

COORDINATION AND COOPERATION TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes

March 10 9:30 - 10:30 am

Hybrid: In-person at the Community Health Institute/JSI and virtually on Zoom

Attendance

Name	Attendance
Task Force Members	
Steve Ahnen	Absent
Helen Hanks	In Person
Peter Ames	In Person
Phoebe Axtman	In Person
Jake Berry	Virtual
Lauren Chambers	Virtual
Thomas Donovan	In person
Carol Furlong	In Person
Ashley Lewis	In Person
Meghan Marcucci	In Person
Suzanne Thistle	In Person
Dan Wargo	Virtual
Kara Morse	Virtual
Center for Excellence on Addiction/JSI Staff	
Amy Daniels	In-person
Cara Griffith	In-person
Public	
Kristi Hart	Virtual
Delitha Watts	Virtual
Dan Andrus	In Person

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Welcome and Introductions

Commissioner Hanks invited task force members to introduce themselves. The Center for Excellence/JSI shared the process for the Task Force to request Technical Assistance (TA) with JSI.

Review the Strengthening Our Response Together Action Plan

The [Strengthening Our Response Together Action Plan](#) was shared with Task Force members via email prior to the meeting and reviewed briefly. Task Force members will receive hard copies at the next meeting.

C+C Task Force Duties Review

Discussed the C&C Task Force as having the broadest responsibilities as a Task Force, which can be overwhelming. The Chair noted that the C&C Task Force should be connecting with the Data Task Force to help prioritize and inform swift action and that the TF will receive referrals from the Governor's Commission, which will help guide them.

1. Engage community voices & GC member agencies
 - a. TF members to think about who can come and speak, share, and educate the TF.
2. Coordinate efforts on strategies across the continuum
3. Prioritize strategies for GC work (implementation plan)
4. Annual reporting on progress, emerging issues, and recommendations
 - a. It was noted that reporting for the Task Force is in October
5. Regularly inform the GC on landscape and plan progress

Charter Development

- Discussion of what is going well in the state? What is emerging? What is missing?

Focus on lives saved, not lives lost

- Need to focus on overdose rates not dropping and supporting families.
 - We don't have numbers for how many lives have been saved.
- Harm reduction and how it can be utilized in each continuum of care

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- Prevent overdose deaths from harm reduction (lives that are being saved)
- Provides OD prevention training, potential for outreach workers to present
- Improving access to treatment.

Focus on supporting people involved with the justice system and corrections

- Labeled felon – how do people with SUD/MH and felony experience move forward?
 - Don't have resources because we have so much stigma from both people and providers.
 - How do you take someone in recovery and work toward getting their record expunged? Need better supports in place.
 - Justice Reinvestment Initiative as a resource.

Focus on social determinants of health that lead to SUD in order to address the prevention component

Focus on funding and reimbursement

- Agency work dependent on funds and then funding ends, lost momentum because of funding gaps and agency ownership changes. New work on the same issues is always being started.
- Insurance companies have no consistency in coverage, process, and what they do/don't approve.
- Types of formal intervention.

Public Comment

Delitha Watts: Health Policy and Practice UNH. Excited to see where this is going and how it informs their work and informs organizations.

Dan Andrus: Hospital Foundation

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Legislative Updates

It is a Medicaid expansion authorization year- Senate Bill 237, passed in the senate 24-0. It will go to the Senate Finance Committee for review, then go back to Senate and will have to go through House committees.

The House Finance Committee is holding its meeting on state budgets on Monday to discuss priorities. Fully funding alcohol fund (GC Commission), as required by law.

There is a proposed series of licensing reforms around healthcare – moving MLADC board under mental health, this would have an impact on the substance use field.

Next Steps

- Chair requested having TF members complete a prompt to help support charter development.
 - **Prompt:** Take the goals of the C&C and put concepts under them associated with their own work and the GC Strategic Plan that they are invested in as well as identify any gaps.
- Commissioner Hanks noted a quorum for the meeting is important but the TF will be able to get more done going forward, the more people are in person at meetings.
- JSI to send meeting notes, reminder of homework assignment and next meeting date.
- JSI to meet with co chairs on how to best help and support.
- Next C&C Task Force Meeting is Friday May 12th, 2023 9:30-11am.