aly mentioned that she can help out with process. Katy will touch base with Aly.

Other Updates

Office of the Governor

- January 1, 2018 has been set as the start date for the Recovery Friendly Workplace. There will be a work group created and a representative from the prevention community.
 - The workgroup will involve representatives from prevention, treatment, business, and department heads and will meet two or more times per year.
 - The discussions will include recommendations to policy guidelines, family paid leave, etc.
- Governor Sununu recently met with President Trump to discuss substance-use disorders in New Hampshire.
 - There has been disproportionate CURE funding coming to NH and a follow-up meeting has been scheduled.
- The Governor's Youth Council recently hired an intern, and will reach out to SMPCs.
 - Currently, there are 5 members, and the goal is to increase to 12 in the coming year.
 - The Youth Council is collaborating with DEA to develop an app to produce PSAs in Manchester.
- There are 65 pieces of legislation in LSR indicating ongoing conversation. The highest priority to work on is reauthorization, a lot of high level, well-coordinated conversations are taking place.
- Nationally, NH has good relationship with insurance companies regarding expanded Medicaid. There's a lot of people involved, including DHHS, New Futures, community members, etc.

PDFNH

- Devin and some members are working on creating a one-pager document on prevention that will be sent to Frameworks for review.
- Red Ribbon week will be held in this month of October. The plan is to distribute tulips and phone sockets.
- Drug Facts week is coming up, and PDFNH is currently to distribute more materials.
- The Parent Tips will be drafted in week of October 13; PDFNH will share this once it is finalized.
- Youth PSA is in the draft planning process. They will conduct training with PDFNH nationally (with DEA). Governor's Youth Council will be invited. In addition, youth who are not experienced with creating workgroups or any PSA training etc.

Juvenile Court Diversion

- Betsy Houde and Rachel Kohn did SBIRT Presentations in Anaheim, California (September) and Orlando, Florida (October). These were well-received by audiences.
- The recent recidivism rates in New Hampshire are better as compared to national rates for one-year recidivism.
 - Nationally, it is 41% while New Hampshire it is only 23%.
 - Within a 3-year recidivism timeframe, 67.2% of participants have not set foot within a court room.
 - Of the 113 cases, 90.3% of participants have completed the program.

IDN Updates

- The youth council contracted with local IDN to place a counselor in Nashua to incorporate behavioral health for youth.
- The program will refer the child directly through the school counselor. The pilot in Nashua is to understand how the progress is currently working.

- The DHHS IDN landing page includes a waiver link show different IDN projects going around the state. The state is currently discussing project plans by January.

Family Support Groups - Occurring around the state.

Marijuana Summit- Denver, Colorado

- New Hampshire presentation was well-received, and major discussion during the summit was commercialization.
 - Traci will share her presentation with Tim to share with the rest of members of Prevention Task Force
- Celeste informed the team that some prevention materials are being disseminated to the community members.
 - New Futures, in partnership with CHI and Traci will be administering a webinar in therapeutic cannabis and its implications for SMPs.

Life of an Athlete (LOA)

- LOA program recently became approved as an evidence-based program by the NH Expert Panel based on the 4 years of data collection.
 - Donna and her team will be submitting a press-release. Donna will share it with the members of Prevention Task Force.
 - LOA joins programs like Take Control and Dover Youth 2 Youth Coalition approved by NH Expert Panel.
 - Regional Summit was held and 25 schools participated, and 71 students attended. A follow-up summit will be held in April 2018.
 - LOA is planning a restorative practice meeting in March.
 - NIASSC has started piloting a school in New Hampshire to the accreditation.

Early Childhood

- Congressional model- to discuss the ACERT. ACES in partnership with the crisis center, CASA, recognize the ACERT MODEL.

Upcoming Events

- NAMI NH will be hosting the Suicide Prevention Conference to be held November 17, 2017.
- DHHS to discuss the impact of childhood trauma.
- Raymond Coalition will be conducting discussions on Human Trafficking on October 12, 2017.
- New Futures Annual Benefit will be held November 9, 2017 at the Grappone Center, Concord, NH.

See you next time!

Next meeting: **Friday, December 1, 2017, 9:30am – 11:30am**
at **Community Health Institute, 501 South Street, Bow, NH.**