

## GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

9:30am-11:30am

Meeting via Zoom

### Members Present:

Steve Ahnen, *NH Hospital Association*

Donna Arias *representing the Prevention Task Force*

William Conway *representing the Department of Corrections*

Russ Conte, *Suicide Prevention Council*

Lt. Danielle Ellston *representing the NH Liquor Commission, Division of Enforcement*

Katja Fox *representing the Department of Health and Human Services*

Keith Howard, *Recovery Representative*

Joseph Johnsick, *Non-Professional Public Representative*

Chuck Lloyd, *Community College System of NH*

David Mikolaities, *NH National Guard*

Honorable Tina Nadeau, *Department of Justice*

Jeffrey Nelson, *Non-Professional Public Representative*

Jaime Powers, *Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services*

Joseph Ribsam, *NH Department of Health & Human Services*

Tym Rourke, *NH Charitable Foundation*

Kathie Saari, *Faith Community Representative*

Seddon Savage, *NH Medical Society*

Stephanie Savard, *Treatment Professional*

Kate Thomson, *NH Nurses Association*

Patrick Tufts, *Chair, Granite United Way*

David Watters, *NH State Senator*

1. **Welcome, Opening Remarks and Roll Call – Patrick Tufts, the Chair**, welcomed Commission Members and the public to the April meeting of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs. The Chair reviewed the meeting guidelines and welcomed new members: Jeff Nelson and Joe Johnsick. The Chair then proceeded to call the roll. After completing the roll call the Chair introduced Nathan White to speak about state contracts.
2. **Guest Speaker – Nathan White, Director, Bureau of Contracts and Procurement**, began his presentation on the mission, process, and timelines of the bureau. The Bureau's mission is to facilitate contracting services by providing request for funds proposals, grant agreements and more.

The Bureau is made up of three teams who on average have 20 to 40 contracts in process at a time and over 450 contracts for the year. The standards for the agreements include they are competitive, transparent, promote quality services for low costs and are clear and enforceable. Mr. White shared the goal of these standards is to mitigate risk so that legal action is not taken. Mr. White shared that the Bureau has been working at record speeds but that different contract types have different expected timelines. The Chair then asked for questions from the members. Seddon Savage asked if the staffing level has an impact on the speed of the contracts process. Mr. White answered that staff members over the past year have had an average of 34 contracts and having more resources would help but limitations in other offices would not cure the length of time for contract approval. Katja Fox shared that the program staff are also important because they carry out the contract. Stephanie Savard commented that there were concerns about the short period of time for negotiations. Jaime Powers thanked Ms. Savard for her comment and shared that the Bureau is working on correcting that issue.

Senator Watters asked if there is a particular effort to reach out to BIPOC or LGBTQIA+ providers to encourage their application. Mr. White answered the Attorney General's office encourages that as many providers as possible be notified so that no party is excluded. Senator Watters asked if the Bureau collects data on the number of BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ providers who receive contracts. Mr. White shared that they do not have that data point currently, but they are investigating another grant tool to track more information. Tym Rourke asked for Mr. White to comment on the government performance lab and whether the Bureau will be replicating those best practices. Mr. Rourke also asked if there was an effort to prepare for the American Rescue Plan funds. Mr. White shared the answers through the slides in the rest of his presentation. Katja Fox asked Joe Ribsam to speak about the expansion of categories for proposals. Mr. Ribsam shared they are redesigning the service arrays for DCYF based on recommendations from the Harvard Kennedy School government performance labs. The Chair thanked Mr. White for presenting and moved on to the next agenda item.

3. **Katja Fox, Director, NH DHHS Division of Behavioral Health** shared an update on behalf of Commissioner Shibinette. Director Fox shared the Division is hiring for three new positions. Director Fox shared that the Doorways report for March was not available but that there are over a thousand people that have been served so far by the Doorways. The Division is hiring a data analyst to help with the State Opioid Response data. There were no questions following the conclusion of Director Fox's report.

The Chair then proceeded to vote on the minutes and the Mid-Year report. Steve Ahnen made the motion to approve the consent agenda items and Chuck Lloyd seconded the motion. Following the motion, the Chair performed a roll call and the motion passed with a majority vote.

