

Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs

June 24th, 2022

State House

9:30am-11:30am

Attendance:

Governor Chris Sununu

Steven Ahnen, *NH Hospital Association*

Russ Conte, *NH Suicide Prevention Council*

Jen Doris *representing the Department of Education*

Danielle Ellston *representing the NH Liquor Commission*

Traci Fowler, *NH Charitable Foundation*

Sean Gill *representing the Department of Justice*

Helen Hanks, *Department of Corrections*

William Hatch, *NH State Representative*

Cameron Ford *representing the Business and Industry Association*

Katja Fox *representing Department of Health & Human Services*

Keith Howard, *Recovery Representative*

Joseph Johnsick, *Non-Professional Public Member*

Tim Lena, *Prevention Representative*

Dave Mara, *Governor's Office*

Tina Nadeau, *NH Courts*

Richard Oberman *representing the NH National Guard*

Robert Quinn, *Department of Safety*

Kathie Saari, *Faith Community Representative*

Stephanie Savard, *Treatment Representative*

Seddon Savage, *NH Medical Society*

Kate Thomson, *NH Nurses Association*

Patrick Tufts, *Chair, Prevention Representative*

1. Governor's Comments – The Chair, Patrick Tufts, welcomed Governor Chris Sununu to speak on substance use issues facing State. Governor Sununu shared that overdose deaths are increasing in New Hampshire after having a few years of holding steady. The Governor shared that there needs to be more messaging around cannabis, vaping and the overdose deaths that are related to fentanyl. The Governor highlighted concerns that people will look for alternative means to more affordable medicines that are made by third party markets. The Governor commented that in partnership with Commissioner Quinn and other experts they will be addressing the messaging needed to inform parents on the harms of cannabis and vaping. The Governor shared that he appreciates that the report from the Commission is easy to read and highlights where there are continued needs for services. The Governor stressed that the cannabis product that exists today is not the same as cannabis of twenty years ago and he feels there is a need to inform parents of those differences. Governor Sununu shared that Governor's from other states reach out to learn about the work happening in New Hampshire to understand how it emulate it. The Chair thanked the Governor for his praise and welcomed Commissioner Quinn to speak. Commissioner Quinn shared he spoke to the Executive Council on the harms of vaping and also about the increase in fentanyl in electronic vapor products and illicit manufactured pills. With no further comment or questions the Chair moved to the next agenda item.

2. Chair's Update and Consent Agenda – The Chair reviewed the consent agenda with Commission members. Edits to the April minutes were suggested. Senator Hatch made the motion to approve the minutes with the edits and Steve Ahnen seconded. Sean Gill, Tina Nadeau and Seddon Savage abstained from the vote. The minutes were approved with majority vote. Following the Consent Agenda approval, the Chair welcomed members of the public to provide comment.

3. Public Comment – Susan Mckweon spoke about the Parent Action Network who works to address cannabis information and awareness for parents. Kate Frey thanked the Governor for his thoughts on cannabis commercialization. Alexi McCullen spoke on the lack of mental health supports for people impacted by sexual and domestic violence. Traci Fowler spoke that there is alignment with the Ten-Year Mental Health Plan. Katja Fox shared there are work force initiatives that are soon to be announced. The Governor shared that the 10 Year Mental Health Plan is turning out to be closer to a three-year plan because of the fast track of most of the recommendations. He did agree that the biggest barrier is the workforce shortage. He shared that a big challenge is placing people in residency programs. Macy Muller shared that the Building Futures Together training program, is accepting applicants for paraprofessionals and they are looking to become a registered apprenticeship program. Donna Harbison with the New Hampshire Harm Reduction Coalition highlighted the importance of fentanyl test strips when there is an increase in fentanyl in the current drug supply. With no further comment the Chair welcomed Chris Stawasz to speak.

