



# RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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

Task Force Chair: Kevin Irwin / Co-Chair: Marty Boldin

March 9, 2018

9 am- 11 am

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: 501 South Street, Bow, NH

**NEW UBER Call-in Number:** 1-719-373-6861

**NEW Passcode/Pin#:** 81422

**Attendees:** Kevin, Irwin, Cheryle Pacapelli, Carolee Longley, Brian Mooney, Dianne Pepin, Jake Berry, Elyssa Clairmont, Michele Memtt, Cody Gajnos, Katy Shea, Debbie Love  
Phoned In: Kristen Vance, Kristine Paquette, Dean LeMire

### Updates from Priority Areas:

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Status/ Accomplishments	Updates
Approval of Meeting minutes	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of February Minutes</li> <li>Approval of posting January special TF meeting of RCOs</li> </ul>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TF approved meeting minutes for February.</li> <li>TF agreed that notes taken at the January meeting of RCOs should be kept internally and not posted to the Center website.</li> </ol>
Legislative Update	Michelle Memtt and Jake Berry			<p>Michelle and Jake provided the following:</p> <p><b>SB313</b> State Senate passed the <b>Medicaid Expansion bill</b>. They noted that it will be a harder battle in the House, but they are optimistic. Medicaid Expansion allowed the state to focus in on the lower income population and it covers the most robust service array in the country. NH's model has been used in other states. Michelle shared that 50,000 are enrolled in the program with 7,500 (unique individuals) accessing the program for SUD services. It was noted that utilization stats are not accurate yet due to multiple variables. One example explaining the inaccuracy of stats was: FQHCs not having their SUD codes activated to capture those utilizing these services. Reforming New Hampshire's Medicaid and Premium Assistance Program, establishing the granite workforce pilot program, and relative to certain liquor funds. Michelle explained that the Alcohol Fund would help to pay the state's mandatory match and money taken from the fund would be replaced, but no one knows where the "backfill" funds will be coming from. There was a letter sent by CMS telling the state to suspend the practice of using dollars that hospitals pay as voluntary contributions as their state's match. Hospitals contributions were around \$10M. There are also plans to increase the Alcohol fund to 5%. There was concern around federal funds being restrictive and that state is considering using Federal funds as well as savings found within DHHS at end of year to supplement.</p>

There is a commission being pulled together regarding implementing the work requirement. The work requirement is modeled after one in Kentucky. The requirement states that a person has to be engaged in MAT or Recovery Community organization for support – and maintain 25 hours/weekly in those settings.

Jake and Michelle noted that there are a lot of unanswered questions. Commissioner Meyers is still working through this with CMS. They are hoping to get more clarity as this moves through the House.

Michelle also noted that there is a change in the bill that states that the Governor's Commission no longer needs permission to take funds from the Alcohol Fund.

Kevin mentioned that a contractor has been hired to do some exploration to identify new funds to match.

**Waivers for Medicaid and IMD (Institute of Mental Disease)**

The waivers work in favor of the institutions that have 16 beds or more that provide mental health services. Michelle explained the rationale behind this requirement and how long ago it was established and why, and that this requirement encouraged people to have more community-based services available.

Waiver meetings are happening next week. The sentiment is that we have to do this waiver as the repercussions are massive for what the state would have to pay if this waiver does not pass. Members were encouraged to write letters and send/give to Abby Shockley.

Kevin asked Michelle if she had a memo with the summary of the IMD waiver issue – she has a memo that is a little outdated but provides a general outline she is willing to share. She premised that by saying we don't want to whip up panic among the public as has happened before.

Kevin noted that there is a workgroup next Tuesday morning discussing the reauthorization phase 2 – considering long-term health services and procurement of managed care; differences in reimbursements, set establish rates that are fair for all SUD services that impact provider's ability to service their patients.

**SB589**

Relative to regulation of certified recovery support workers. The bill is to create a separate board for CRSWs. There was a hearing a few weeks ago. Many challenges and concerns and opposition were noted. The bill passed in the committee and then passed in the

	<p>Senate. It's now going to the Senate Finance Committee. Michelle and Jake indicated they will continue to express their concerns. They also noted that there is a fiscal note attached to this bill. The bill recommends creating a 3-person board that will oversee 1 supervisor, 1 PRSS and 3 other unidentified staff. Dianne indicated that OPLC will have to support and created rules for this new board which will slow down processing of credentialing. There was also concern that there is already confusion for many on what the difference is between CRSWs and Recovery coaches. CRSWs are also relatively new and we're asking the newer credentialed to be supervisors too soon. The concern from New Futures perspective is what is this bill really accomplishing here.</p> <p><b>SB487</b> Relative to license requirements for certain alcohol and other drug use professionals and establishing a state substance use disorder treatment services program. It was noted that this bill discusses adding a CRSW seat to LADC Board. This bill is going to the floor of Senate next week. Members were encouraged to write letters to the Senate Finance Committee – and give to Dianne Pepin to deliver. Dianne indicated she would get a contact name from Jake to provide members should they want to deliver their letter directly to the secretary of that committee. Dianne noted that the LADC board did not meet because of the winter storm yesterday, but their next meeting is March 22<sup>nd</sup>.</p> <p><b>SB513 and SB514</b> – Both passed Senate. Monument passed when wording was changed from monument to “memorial”.</p> <p><b>HB1743</b> -Relative to funding for the Sununu Youth Services Center, and unfunded positions in the department of health and human services. It was discussed language was renewed around commissioner of DHHS cannot use fund for items not related to SUD services.</p>
<p>Gov. Comm. Recommendations Status</p>	<p>Kevin indicated that the Governor's Commission Retreat is a few weeks away. He asked the TF for recommendations based on the handout he created for submission on 2/24/18. Further discussion generated the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recovery housing needs to move to Item #2 per Cheryle.</li> <li>• Dianne wants the Workforce (that is currently #2) not to fall any further down the list than as #3. It was also noted that the language “to continue training through NADACA as well as ongoing training” should be in there.</li> </ul> <p>1. RCOs – continue funding and that it is equitable to those contracts that just went out. Service requirements need to be the same as</p>

	<p>well. Cheryle and Dean to draft a few bullets out to circulate to TF for consideration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Housing – standards are good. Discussion centered on level 3 phase – Cheryle indicated that level 3 is noted in the rules now but she hesitates to do anything right now. Wait till created and then that will be the first thing we do is remove that from the rules. We also need to work on mechanism of funding for level 1 &amp; 2 recovery housing. and also include that there be a credentialing body in place before allocating funds and before certifying these recovery homes.</li> <li>3. Dean asked that the word “policies” be added Under Network Development – Item D after the word “practices”.</li> <li>4. Move Item C under that same section to letter “a”. Kevin will wordsmith that bullet more. Group then agreed that the Network Development title needs to read “Recovery Community Network Development” instead.</li> </ol>
<p>State of Recovery Dean Committee</p>	<p>There is a subcommittee meeting on Wed, March 14th from 1 to 2p at 10 Ferry Street in Concord on 3rd floor in the collaboration station to work on this document. It is accessible and editable online currently. If you don't have access, but would like to, please contact Dean.</p>
<p>Upcoming Trainings/Other Events</p>	<p>Elyssa Clairmont mentioned that REVIVE is doing a training series end of this month and the beginning of April. Manchester Community Mental Health is doing something similar.</p> <p>Cody Gajnos indicated that Hope is doing a Recovery Coach Academy in Nashua. You can find details of that on their Hope for New Hampshire Facebook page. Mike Judd is facilitating the training.</p>

**NEXT MEETING – April 13, 2018**

9:00 am – 11: 00 am @ CHI