4. **Public Comment** – The Chair opened the meeting to comment – from members of the public. The Chair recognized John Burns to speak. Mr. Burns shared a concern about increased stigma in relation to people with methamphetamine use disorders and materials being produced by law enforcement. Mr. Burns encouraged collaboration in the development of these documents to avoid discrimination and to produce evidenced based materials. The Chair thanked Mr. Burns and moved on to the Executive Director's report after there were no further comments.

5. **Executive Director's Update – Jaime Powers, Director of the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services**, shared the Dashboard that included proposals for peer recovery supports and education for professional associations. The Executive Director also shared that there are a few pending proposals including funding for doulas for perinatal substance exposure. She also shared that the home visiting program was inadvertently left off the Governor's Commission request. That funding has implemented a universal screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences and 12 agencies have moved to use that screening for primary caregivers. The Bureau has received 6.5 million dollars from SAMHSA for block grant funding available until March of 2023. The SAMHSA funding has allowed for an increase of 1.3 million dollars to support recovery community organizations and \$350,000 to support NHCORR dependent on federal approval. The Chair then asked if a vote was needed to correct the \$250,000 for the home visiting program recommendation. The Executive Director confirmed that a vote was needed. Tym Rourke then asked if there were proposals anticipated from the American Rescue Plan. Executive Director Powers shared that there is not specific guidance yet but there is anticipation of funding for substance use disorders. Seeing there were no further questions the Chair asked for a motion to approve the amendments to the funding recommendations. Tym Rourke motioned for approval of \$250,000 for the home visiting recommendation from the Prevention Task Force for state fiscal year 2022 and Seddon Savage seconded the motion. The Chair then performed a roll call vote to approve the motion and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

## 6. Task Force Updates

- **Prevention** – Donna Arias shared that the Prevention Task Force is asking for approval for a letter advocating for an additional funding for the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Unit to

support youth tobacco cessation using the *My Life, My Quit* program. Ms. Arias read a letter to the state legislation advocating for this funding and sought approval from the Governor's Commission to send this letter. The Chair then asked for a motion and Senator Watters moved to approve the letter with a second from Seddon Savage. The Chair then asked for any questions and Steve Ahnen asked for the history of sending letters. The Chair shared that the process is generally that the task force reviews an issue and takes a vote to approve advocacy needed for the issue. Seddon Savage shared that a formal process to review legislation may be helpful. The Chair then called the roll to approve the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- **Treatment** – The Treatment Task Force ceded their time to the meeting.
- **Recovery** – The Recovery Task Force ceded their time to the meeting.
- **Joint Military** – General Mikolaities shared the task force has finalized their 2021 goals and produced a fact sheet. He also shared April is Month of the Military Child.
- **Healthcare** – Seddon Savage shared they have completed the review of telehealth emergency orders and will be releasing recommendations based on that data.
- **Data** – Steven Ahnen shared they are looking at a proposal relative to developing a comprehensive summary of data for youth ages 12-18 risk and protective factors.
- **Opioid** – Seddon Savage shared that the task force is reviewing all the strategies that many have influenced the state's reduction in drug overdose deaths and will be sharing recommendations based off that review.

7. **Stimulants Task Force** – The Chair shared that a short-term ad-hoc stimulants task force will be created to address this emergent need noted by the Governor. The members of the Stimulants Task Force will include Dave Mara, Commissioner Quinn, Tim Lena, Keith Howard, Helen Hanks, Jaime Powers, and Shanna Large. The Chair stated the task force will also have representatives from the Doorways, the drug courts, treatment providers and first responders. The task force will look strategically at assessing current programs and opportunities for stimulants prevention, treatment and recovery. The second task will be an asset map to evaluate the resources and gaps for stimulants services. The last responsibility will be to conduct an information and awareness campaign to educate the public on the impact of stimulants.

The Chair then asked for suggestions on additional members or questions from the Commission Members. Jen Doris shared that a prevention coordinator would make a good member and the Chair agreed they would be useful with the public awareness piece especially. With no further questions the Chair then opened the meeting to other business.

