

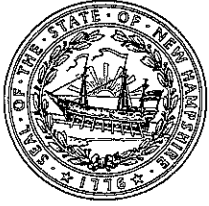


MEETING AGENDA

February 23, 2024
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
NH State House
Executive Council Chambers

- 1. Approval of December 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes (VOTE)-** Patrick Tufts
-Letter(s) Regarding Opioid Abatement Funding Recommendations
- 2. Guest speaker(s)-** Dover New Hampshire National Guard Counter Drug - Major General Mikolaitis, CW2 Rossetti, ISG Rodriguez, SFC Frost
- 3. Commissioner's Update-** Lori Weaver
- 4. Director's Update-** Katja Fox
-Dashboard
- 5. Public Comment**
- 6. Task Force Updates-** Task Force Chairs
- 7. Reports-** Amy Daniels
-Data Brief
- Investment Workbook
- Funding Crosswalk
- Annual Report

Next Meeting
April 26, 2024



GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

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February 13, 2024

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express the full support of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs for the **Opioid Abatement Trust Fund Supportive Housing Capital Program** proposed by New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, which will expand the supply of transitional, supportive, and recovery housing for persons with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) and other co-occurring disorders and conditions. Our commission views this work as an indispensable component of New Hampshire's substance misuse treatment and recovery efforts, particularly in the context of reducing the adverse effects of alcohol and other drug misuse, including opioids.

It is the firm belief of the Governor's Commission that New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority should receive immediate and direct funding from the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund to expand this vital work. Any delay in funding the program, especially through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, poses a significant threat to public health and places this vulnerable population in peril.

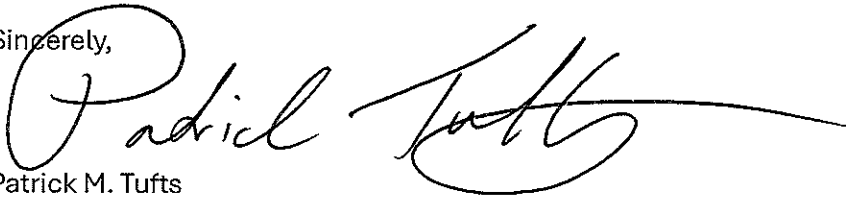
Stable housing facilitates access to essential support services and resources that are instrumental in the recovery journey. From medical and mental health care, to managing conditions of probation and parole, to employment assistance and community-based support groups, individuals residing in stable housing have greater access to a comprehensive support network. Housing stability plays a vital role in reducing the risk of relapse. Research has consistently shown that individuals who lack stable housing are at a significantly higher risk of relapse and recidivism.

In addition to capital funding, funding for supportive services is a necessary and critical component of supportive housing. Funding is necessary to pay the cost of supportive services on an ongoing basis once a project is placed in service. The Department of Health and Human Services is best suited to administer these supportive service contracts for specific projects given their subject matter expertise in this area.

Funding the Program will double the annual funding available for supportive housing projects through NH Housing and create a specific pool of capital for projects that serve Eligible Populations

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to express the full support of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs for the Community Housing Program (CHP). Our commission views the work of the CHP as an indispensable component of New Hampshire's substance misuse treatment and recovery efforts, particularly in the context of reducing the adverse effects of alcohol and other drug misuse, including opioids.

With a staggering number of New Hampshire residents—1,640 on parole and an additional 2,527 on probation—necessitating dedicated programs for justice-involved individuals, the CHP plays a pivotal role in safeguarding public health. The Commission recognizes the established nature of the CHP, its thorough vetting, and its demonstrated positive outcomes. Notably, the program emerged from a well-conceived collaboration between the Judicial Branch and the Department of Corrections.

It is the firm belief of the Governor's Commission that the Judicial Branch should receive immediate and direct funding from the Opioid Abatement Trust Fund to expand this vital work. Any delay in funding the program, especially through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process, poses a significant threat to public health and places this vulnerable population in peril.

Justice-involved individuals present multifaceted challenges, and the CHP addresses these challenges comprehensively by providing essential housing support and resources. Housing stability serves as a cornerstone of successful recovery, providing individuals with a sense of security and stability. Without the stress and uncertainty of unstable housing situations, individuals are better able to focus their energy on addressing the root causes of their addiction.

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