

**New Hampshire Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting
Department of Justice, 1 Granite Place South, Concord, NH
September 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**

Attending In-person:

Senator Cindy Rosenwald	Commission Chair
Bobbie Bagley	Governor Appointed, City with 75k+
James Boffetti	Attorney General's Designee
Elizabeth Dragon	Governor Appointed, City with <75k
Traci Fowler	NH Charitable Foundation
Jason Henry	Governor Appointed, County Corrections Superintendent
Dave Mara	Governor's Designee
Rachel Miller	State Treasury
Bianca Monroe	Attorney General Appointed
David Nagel MD	Representative, NH House of Representatives
Toni Pappas	Governor Appointed, County of +100k
Emily Rice	Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs Appointed
Ellen Riiska	New Hampshire School Administrators Association Appointed
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:

Patrick Tufts	Chair of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs
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Absent:

Patricia Conway	Governor Appointed, County Attorney
Helen Hanks	Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Kathryn Kindopp	Governor Appointed, County Nursing Home Supervisor
Kevin Rourke	Governor Appointed, Municipal Police Chief
VACANT	Governor Appointed, Town with <20k
James Watkins	Governor Appointed, Municipal Fire Chief

Welcome and Roll Call – Attendance.

- Senator Cindy Rosenwald, the Chair of the Opioid Abatement Commission opened the meeting at 1:03 with a roll call. A physical quorum¹ was established at that time.

Adoption of Minutes of August 12, 2024

- Commissioner Jason Henry motioned to approve the August 12 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner James Boffetti.
- A brief discussion was had among members about suggested edits.
- Motion was passed with 14 in favor and 3 abstaining.

Public Comment

- Cheryle Pacapelli from Harbor Care introduced herself and explained that Harbor Care holds the contract with the State that funds Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs). The Commission helped with funding last year where they had a shortfall by approving funding (\$5.299M) to be infused into Peer Recovery Support Services contract for individuals and families with substance misuse and/or substance use disorders through New Hampshire’s RCOs. The contract will be ending June 2025, and they will have another shortfall, and she is asking for space on a future agenda to discuss in more detail.

Update on Facilitating Organization RFP

- Commissioner Jennifer Sabin presented an outline of feedback sorted by themes, but still decisions need to be made around payment structure and the number of people in the advisory committee.
- Payment structure risks for paying organizations to do work instead of reimbursement, will be difficult to get an FO to apply to RFP if the funding is reimbursement, discussion about providing two payments: half up front, half after work is completed.
- Commissioner Emily Rice motioned to arrive at a payment mechanism where FO gets periodic upfront payments so they can make non cost reimbursement grants. Commission Bobbi Bagley seconded the motion. Commission Sabin explained that we would have to amend the current PRF and add in “no less than 2 and no more than 4 per year. Motion Withdrawn. New motion by Commissioner Emily Rice: RFP amended as necessary to allow the selected FO to receive an amount, annually, in 2-4 payments to provide grants for grantees whether in non-cost reimbursement or in cost reimbursement grants. Commissioner Traci Fowler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- Discussion around size of Advisory committee for this work vs. letting the FO to tell the commission what is needed. Recommend using broad language to let FO to tell the commission how they will use community input. However, have at least 1 person for commission in advisory committee.
- Asking prospective FOs, what will you be doing, what you will be measuring and why it is worth measuring. Stress making person centered care the goal instead of shifting delivers to the measurements.

Discussion of reporting by litigating subdivisions

- Commissioner James Boffetti discussed reporting requirements for subdivisions. Feels they need to be clearer on what is required. While the subdivision money is not overseen by the Commission the RSA requires subdivisions to submit a detailed account of all monies spend on approved uses, including but limited to, an analysis and evaluation of projects and programs it has funded.

Update on Settlements and Funds Distribution

- There are still active negotiations around the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy proceedings and the State has not received any settlement payments since the last Opioid Abatement meeting.

Update on New Position at DHHS

- Commissioner Jennifer Sabin shared that the Department is working through interviews at this time.

Date of Next Meeting and Subjects for Discussion

- 10/21/2024 due to Holiday weekend the previous week
- RFP for FO
- RGA 1Grantee reports
- SOR plan
- Endowment
- Prevention (gaps)

Adjourn

- Senator Cindy Rosenwald adjourned the meeting at 2:40p.m.