5. Increased Fentanyl Fatalities – Chris Stawasz, Northeast Director of Government Affairs, American Medical Reserve, started his presentation by reviewing data around Nashua and Manchester. He shared that there was a very significant increase in deaths in both communities, returning to pre-pandemic death rates due to overdose. Mr. Stawasz shared that its very likely that fentanyl is in most of the substances available like cannabis, cocaine, and others. He shared the per capita death rates. Surprisingly opioid overdose deaths are down because fentanyl is prevalent in other substances. 34% of people reported that they hadn't intended to consume an opioid. He shared that they've tracked nearly 6,500 overdoses between the two cities since 2015. He reviewed overdose maps that showed the clusters of deaths related to overdoses. He recommended an information campaign on the dangers of fentanyl. He also shared it's important to tailor strategies according to people's access to housing. He stated strategies that work for housed people don't work for people who are unhoused. Dave Mara asked how people who overdose multiple times are reported on the document. Mr. Stawasz confirmed that there are multiple overdoses related to the same person. Traci Fowler advocated for the nuance in messaging to support a harm reduction lens. Seddon Savage shared that herself and colleagues are witnessing that extreme heat waves can contribute to increase in overdoses. She advocated for an increase in cooling centers. Stephanie Savard wanted to acknowledge that the shelter in Manchester is the largest in the state and they have 4 case managers for over a hundred beds, and they also provide the outreach. She highlighted that the staff are highly trained but because their caseload is so large, they can't provide the level of care that people deserve due to lack of funding. Traci Fowler shared that she feels there needs to be a statewide assessment on the health of our providers because they are under such a great load. Cameron Ford asked how law enforcement are trying to stem the tide of these substances entering the state. Commissioner Quinn shared that law enforcement is working on addressing the substance entering the state, but the greater need is in prevention to reduce the demand for substances. Next the Chair welcomed Katja Fox to speak.

4. Executive Director's Update – Katja Fox, Director, DHHS Division for Behavioral Health announced Jennifer Sabin as the new State Opioid Response Director. Her first objective in her new role is to develop the next State Opioid Response grant. Next Director Fox reviewed the Contracts Dashboard. Director Fox also recognized Elizabeth Biron for helping with contracts getting through Governor and Council meetings more smoothly. The Chair shared that proof of a good plan to see how smoothly and

efficiently the dollars get back to the community. The Director highlighted that there are only \$610,000 of roll overfunds that could potentially be used for special projects in 2023. With no question or further comments the Chair moved on to the next item.

6. Action Plan SFY23-SFY25 – The Chair shared thanks for the work of the Commission and the team at the Center for Excellence in drafting this plan. Thousands of Granite Staters were a part of developing the plan. The Chair asked for a vote on approving the plan. Tina Nadeau made the motion and Commissioner Hanks seconded the motion to approve Action Plan. The Action Plan was approved with unanimous consent.

7. Next Steps – Patrick Tufts shared that the feedback of 8 task forces and over 130 people does not make collective action easy and coming to a consensus can be difficult. After review of the legislation the Chair identified that a budget task force is mandatory. He shared that a legislative task force is also needed to address the advocacy needs of the Commission. There is a tremendous amount of collective expertise that the legislature would benefit being informed and educated by. An additional task force that will be continue is a data task force. The last task force needed is for coordination and collaboration between prevention, treatment, and recovery. He shared that ideally these task force sizes be a maximum of 12-15 people. He shared that the previous sizes of task forces made reaching quorum difficult. Seddon Savage shared concerns that these task forces are very focused on process and not necessary the content of clinical experience. The Chair shared that the richness of clinical content can continue as a workgroup or a community of practice but that these task force recommendations were made based on the feedback from developing the plan and to address what legally needs to be in place. Dave Mara also noted that the name of the Governor’s Commission name needs to be changed in the legislation to reflect what is currently used. With no further comment the Chair closed my meeting.

Next Meeting
August 26th, 2022
Governor and Council Chambers
9:30am – 11:30am

Governor Commission Contracts SFY 2023/SFY 2024
As of 8/20/2022

	SFY 2023	SFY 2024
Adjusted Authorized Budget	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00
Balance Forward	\$ 7,717,552.76	\$ 4,954,384.76
Carryover Contract Funding*	\$ 6,710,861.65	
Total Gov Comm Budget SFY22	\$ 24,428,414.41	\$ 9,954,384.76

	SFY 2023	SFY 2024
Total currently approved Gov Comm Obligations in contract or to be contracted	\$ 12,763,168.00	\$ 451,633.00
Carryover Contract Funding*	\$ 6,710,861.65	\$ -
Total all Governor Commission Obligations	\$ 19,474,029.65	\$ 451,633.00
Possible Prior Year Liquidations	\$ -	\$ -
Total Governor Commission Funds Remaining	\$ 4,954,384.76	\$ 9,502,751.76

Contract Type Key

- P = Prevention
- I = Intervention & Harm Reduction
- C = Crisis and Access
- T = Treatment
- R = Recovery
- S = Systems Support

Funding in place, no changes in process at this time.

