

**Center for Excellence on Addiction/JSI**  
**Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs**

Budget Task Force

November 17th, 2023 Meeting Summary

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- The current drafts of the Investments Workbook, Public Input Data Brief, and updated Funding Crosswalk (previously the Opioid Abatement Crosswalk) were reviewed, in addition to DHHS and C&C Task Force recommendations for the use of the Alcohol Fund in FY25 and FY26. These were used to make recommendations that the Budget Task Force will bring to the full Commission.
- Jill Burke provided the Task Force with an overview and explanation of the DHHS recommendations via Zoom and answered questions.
- The Budget Task Force split up their recommendations into 3 categories: investments that should be lower priority or halted altogether; investments that should be added or be higher priority; and process recommendations. In addition, the Task Force discussed opportunities for alignment and leveraging funding with the Opioid Abatement Commission, and encouraged the continued partnership between the two Commissions.

## Decisions/Recommendations Made

1. The September 29th meeting minutes were approved.
2. Programs that were recommended to be removed or moved to lower priority for Commission funding were: Recovery Friendly Workplace (due to sufficient funding coming from another source), Tertiary Prevention on College Campuses, Military Fitness Reimbursement, Life of an Athlete, and Family Resource Center Facilitation Organization and Quality Specialist.
3. The Budget Task Force recommended that the following should be high priority: Stigma Education/Reduction, which the Task Force recommended should be an aspect included in every Commission-funded contract; Harm Reduction, the investments in which the Task Force recommended should be at least doubled, amounting to a minimum investment of \$800K each year; continued support and

expansion of recovery support services in Grafton and Coos County; continued funding of one existing position at the Governor's Office; and funding for a strategic financial plan for NH's SUD system amounting to \$250K per year for two years.

4. The Budget Task Force recommended flagging four areas that need funding, but could be a possible leverage with Opioid Abatement Commission funding: housing/rental assistance; transportation services; kinship caregiver support; and recovery housing certification.

## Next Steps

- The first Budget Task Force meeting of 2024 will be scheduled at a later date.
- Traci Fowler will send a memo to Patrick Tufts and Katja Fox with the recommendations of the Budget Task Force for Commission investments in FY25.