8. **Other Business** – Tym Rourke announced that he was leaving his current position and would no longer be a representative on the Governor's Commission. The Chair and many other members thanked Mr. Rourke for his many years of service to NH and wished him well in his new endeavor. Following that announcement, the Chair made the motion to end the meeting and Mr. Rourke seconded the motion. The motion to end the April meeting of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs was approved.

***Next Meeting***  
***August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021***  
***9:30am - 11:30am***

Governor Commission Contracts SFY 2022/SFY 2023  
As of 8/11/21

		SFY 2022	SFY 2023
	Governor Commission Adjusted Authorized Budget SFY 2022	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 10,000,000.00
	Balance Forward	\$ 7,673,530.72	
	Carryover Contract Funding	\$ 7,175,953.80	
<b>Total Gov Comm Budget SFY22</b>		<b>\$ 24,849,484.52</b>	<b>\$ 10,000,000.00</b>
Contract Service Name	Description/Notes (if necessary)		
<b>Contracts brought forward into SFY2022 as of 7/1/21</b>			
Harbor Homes	Faciliate development & networking of PRS Svs	\$ 632,363.28	
Juvenile Court Diversion Network		\$ 103,107.92	
NH Interscholastic Athletic Assoc	Life of an Athlete	\$ 269,532.90	
Foundation for Healthy Communities	Ambulatory MAT	\$ 295,112.62	
SUD Tx Contracts (13 Providers)	Other funds includes SOR Room & Board	\$ 1,238,196.62	
Prevention Direct Svs (5 Providers)		\$ 279,383.74	
Granite Pathways	Peer Family Support Svs		
JSI - CFEX	Training & TA, Service to Science and Gov Comm Admin, Messaging Campaign	\$ 580,724.25	
Dept of Education	Gov Comm approved this for 5 yrs	\$ 55,362.89	
Prevention Cert Board of NH	Px Specialist Mentorship Program	\$ 10,068.08	
NH-Coalition of Recovery Residences		\$ 246,557.49	
NH Domestic Violence Coalition	Early Childhood-Prevent & Mitigate Adverse	\$ 67,051.08	
NH Children's Trust-Family Resource Ctr	Childhood Experiences (ACES)	\$ 11,913.73	
Home Visiting with PH		\$ 108,875.40	
JSI - CFEX	Support Services to Home Visit Svs	\$ 62,336.02	
City of Dover	Substance misuse awareness among children & youth	\$ 11,749.30	
Evidence Based Px Curricula with DOE	Early Childhood-Prevent & Mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)	\$ 432,577.27	
Bridge Housing - released from corrections		\$ 804,308.93	
NHADACA	Training	\$ 15,392.89	

Growth Partners	Tech Assistance-WFR Gov Comm Investment	\$	164,054.08	
Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care	Data Evaluation	\$	171,118.45	
NH Liquor Enforcement		\$	52,338.42	
DOE	Purple Heart	\$	154,000.00	
DOE-MTSS-B	Multi Tier System of Support-BH	\$	389,121.70	
Granite United Way	Governor's Office Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative	\$	283,452.28	
Greater Seacoast Comm Health	Peer Family Support Svs	\$	63,827.42	
Joint Military-Ask the Question		\$	26,250	
DOORWAYS	Support to Doorways for non-Opioid Use Disorder	\$	647,177.04	
<b>TOTAL Contracts brought forward into SFY2022 as of 7/1/21</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>7,175,953.80</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>SFY22 Gov Comm Contract Obligations</b>				
Harbor Homes	Faciliate development & networking of PRS Svs	\$	2,325,000.00	
NH Juvenile Court Diversion Network		\$	275,000.00	
NH Interscholastic Athletic Assoc	Life of an Athlete	\$	250,000.00	
Foundation for Healthy Communities	Ambulatory MAT (\$1,056,000 total- moved \$404,107 to 2023)	\$	651,893.00	\$ 404,107.00
Bridge Housing - released from corrections		\$	950,000.00	
SUD Tx Contracts (13 Providers)	Other funds includes SOR Room & Board	\$	1,420,000.00	
Prevention Direct Svs (5 Providers)		\$	819,327.00	
JSI - CFEX	Service to Science and Gov Comm Admin, Messaging Campaign	\$	650,000.00	
NHADACA	Training	\$	110,119.00	
Growth Partners	Tech Assistance-WFR Gov Comm Investment	\$	325,400.00	
Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care	Data Evaluation	\$	298,201.00	
NH Liquor Enforcement		\$	100,000.00	
Dept of Education	Gov Comm approved this for 5 yrs-thru SFY23	\$	23,370.00	\$ 23,370.00
Prevention Cert Board of NH	Px Specialist Mentorship Program	\$	12,000.00	