Working on implementation of or changes to funding.

Work on initiative has not begun.

*These funds are carried over from previous years and may already be obligated.

**These are the official contract names and may not fully reflect the content of the contracts

***Includes all approved funding, regardless of contracting status

	Type	Name**	Description	Vendor	Expiration Date	Contracts brought forward from SFY22 into SFY23	SFY23 Gov Comm Contract Obligations***	SFY24 Gov Comm Contract Obligations	SFY24 Approved GC Initiatives
1	T	Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Support Services	Provide substance use disorder treatment and recovery support services to individuals who are residents of or homeless in NH and have an income that is less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level.	Multiple (n = 11)	9/29/2023	\$ 326,331.76	\$ 1,420,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
2	R	Community Housing Services for Criminal Justice Involved Individuals	Provide funding for housing for criminal justice involved individuals who have been identified as having a Substance Use Disorder.	New Hampshire Department of Corrections	6/30/2023	\$ 571,581.00	\$ 950,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
3	C	Access and Delivery Hub for Opioid Use Disorder Services	Provide funding for the Doorways to address needs of clients with SUDs other than Opioid or Stimulant Use Disorders with an emphasis on Alcohol Use Disorders.	Multiple (n = 9)	9/29/2022	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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4	R	Peer Recovery Support Services Facilitating Organization	Support on-going efforts to develop infrastructure, provide program support, and improve service quality to a growing number of Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs) and Recovery Centers across the state.	Harbor Homes, Inc.	12/31/2022	\$ 1,040,903.00	\$ 1,300,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
5	S	Support Services	Provide administrative support to the Governor's Commission and general support to prevention services.	John Snow Insitute/Community Health Institute	6/30/2023	\$ 303,822.40	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
6	P	Evidence-Based Prevention Curricula	To support NH school districts and community organizations with access to adequate training and evidence-based K-12 curricula that will assist in reducing risk factors and strengthening protective factors for individuals affected by substance use disorders.	New Hampshire Department of Education	6/30/2023	\$ 239,614.13	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
7	P	Purple Star	To support substance misuse prevention activities and supports in military families in up to thirty five (35) selected Schools statewide.	New Hampshire Department of Education	6/30/2022	\$ 152,793.30	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
8	P	Multi-Tiered System of Support-Behavioral Health (MTSS-B)	Implement the MTSS-B model to improve school climate, increase student access to mental health services, engage family and community members, and build local prevention and mental health promotion capacity and infrastructure, with public preschools and schools as implementation hubs.	New Hampshire Department of Education	6/30/2023	\$ 482,189.88	\$ 156,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

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9	I/T	Medication Assisted Services (Title is a relic of the original scope, actual work being done today is much broader)	Work with hospitals and their networked physician practices throughout the state to develop their capacity to address substance misuse, including substance use disorders in their practices.	Foundation for Healthy Communities	6/30/2023	\$ 486,645.89	\$ 404,107.00	\$ -	\$ -
10	P/I/R	Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative	Provide Recovery Friendly Workplace services to businesses promoting health and wellness for employees, proactively preventing substance misuse and supporting recovery from SUDs.	Granite United Way	6/30/2023	\$ 229,572.16	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
11	P	Substance Misuse Prevention Direct Services	This programs include a mix of substance misuse prevention strategies focused on youth who are at a high risk of developing a substance use disorder. It includes outdoor adventure youth empowerment and leadership, prevention education and peer to peer mentoring.	Multiple (n = 5)	6/30/2022	\$ 194,544.21	\$ 719,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
12	P	Life of an Athlete	Prevention program for schools educating students on healthy choices & decisions and the impact of alcohol & other drug use on performance & development.	New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc.	6/30/2023	\$ 246,646.47	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
13	R	Recovery Housing Certification and Rental Assistance	To provide Recovery Housing Certification and Rental Assistance.	New Hampshire Coalition of Recovery Residences (NHCORR)	6/30/2023	\$ 111,993.28	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
14	S	Program Evaluation and Data Services for the AOD Services System	Provide evaluation, data collection, analysis, and reporting for the AOD Continuum of Care in NH.	Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Inc.	6/30/2024	\$ 86,145.94	\$ 303,000.00	\$ 451,633.00	\$ -

