

Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs

March 4th, 2022

Fox Chapel

9:30am-11:30am

Attendance:

Peter Ames *representing the New Hampshire Hospital Association*
Mark Armaganian *representing the Liquor Commission*
Russ Conte, *New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Council*
Jen Doris *representing the Department of Education*
Traci Fowler, *New Hampshire Charitable Foundation*
Rick Frost *representing the NH National Guard*
Helen Hanks, *Department of Corrections*
Morissa Henn *representing the Department of Health and Human Services*
Keith Howard, *Recovery Representative*
Neil Hubacker *representing the Faith Community*
Tim Lena, *Prevention Professional*
Joseph Johnsick, *Non-Professional Public Member*
Shanna Large-Reusch *representing the Treatment Professional Member*
Chuck Lloyd, *Community College System of NH*
Dave Mara, *representing the Governor's Office*
Matt McKenney, *Business and Industry Association*
Tina Nadeau, *NH Superior Courts*
Jeffery Nelson, *Non-Professional Public Member*
Jaime Powers, *Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services*
Robert Quinn, *Department of Safety*
Joseph Ribsam, *Division for Children, Youth and Families*
Seddon Savage, *NH Medical Society*
Kate Thomson, *NH Nurses Association*
Patrick Tufts, *Chair*

1. Chair's Update and Consent Agenda – Patrick Tufts, the Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. The Chair asked for amendments to the January minutes. Seddon Savage and Kate Thomson shared a request for changes. Keith Howard moved to approve the minutes with the suggested edits and Chuck Lloyd seconded the motion. There were no abstentions and the motion passed with full commission support. With no further action needed the chair moved to public comment.

2. Public Comment – The Chair asked members of the public to stand and speak. Elyssa Clairmont rose and asked for the Governor's response to the COVID-19 testing kits request. The Chair shared the Governor made a portion of the testing kits available at Doorways throughout the state to support people with substance use disorders. Diane Castrucci shared a resource for burial of loved ones lost to substance use disorder. A speaker from the Youth Council requested their work be fully funded through the Governor's Commission. Elissa Cannon from the Juvenile Court Diversion spoke about the reduction in funding for her program. With no further public comment the Chair invited Executive Director Jaime Powers to facilitate the next portion of the agenda.

3. Executive Director's Update – Jaime Powers, Director, Division of Behavioral Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services, reviewed the Governor's Commission contract's dashboard. Powers shared there is naloxone being distributed to Doorways. Director Powers said family support services are working with the regional public health networks and recovery support organizations to ensure families are getting the support they need. The Chair asked for questions on the dashboard. There were no questions, so the Chair welcomed Dave Mara to speak on an issue that has been brought to the attention of the Commission.

4. Team Wolfeboro Report – Dave Mara, Governor's Advisor on Addiction and Behavioral Health, shared that Team Wolfeboro is a community group that looks to address teen substance use. Mr. Mara shared concerns that Team Wolfeboro has brought forward on potential conflicts of interest in the Governor's Commission work. Mr. Mara shared those concerns and a following report written by the Team Wolfeboro with the Attorney General's office. Mr. Mara read a statement from the AG's office that addressed this concern by sharing that it was not a conflict of interest. Next the Chair moved to welcome Matt Mckenney and Peter Ames to talk about funded programs.

5. Leveraged Funds – Matt McKenney, Recovery Friendly Workplace Advisory Council member, spoke about how the CARES Act and ARPA funds are helping to provide employees of Recovery Friendly Workplaces expanded access to recovery supports. The total leveraged funds for recovery organizations was over \$850,000 to 14 different programs across the state. The Chair then welcomed Peter Ames to speak on the Foundation for Healthy Communities. Mr. Ames shared 23% of requests through Doorways is usually related to an unfunded substance, alcohol. The foundation provides one million dollars through the CARES Act to fund direct expenses related to alcohol use and expenses that would otherwise be unfunded or not reimbursed. Mr. Ames will share a comprehensive report at a later date, but he was able to report that 1800 requests were made for alcohol use disorder services at the Doorways. The Chair asked for questions from the members. The Chair shared that the existence of the Doorways allows for comprehensive data collection and quick reallocation of funds based on needs. Next the Chair welcomed Tim Lena to provide education and information around cannabis in New Hampshire.

