

**Center for Excellence on Addiction/JSI**  
**Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs**  
Coordination & Cooperation Task Force  
May 12, 2023 Meeting Summary

## **Meeting Summary**

The Coordination & Cooperation Task Force met on May 12, 2023. The Task Force reviewed an in-progress document created by JSI called the Opioid Abatement Commission Crosswalk to better orient the group to the current funding landscape in New Hampshire in conjunction with the work of the Opioid Abatement Commission. The Task Force also discussed strategies to engage community voices while bearing in mind important considerations based on Task Force members' experiences in the field.

## **Decisions/Recommendations Made**

1. It is imperative to connect with and listen to those with lived experience – those in recovery and also those still using substances. Harm reduction should be a key piece of the work of the Commission.
2. Need to continue to focus on stigma and changing the culture – it is not always just about treatment, but also about the social determinants of health.
3. Must also shift our focus from top down to bottom up, a key step in truly engaging those with lived experience.
4. The task force reinforced the need to develop mechanisms and approaches for bringing recommendations to the full Governor's Commission to inform and advance its work.

## **Next Steps**

- Next C&C Task Force meeting: July 14, 2023, 9:30-11am
- Continue to review C&C Task Force objectives.