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15	S	Technical Assistance for the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Continuum of Care System	Provide technical assistance that promotes and expands the use of evidence-informed practices and policies, and to improve the overall operations and business practices across the AOD Continuum of Care in NH.	Growth Partners, LLC	6/30/2023	\$ 168,034.67	\$ 325,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
16	P	Mitigation and Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences-Home Visiting	Funding for ACES screening in a DPHS contract.	DPH Child and Maternal Health Contracts.	9/30/2022	\$ 81,109.62	\$ 108,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
17	I	Juvenile Court Diversion Services	Enhance and expand access to juvenile court diversion accredited programs in under-served regions within the state where accredited juvenile court diversion programs currently do not exist and support the infrastructure of the NH Juvenile Diversion Network.	New Hampshire Juvenile Court Diversion Network, Inc.	6/30/2023	\$ 97,292.04	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
18	P	Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) within Domestic Violence Crisis Centers	The Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence and its member agencies provide a mix of diverse prevention programming to address the needs of children and adolescents who have been impacted by trauma.	New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	6/30/2023	\$ 33,266.05	\$ 260,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
19	T/R	Family Support Coordinator Services	Provide a Family Support Coordinator to work w/ existing family & community support groups to expand services for families struggling with SUD.	Greater Seacoast Community Health	6/30/2023	\$ 18,848.75	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
20	P	School Climate Transformation Grant Program	Funding supports programming within school districts that promote culture and climate change that prevents and reduces substance misuse and mental health issues for adolescents.	New Hampshire Department of Education	9/29/2023	\$ 24,373.88	\$ 23,370.00	\$ -	\$ -
21	P	Surveillance and Related Activities for Youth Access to Tobacco and Alcohol	Conduct surveillance and related activities for youth access and use of tobacco use (Synar)-MOU.	New Hampshire State Liquor Commission	6/30/2023	\$ 35,206.71	\$ 88,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

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22	P	Ask The Question (ATQ) Link Collaborate Technical Assistance Program	ATQ is a Link Collaborate Technical Assistance program that provides practices that identify, refer or treat for risk of substance misuse and Substance Use Disorder with resources to identify and refer Service members, Veterans and their Families to appropriate services available as a result of their military experience.	New Hampshire Department of Military Affairs and Veterans Services	6/30/2023	\$ 99,430.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
23	S	Training for Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Workforce	A competency and skills-based workforce development and retention program that addresses the needs of the State's prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery supports workforce.	New Hampshire Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors Association	6/30/2023	\$ 2,525.68	\$ 110,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
24	P	Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Continuum of Care System Supports	Funding for supporting and strenghtening Families First in Division of Economic and Housing Stability contract.	NH Children's Trust	6/30/2022	\$ 1,324.24	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
25	P	Coalition Support Services	Funding supports substance misuse coalitions to implement substance misuse programming within communities to increase awareness of the risks associated with adolescent use of substances and build capacity within communities to increase prevention efforts.	City of Dover, New Hampshire	6/30/2023	\$ 4,366.02	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
26	P	Workforce Development for Drug & Alcohol Prevention Providers	Prevention Specialists Mentorship Program	The Prevention Certification Board of New Hampshire	6/30/2023	\$ 7,075.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
27	S	Governor's Office Staff	Support for SUD specific staff within the Governor's Office.	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ 303,463.00		\$ -

