



RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Co-Chairs: Marty Boldin/Kevin Irwin

December 8, 2017

9am – 11am

Agenda/Notes

Attendees: Marty Boldin, Brian Mooney, Joe Harding, Dean LeMire, Richard Hodgdon, Carolee Longley, Nick Pigeon, Debbie Love
Phoned in: Cheryle Pacapelli, Ginger Ross, Kiri Stroh

Updates from Priority Areas:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Status/ Accomplishments	Updates
	Marty	Approval of October Minutes	Minutes Approved	All present approved October minutes.
Legislative Updates	Marty/All			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marty reported big focus right now is on Medicaid Expansion. Changes are also happening at the federal level for Medicaid re: last tax bill. Debate won't happen quickly – Marty foresees momentum picking up in March 2018. Pieces of legislation impacting this group include tax cuts for small businesses to offset costs for training staff. There is a request to ask General Court to provide NH DHHS an expert to oversee/evaluate MAT services. The benefit to this position would be to advise us on if best practices are being used; and are we in line with what we should be doing. Marty noted that Dr. Molly Rossignol has been asked to the table on landscape and need out there to help with finding a person to fill this position. Other items include: Vaping; regulations related to therapeutic cannabis; growing marijuana at home with a license; and Governor's Commission reporting on what they have been doing with their funding. Senator Watters has two pieces of legislation: 1) creating a Commission to build a recovery monument, and 2) Officially declaring September "Recovery Month". Senator Bradley has request regarding involuntary admission for SUD; Regan's bills include Peer Recovery Support credentialing, and combining the Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Professionals Board. <p>Richard asked about "Ban the Box". Marty's response indicated that this was not included in the legislation. The focus was more on creating workplaces for employees who struggle with addiction, who are in recovery. The Recovery Friendly Workplace initiative has advisory group made up of the following people: Taylor Caswell, Kerri Lowe, Chris Placey, Cheryl Wilkie, Sarah Willingham and one other Marty could not recall along with this group seeking a</p>

	<p>business person. The Workgroup consists of Marty, Katy Shea, Elizabeth Miller, Doreen Shockley and Kim ?. This group is engaged to think our way through our next steps. The roll out will happen in early January with early adapters.</p>
<p>State of Recovery Document</p> <p>Dean LeMire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dean indicated that the last report done like this was back in February of 2015, which covered recommendations for developing infrastructure for services around the state. There has not been a report done since. The committee met at HOPE in Concord a month ago and from that meeting Dean wrote this draft which does not include recommendations currently. There is also nothing much mentioned yet about why we should be funded in this report. Under PRSS Challenges – looking at current model of Medicaid to support block funding – how do we know if funding will continue? What’s lost when using this model? The big take away is where what new plan can/should we devise, if any, for funding PRSS. Dean asked the RTF for feedback. Comments included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value will be where we go from here and having recommendations • History is weak in this document. • Lots of language on mental health and behavioral health. We are not clinicians. Do we want to be stating this view as the RTF? The response to this comment was that we can’t talk about addiction without mental or behavioral health. Worth holding them aloft in context of recovery supports without getting into the nitty gritty. It was also noted that current support models for SUD services were based on existing support models for mental health. Document should include acknowledging “there is a difference”. • Joe contributed that we should make the distinction between recovery supports vs clinical services vs peer recovery supports. What can state support with public funds, and of these – which ones does this task force have interest in? Where are the TF’s priorities? • I like the way this document is laid out. It helps someone who knows nothing about this understand and get some bearings. <p>Marty shared the story about hearing about Abby Lizotte’s passing and how social media and communication among thousands happened in a short amount of time.</p> <p>Next draft of document should include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beef up metrics – may involve conversations with Joe, BDAS, etc. 2. Talk a lot more about providing better services 3. Bring together Center Directors from the 11 sites once a month to have a conversation. 4. We need an audit process to determine where funds are going. 5. Good idea to start thinking about if we opened the right 11 sites – should there be 12? Why are parts of the state without a site? 6. Time to focus on how we can be helpful, learn and

grow.

7. Joe added that we have an opportunity to use social media for data collection and respond to people's needs. Use social marketing to better target those close to overdosing.
8. Dean indicated that some talk about using software to be used by lay people as a means to target immediate response to ODs. We could explore establishing protocols for when a member experiences an OD.

Marty indicated that this could be something to discuss with the Center Directors. We need to know how to inform moving forward. Know where we've been, what we've learned and what the next evolution should be. We, as a state, can do better at collecting our data and sharing with those in the field. We should be able to inform the state on what we should be looking at. Marty shared he met with a researcher at Dartmouth (Sunny Kim, who has a PHD in Communication and Social Psychology, who does analytics using Facebook. She did population data on substance use disorder. She is a good resource to have.

Lots of discussion focused on recovery organizations not working together – letting personality conflicts undermine the work needing to be done.

Marty to send doodle out inviting RCOs to next monthly RTF meeting next Monday

Marty decided that he will send a doodle out on Monday inviting all RCOs to our January 12th RTF meeting. Given the potential size of this group – we will be unable to meet at CHI. Marty has reserved the NH Executive Council Chambers for this meeting and the meeting time has been extended with a timeframe of 9am to noon. Dean asked if Marty would be facilitating and what hat he is wearing when he does this. Carolee expressed she would prefer he be there in a “non-political” position. Marty indicated he doesn't even have to facilitate. He thinks this document is a good starting point for this meeting and that he would only ask one question to those in attendance: “Can we find common ground?” Dean indicated this meeting has been needed and planned for two years but has never come to fruition. Dean also expressed that there is a history of unaddressed harms. It was noted that the discussion should be focused on the shared values moving forward.

Discussion shifted back to how Medicaid funds certain services and what the state can support. It was noted that RCOs should be discussing what the billable services should be as all of these organizations need to work on sustainability and the best funding mechanism. It's a question of having an impact, what state is willing to pay and what RCOs are willing to do. Then the added component if not receiving Medicaid funding, and factoring in fundraising and private donations.

Trainings/Events Ginger
 Ross

Ginger listed out a number of trainings that are coming up in the new year: All are listed at <http://nhrecoverycoachacademy.com>

Recovery Coach Academy (RCA) Concord – Jan 8-12th
RCA – Keene – Feb 2,3,9,10
RCA – Whitefield – March 19-24th
Ethics Consideration – Keene – Feb 16-17
HIV/AIDS for Recovery Support Workers, Keene – 3/9/18
HIV/AIDS for Recovery Support Workers, Dover – 3/2/18
Suicide Prevention, Keene in March (TBD)
Suicide Prevention, Berlin – 4/10/18

Next Meeting (please note different location!):

January 12, 2018 from 9am to NOON at the NH Executive Council Chambers – recovery organizations are being invited to this meeting. **The date on this meeting was rescheduled and took place on January 19th.**