

**New Hampshire Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Department of Justice, 1 Granite Place South, Concord, NH
August 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**

Attending In-person:

David Nagel MD	Representative, NH House of Representatives
James Boffetti	Attorney General's Designee
Traci Fowler	NH Charitable Foundation
Helen Hanks	Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Jason Henry	Governor Appointed, County Corrections Superintendent
Kathryn Kindopp	Governor Appointed, County Nursing Home Supervisor
Dave Mara	Governor's Designee
Jennifer Sabin	DHHS Commissioner's Designee
Dr. Seddon Savage	Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs Appointed
Peter Spanos	Governor Appointed, County of <100k

Attending Virtually:

Senator Cindy Rosenwald	Commission Chair
Emily Rice	Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs Appointed

Absent:

Bobbie Bagley	Governor Appointed, City with 75k+
Patricia Conway	Governor Appointed, County Attorney
Elizabeth Dragon	Governor Appointed, City with <75k
Rachel Miller	State Treasury
Bianca Monroe	Attorney General Appointed
Toni Pappas	Governor Appointed, County of +100k
Ellen Riiska	New Hampshire School Administrators Association Appointed
Kevin Rourke	Governor Appointed, Municipal Police Chief
Patrick Tufts	Chair of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs
VACANT	Governor Appointed, Town with <20k
James Watkins	Governor Appointed, Municipal Fire Chief

Welcome and Roll Call

- Representative Dave Nagel is sitting in for Senator Cindy Rosenwald as Chair of the meeting today.
- Rep. Dave Nagel opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. with a roll call. A quorum¹ was established at that time.

Adoption of Minutes from July 8, 2024

- Motion to approve minutes made by Commissioner Spanos, motion seconded by Commissioner Boffetti. Motion passed 10 votes in favor and 1 vote abstained.

Public Comment

- Kris Van Bergen, Director of Workforce Development & Public Health Programs from North County Health Consortium and Mr. Thompson, Senior Program Manager for Substance Misuse Presentation addressed the Commission:
- explained to the members that while they were extremely grateful for the funding, they were awarded in Spring of 2023 they are here to ask for additional funding for SFY 25.
 - During initial application they were awarded funding for one year because they filled a 2-year scope, but the department asked for their year one budget and that is what went forward to G&C.
 - April 2024 G&C awarded no-cost extension, but NCHC thought they were also going to be getting funding to run their program for another year.
 - Here today to request \$282,211.00 to fund their program for additional time awarded (July 2024-May 2025)
 - Commissioner Savage motioned to approve the amendment; Commissioner Rice seconded the motion. Representative Nagel, acting as chair for the meeting completed a roll call vote. Commission members voted unanimously in favor of the motion to award retroactive funding to North County

Update on Facilitating Organization RFP

- A draft was sent around to commission members summarizing the feedback that had been received since the last OAC meeting. Looking for any additional comments/suggestions before the document goes forward to next steps in process.
 - \$5 million was previously approved for 3-year contract
 - There are options for adding dollars as we go forward
 - 3 yr. could change to 2 yr. if needed
 - Commission would like to consider adding a page limit to the applications
 - Need to add contingency language
 - Taking out community advisory committee piece for the short-term grants

Discussion of communications strategy

- Draft of press release passed around in meeting.
 - Looking for feedback prior to sending it out for the public
 - Highlighting some of the projects that the commission has done/provided money for.

¹ Eleven members constitutes a quorum pursuant to RSA 126-A: 85, IV.

- Focusing on media that younger generations would use.
- Comment to move “legislators” to last on the list in second paragraph. Also adding in non-profits.
- Comment to change language from combat and fight to address
- Comment to add resource for those who are looking for resources
- Comment to add in positive message that talks about those who have conquered SUD.
- Comment to add in introductory sentence
- Comment on going radio programs to highlight programs and projects

Update on Settlements and Funds Distribution

- We have received about \$11 million so far this year.
 - 23 subdivisions- \$41 million has been approved, \$78 million has been put into trust fund.
 - Other settlements may be coming but it will likely not be much
 - Funds are in allocated account, generating interest. This is a permanent asset to the State to support individuals affected by OUD.

Update on New Position at DHHS

- Finance position has been posted externally will close 8/28/2024
- Job ID is 41416 working in Finance for DHHS, supporting opioid abatement funds.

Other Business

- Emergency Rule order is coming up for consideration on Thursday 8/15/2024 at 9am
- Aug 1 annual reporting was due from RGA 1 grantees, Commissioner Sabin asked members how they would like to receive the information.
 - One email with information posted on the website

Date of Next Meeting and Subjects for Discussion

- September 9, 2024, at 1pm
 - Department of Justice, 1 Granite Place South, Concord, NH

Adjournment

- At the call of the Chair, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.