6. Cannabis and Minimum Health Provisions – Tim Lena, Prevention Task Force Chair, shared that most prevention professionals believe the best course of action would be not to commercialize the sales of cannabis. Mr. Lena shared that prevention looks to make recommendations based on science and research. Mr. Lena shared examples of youth cannabis use and stated that the low perception of harm is leading to an increase in youth use. Mr. Lena shared youth believe cannabis is safe and is therefore being used more. Tim Lena asked Traci Fowler to speak about documents developed to address the educational materials on child safety for therapeutic cannabis centers to provide to patients. Mr. Lena shared frustration that these documents are not widely disseminated. The Chair asked if the documents were still relevant, and Amy Daniels shared the Division of Public Health may be working on an update. Rick Frost shared an update on the Project ECHO that was addressing cannabis prevention during the time of commercialization. He shared other states found that it was vital for prevention funding and resources to be written into the law and for health disparities to be addressed before the sales even began. Sgt. Frost also shared that avoidance of high potency products was recommended by the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) out of Colorado because of the significant increase in childhood poisoning. Kate Frey shared the policy recommendations and principles for public health focused cannabis commercialization. The Chair shared that this is just the beginning of the conversation around cannabis and there will be continued study and discussion. Seddon Savage asked if the diversion of therapeutic cannabis was being studied and if there was data to support Mr. Lena's comments. Joseph Johnsick shared there's no evidence to positively support smoking any substance. The Chair thanked the speakers

and echoed that New Hampshire has many successes in reducing youth use in all youth substance use except cannabis use. Next the Chair welcomed Amy Daniels.

7. Strategic Planning Update – Amy Daniels, JSI, reminded the members that the Strategic Planning report is publicly posted and the data dashboard was updated in February at the Center for Excellence Governor’s Commission webpage. Daniels shared a quick summary of the All-Task Force meeting held in February that was the last input opportunity for the strategic planning process. About 60 people participated in person and virtually. Ms. Daniels will be finalizing the feedback report from the focus groups, the key stakeholder interviews, and surveys. Next the input and quantitative data sources will be used to make recommendations for reviewing strategies in the current plan and create recommendations for what should remain and what should be added to the plan at the April commission meeting. The final version of the new strategic plan will be voted on at the June commission meeting in order for implementation to start for the new fiscal year. The Chair asked for questions and shared that there were thousands of people who were involved in the development of this plan. Mr. Tufts shared that these are action plans that are meant to be able to meet the changing needs in NH. Next the Chair moved on to the funding discussion.

8. Funding Discussion – The Chair explained the intention behind the current funding recommendations. These recommendations are to be used as a gap filler between the two strategic plans. The next strategic plan won’t be approved by the start of the fiscal year and allow for time to fund strategies. Mr. Tufts shared that these should not be viewed as cuts but as bridges to get to the next year of recommendations. The Chair shared that some recommendations are made with the understanding that the State is aware of funding opportunities that would be duplicative of the Commission recommendations. In some cases the Director may give a recommendation to hold funding on a project when there is potential for another source. Everything that is included in the current funding recommendations is something in which the Commission has previously voted to approve. The Chair then shared that he is recusing himself from making any other comments on the funding recommendations and will only be supporting the running of the meeting, not voting on the funding to avoid a conflict of interest. The Chair invited the Executive Director to clarify the funding recommendations. Powers reminded the members that this is only Governor’s Commission funding and doesn’t show other sources of funding. The Chair asked for questions on the recommendations. Rick Frost asked if the recommendations that were not funded can be brought up in the future. The Chair shared that this would fully use the funding so future recommendations could be made but there would be no dollars to support the projects. Jen Doris shared that she needed to recuse herself from the vote because the Department of Education has some programs as part of the recommendation. The Chair then asked the public for comments on the funding recommendations. The Youth Council representative shared that it helps to learn about other funding sources but not all are aware of these opportunities. Patrick Tufts abstained from the vote on the approval of the funding recommendations. Chuck Llyod made the motion to approve the funding recommendations and Joseph Johnsick seconded. The motion passed with two abstentions.

9. Other Business – The Chair asked Judge Nadeau to give an update on the Community Housing Project. Judge Nadeau shared they were asked to provide a presentation on that program at the National Drug Court conference. Judge Nadeau is excited to present on the program because it’s a first in the nation model on housing supports for formally incarcerated people. With no further business the chair closed the meeting.

Next Meeting
April 22, 2022
Fox Chapel
9:30am – 11:30am

Governor Commission Contracts SFY 2022/SFY 2023					
As of 12/31/2021					
		Governor Commission Adjusted Authorized Budget SFY 2022			
		Balance Forward			
		<i>*These funds are carried over from previous years and may already obligated.</i>			
		Carryover Contract Funding			
		Total Gov Comm Budget SFY22			
Type ³	Name**	Description	SFY22 Gov Comm Contract Obligations	SFY23 Gov Comm Contract Reccomendedati ons	
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. Services are based on a sliding fee scale.	\$ 1,420,000.00	\$ 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.	\$ 950,000.00	\$ 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	\$ 243,996.00	\$ -
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. Provide training and technical assistance toward quality improvement and sustainability. Collect, aggregate and report on RCO development and PRSS outcomes. Actively promote the availability and value of Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS) across the state. Provide coordination of an association of NH RCOs.	\$ 2,325,000.00	\$ 1,300,000.00

