



HEALTHCARE TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Co-Chairs: Seddon Savage & Lindy Keller

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Minutes

Present: Seddon Savage, Laurie Harding, Regina Flynn, Allison Piersall, Julie Hazel-Felch, Cynthia Kohen, Sarah Freeman, Peter Ames, Peter Mason, Rebecca Sky, Kerry Nolte, Jim Potter **On Phone:** Mary Bidgood Wilson, Anna Ghosh

I. Minutes

- The January minutes were approved

II. November and January Follow Up

- Methamphetamine/stimulant use
 - o After some discussion, the group will begin to disseminate the BDAS document.
 - Adelaide will resend the link to the document to the group.
 - Seddon will submit an article for the e-news of the Medical Society and ask them to post it. She will add language clarifying that there is no pharmacotherapy to treat methamphetamine.
 - Cynthia will try to post the document on the NH Nursing Association website.
 - Sarah will distribute the document through the Provider's Association.
 - Kerry will distribute to the Harm Reduction Coalition.
 - The group will revisit the document at the next meeting to answer the questions: has the document been distributed? Has there been any feedback?
- Harm Reduction
 - o The Harm Reduction Coalition held a strategic planning meeting last night in Concord.
 - o The Dartmouth Syringe program is looking to get a waiver to begin operations; however, there is no defined legislative process. This will likely be a priority for next session.
 - o Naloxone Distribution
 - Syringe service programs will now be allowed to receive BDAS Narcan.
 - There is an interest in injectable Naloxone, particularly for people who inject drugs. BDAS may be looking into a dollar dose program to order this.
 - Randy Moser is the point of contact at the state to ask questions about distribution and who it is available for.
 - Due to a potential lack of resources, providers should prescribe when possible
 - Seddon will ask Helen Pervanas, and Regina will ask Andrew Chalsma if we are able to provide the number of kits accessed with a Medicaid prescription.
 - There are some research findings that police are not carrying Narcan very frequently. They typically are feeling that it's not a police responsibility and the EMS response time is the same. Police may also feel it is a burden of training.
 - It may be an issue of "issued tools" that need to be regulated.
 - Seddon will bring this back to the opioid task force and potentially ask Kerry and her student to present on their research.
 - o Syringe Service Programs
 - Hand Up in the Seacoast has seen volume grow
 - Nashua started February 1
 - There is funding for 2 years to support supplies
 - There is a group coming together to try to start in Manchester. Kerry will reach out to Jenny O'Higgins about starting in Manchester.

- Kerry wants to do research with Manchester hospitals around uncompensated care to try to make a financial argument for financial support from these organizations for syringe services.
 - Kerry presented to the ED community of practice on a harm reduction approach in the ED for people with SUDs (not kicking people out of care, keeping them engaged). It is the intention that this will help programs update their policies.
 - The MAT community of practice will likely keep discussing this. The providers association should engage in this discussion.
 - A concern was raised that the State is noticing that MAT for Medicaid patients is costing them a lot of money.
- Post-Rehab Cocktail
 - The group continued to discuss the issue of patients leaving residential treatment programs on a host of medications including anti-depressants and antipsychotics.
 - In an effort to identify programs that may be discharging patients on the cocktail, Laurie sent a list of the privately funded programs to Lindy
 - **Laurie will send the list to Adelaide to share with the group.**
 - Lindy was able to pull together the BDAS funded programs; the conversation will defer until Lindy is able to attend.
 - A question was raised if this is happening more in women or based programs.
 - This may be a workshop at the next conference by Provider's Association and NHADACA.
- SBIRT Billing
 - FQHCs can only be reimbursed with a positive screen and a brief intervention
 - **Peter will bring it up at a Behavioral Health meeting of the Insurance Department, Julie should attend.** The meeting will be held on April 4, 2018 from 1:30 – 3:00 at the Insurance Department on Fruit Street. It is a public meeting.
 - **Jim will connect with Michele about the research she had completed.**
 - **Rebecca will check with Amy Pepin about what ED programs are doing SBIRT.**

III. SUD and Stigma Education Modules

- The Antioch group and UNH are reviewing the modules and putting together a centralized location. Sandy Blunt and Joanne Murphy are working on this.
- The Harm Reduction Coalition can take up the work of developing a stigma training utilizing the objectives that the Health Care Task Force developed.
 - Deven Utt and Aly McKnight shared stigma training at the Behavioral Health Conference focused on language. **Kerry will connect with them through Sarah Freeman. Rebecca would like to be included with this as well.**
 - **Jim will send a submitted BDAS proposal related to these issues to Kerry**
 - Gretchen Grappone does effective training on these topics; **Seddon will forward her presentation that is posted on the DH Substance Abuse Mental Health site.**

IV. Prescribing Guidelines

- Conversation Deferred

V. Other

- There will be a presentation on the Medicaid Managed Care Bill at the Governor's Commission meeting tomorrow. Beginning at 9:30 at the legislative office building on the third floor.
- The Governor's Commission may also be discussing Medicaid expansion tomorrow.
- There will be a small amendment related to the alcohol fund and Commission approval.
- MAT waiver trainings on March 9 and April 27th - Jim forwarded information to the group
- **The group will discuss further if it would be useful for MCOs to present to the group.**