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28	P	Student Assistance Programs	Student Assistance Programs are a school based multicomponent substance misuse prevention program which include universal prevention activities, classroom prevention curriculum education, individual and group sessions, parent education and consultation for school staff.	Multiple (n = 18)	6/30/2022	\$ 480,928.89	\$ 1,475,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
29	S	Professional Awareness Campaign for Alcohol Misuse	Conduct Professional Awareness Campaigns for alcohol misuse to expand healthcare professionals awareness by providing messaging and distribution of evidence-based materials to members of professional associations.	Multiple (n = 4)	6/30/2023	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
30	R	Peer Recovery Outreach to Homeless Shelters and Encampments	Increase peer recovery outreach to homeless shelters and encampments.	Multiple (n = 4)	6/30/2023	\$ 73,320.02	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
31	T	Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) Renovations	Unutilized funding earmarked in a previous state budget for renovations to a section of SYSC.	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
32	T/R	Doula Supports	Explore state readiness, existing resources and models, and proposed approach to provide doula support to pregnant people affected by perinatal substance exposure and implement a pilot project for these services.	UMASS	12/31/2022	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 65,977.00	\$ -	\$ -
33	S	Governor's Commission Staff Person at BDAS	Support for a Program Specialist IV staff person at BDAS who will be responsible for coordinating the activities BDAS carries out on behalf of the Commission, including but not limited to contracting.	N/A	N/A	\$ -	\$ 87,251.00	\$ -	\$ -
34	T	Transitional Living	Provide operational/room and board support for transitional living based on the current BDAS definition.	Multiple (n = 5)	6/30/2023	\$ 611,275.56	\$ 563,000.00	\$ -	\$ -

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35	P/R	Physical Fitness Facility / Equipment Access	Funding to support access to wellness programs to prevent and reduce behavioral health issues in military members and veterans.	Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services	6/30/2023	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
36	P/R	Military Childcare Access Initiative	Support and enhance access to child care for active military and national guard service members who are deployed or satisfying their monthly guard duty. The intent is to reduce the stress associated with having access to quality child care for the parent and child.	Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services	6/30/2023	\$ 290,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
37	I	Support for Syringe Services Programs	Support for Syringe Services Programs			\$ -	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
38	S	Technology Based Education for Diverse sectors	Technology Based Education for Diverse Sectors			\$ -	\$ 250,000.00	\$ -	
39	S	Training and Consultation	To provide training and/or consulting to AOD CoC professionals related to: trauma-informed best practices; harm reduction strategies; the impact of brain injury and overdose; and methamphetamine and training on mental health first aid to youth and young adult peers and law enforcement.			\$ -	\$ 650,000.00	\$ -	
40	T/R	Care Coordination	Improve Care Coordination across substance use treatment and recovery systems in NH in order to improve patient outcomes and			\$ -	\$ 300,000.00	\$ -	
Total						\$ 6,710,860.75	\$ 12,763,168.00	\$ 451,633.00	\$ -

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Strengthening Our Response Action Plan
Responsive Structure**

Governor's Commission Chair Status: Elected	
Governor's Commission Members Status: Defined in Statute, Appointed	
Governor's Commission Executive Director Status: Director of the NH DHHS Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services	
Task Forces	
Status	Permanent Standing
Leadership	Chair and Co-Chair Appointed by GC Chair
Voting Membership	Nominated by the TF Chair and approved by GC Chair Maximum of 12 members = 2 Prevention, 2 Harm Reduction, 2 Treatment, 2 Recovery, + subject matter experts
Public Input	Meeting schedules publicly posted Public encouraged to attend Time for public input at each meeting

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Task Forces			
	Budget	Coordination + Cooperation	Data
Duties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reporting on AOD spending from Departments 2. Recommend “alcohol fund” investments to full Commission 3. Quantify and explain the anticipated “federal funding cliff” 4. Maintain a “wish list” Of investments should additional resources become available 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage community voices & GC member agencies 2. Coordinate efforts on strategies across the continuum 3. Prioritize strategies for GC work (create implementation plan) 4. Annual reporting on progress, emerging issues, and recommendations 5. Regularly inform the GC on landscape and plan progress 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Present plan metrics and updates to the GC 2. Identify trends and emerging issues 3. Review and vet secondary data sources/ reports for dissemination to GC 4. Provide input to update data dashboard and report progress on metrics bi-annually
Workgroups			
Status	Time Limited		
Leadership	Chair and Co-Chair, Nominated by TF Chair, Approved by GC Chair		
Membership	Nominated by the WG Chair and approved by TF Chair		
Duties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specific to the charter of each workgroup 2. Associated with Action Plan strategies or emerging needs 3. Task Force Chairs can recommend Workgroups to the GC Chair 4. GC Chair can appoint WGs as needed 		

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