Type¹		Name**	Description	SFY22 Gov Comm Contract Obligations	SFY23 Gov Comm Contract Reccomendedati ons
5	S	Support Services	Provide administrative support to the Governor's Commission and general support to prevention services.	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
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.	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
7	P	Multi-Tier 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.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 156,000.00
8	T	Medication Assisted Services	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.	\$ 651,893.00	\$ 404,107.00
9	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.	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
10	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.	\$ 819,327.00	\$ 719,000.00

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11	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.	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
12	R	Recovery Housing Certification and Rental Assistance	To provide Recovery Housing Certification and Rental Assistance.	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
13	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.	\$ 303,074.00	\$ 303,000.00
14	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.	\$ 325,400.00	\$ 325,000.00
15	P	School Climate Transformation Grant Program	Funding to support the evidenced informed programming within NH School Districts to change climate favorable to substance misuse and mental heath prevention.	\$ 154,000.00	\$ -
16	P	Mitigation and Prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences-Home Visiting	Funding for ACES screening in a DPHS contract.	\$ 207,656.00	\$ 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.	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 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.	\$ 360,000.00	\$ 260,000.00

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19	P	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.	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
22	P	Surveillance and Related Activities for Youth Access to Tobacco and Alcohol	Conduct surveillance and related activities for youth access and use of tabacoo use (Synar)-MOU.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 88,000.00
23	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.	\$ 78,750.00	\$ -
24	S	Training for Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Workforce	A competency and skills-based training program that addresses the needs of the State's prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery supports workforce.	\$ 110,119.00	\$ 110,000.00
25	P	Mitigation and prevention of Adverse Childhood Experiences	Funding for supporting and strenghtening Families First in Bureau of Housing & Economic Supports contract.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
26	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.	\$ 55,564.00	\$ 40,000.00
27	P	Workforce Development for Drug & Alcohol Prevention Providers	Prevention Specialists Mentorship Program	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
28	S	Governor's Office Staff	Support for SUD specific staff within the Governor's Office.	\$ 301,445.00	\$ 303,463.00

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29	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. The program is designed to delay the initiation of the use of substances, reduce the use of substances, enhance resiliency for students who are living in high risk environments, increase the knowledge of how substances affect the adolescent brain and development, increase the perception of harm/risk for using substances, and increase parental communication and monitoring.	--	\$ 1,475,000.00
30	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.	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -
31	R	Peer Recovery Outreach to Homeless Shelters and Encampments	Increase peer recovery outreach to homeless shelters and encampments.	\$ 175,000.00	\$ -
32	T	Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) Renovations	Unutilized funding earmarked in a previous state budget for rennovations to a section of SYSC.	\$ 88,860.00	\$ -
33	I	Support for Syringe Services Programs	Implementation not started	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -
34	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.	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -
35	P/R	Military Child Care Access Initiative	The Department of Military Affairs and Veteran Services and BDAS have entered into a MOU to 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.	\$ 291,000.00	\$ 291,000.00

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36	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.	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
37	S	Technology Based Education for Diverse sectors	Implementation not started	\$ -	\$ -
38	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.	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
39	S	To provide training to all providers and service professionals related to trauma-informed best practices and harm reduction strategies; to provide training and consulting related to the impact of brain injury and overdose; to provide training on methamphetamine; to provide training on mental health first aid to youth and young adult peers and law enforcement.	Implementation not started	\$ -	\$ -
40	T	Transitional Living	Provide operational/room and board support for transitional living based on the current BDAS definition.	\$ 375,000.00	\$ 563,000.00
41	T/R	Improve Care Coordination across substance use treatment and recovery systems in NH in order to improve patient outcomes and reduce costs.	Implementation not started	\$ -	\$ -

Type¹	Name**	Description	SFY22 Gov Comm Contract Obligations	SFY23 Gov Comm Contract Recommendations
	Total	Total	\$ 13,498,084.00	\$ 10,902,570.00
	Total currently approved Gov Comm Obligations in contract or to be contracted			
	Total all Governor Commission Obligations			
	Possible Prior Year Liquidations			
	Total Governor Commission Funds Remaining			

Recommmendations \$ (10,902,570.00)

Available \$ 10,000,000.00

\$ (902,570.00)

Anticipated Carry Forward (as noted above) \$ 1,044,000.00

Balance Available for SFY23 \$ 141,430.00

Reccomended, but not in contract/process \$ 835,000.00

Expiring 6/30/22 with no renewals \$ 2,000,000.00

Reccomended and in contract/process \$ 8,067,570.00

\$ 10,902,570.00

*Contract Type Key

P = Prevention

I = Intervention & Harm Reduction

C = Crisis and Access

T = Treatment

R = Recovery

S = Systems Support

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