NH-Coalition of Recovery Residences	Recovery Home Certification/Rental Assist	\$	400,000.00	
City of Dover	Substance misuse awareness among children & youth	\$	55,564.00	
Governor's Office Staff	Budget Footnote- funds not encumbered	\$	301,445.00	\$ 303,463.00
SYSC Renovations -?? Still on hold	Remaining funds for misc - funds not encumbered	\$	88,860.00	
NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	Early Childhood-Prevent & Mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)	\$	360,000.00	
NH Children's Trust-Family Resource Centers	Early Childhood-Prevent & Mitigate Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)	\$	250,000.00	
Evidence Based Px Curricula with DOE	Purple Heart	\$	250,000.00	
DOE	Multi Tier System of Support-BH	\$	154,000.00	
DOE-MTSS-B	Governor's Office Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative	\$	500,000.00	
Granite United Way	Peer Family Support Svs	\$	450,000.00	
Greater Seacoast Comm Health	Support to Doorways for non-Opioid Use Disorder-ends 9/29/21	\$	75,000.00	
DOORWAYS		\$	234,994.00	
Joint Military-Ask the Question		\$	78,750.00	
Student Assistance Programs		\$	200,000.00	
<b>Pending Gov Comm Obligations/Initiatives</b>				
Harmful Alcohol Use -multi-dimensional approach	Gov Comm Investments SFY2021	\$	200,000.00	
Prevention Support Student Assistance Programs	Gov Comm Investments SFY2022	\$	1,200,000.00	
Increase Peer Recovery Support Svs (homeless outreach)	Gov Comm Investments SFY2021	\$	175,000.00	
Support Syringe Service	Gov Comm Investments SFY2020	\$	400,000.00	
Technology Based Education Diverse sectors	Gov Comm Investments SFY2021	\$	250,000.00	
Transitional Housing	Gov Comm Investments SFY2020 \$1 mil removed/ SFY2021 \$750k/SFY22 \$750k	\$	1,500,000.00	
Physical Fitness Facility	Gov Comm Investments SFY2022	\$	500,000.00	
BDAS Gov Comm PS4 Staff	Gov Comm Investments SFY2021 & SFY2022 Investments \$100k per yr	\$	83,333.00	
Gov Comm Admin Support per GC Chair	strategic planning and administrative support - JSI	\$	150,000.00	
Joint Military - Childcare Access	Gov Comm Investments SFY2022	\$	290,700.00	

Perinatal Substance Exposure (Doula Support)	Gov Comm Investments SFY2020 -now for SFY 22 \$100k now & SFY2023 \$350k	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 350,000.00
Workforce Retention	Gov Comm Investments SFY21 \$250k/SFY22 \$250k & SFY23 \$150k	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Healthcare & Perinatal-to improve care coordination across Substance Use Treatment & Recovery Systems in NH	Gov Comm Investments SFY2022 & SFY 2023 (300k per yr)	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
<b>Total currently approved Gov Comm Obligations in contract or to be contracted</b>		<b>\$ 17,257,956.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,530,940.00</b>
<b>Total all Governor Commission Obligations</b>		<b>\$ 24,433,909.80</b>	<b>\$ 1,530,940.00</b>
<b>Possible Prior Year Liquidations</b>			
<b>Total Governor Commission Funds Remaining</b>		<b>\$ 415,574.72</b>	<b>\$ 8,469,060.00</b>