

Governor's Commission on Addiction, Treatment, & Prevention COORDINATION AND COOPERATION TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2026 10:00 - 11:30 am

Hybrid: In-person at the NH Hospital Association/GUW and virtually on Zoom

Attendance

Name	Attendance
Task Force Members	
Steve Ahnen	Absent
Matt McKenney	In person
Peter Ames	In person
Jake Berry	Zoom
Lauren Chambers	Zoom
Carol Furlong	In person
Maggie Weaver	In person
Andrew Grenier	In person
Public	
Daniel Andrus	Zoom
Janelle Havens	Zoom
Maddy Kiernan	In person
Emily Kannenberg	In person
Center for Excellence on Addiction/JSI Staff	
Amy Daniels	In person
Olivia DiGeronimo	In person
Julia Tran	Zoom

Welcome & Introductions

All participants, in-person and on Zoom, introduced themselves.

Review and Approve 4/2/26 Minutes

Jake Berry made a motion to approve the April 2nd minutes. Maggie Weaver seconded. No discussion or changes. All in favor, with Andrew Grenier abstaining.

Public Input Prioritization

Following up from the last C&C Task Force meeting where the Task Force brainstormed ideas for public input, the objective of today's meeting was to prioritize and identify realistically what C&C will be able to

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accomplish within the next year. JSI plans on conducting public forums in-person, in addition to distributing an online survey. However, there is concern that there are priority populations that these modalities will not be able to capture, leading to a discussion on strategic ways to conduct targeted outreach.

The group discussed collaborating with Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs). In September for National Recovery Month, every RCO hosts events, and these events can provide opportunities to promote a survey developed by C&C and JSI to gather public input. Still, it is likely that the survey will not reach certain populations due to stigma. For data collection and analysis, the Task Force will clearly articulate what groups were reached out to and what groups were missing from outreach. The group considered other potential partnerships, such as with the NH Hospital Association to reach primary care providers, and conducting outreach at YMCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs, and food banks to reach people with lived experience.

For next steps, the Task Force plans to work with volunteers from the RCOs to design the survey instrument, thinking carefully about how to frame questions. Since a new Strategic Plan is in development, there is more opportunity this year to develop new questions for the survey, since they do not have to follow the previous strategic plan's framework. Ideally, one survey will be designed for both people who are navigating services and providers, and tangible data points will be collected to inform the new strategic plan. It was suggested to include a question asking participants who they think should be surveyed.

As part of the communication plan for the survey, it is important to communicate to participants the purpose of the survey, the findings after they are available, and how that information will be used. C&C members asked if the Governor's Commission would be able to increase their online and social engagement, or increase visibility, since communication will be key to survey outreach. If the Commission can send out a newsletter, the survey can be more widely disseminated.

For RCOs, the group discussed developing a toolkit that includes instructions and information on how to use the survey, as well as facilitation guidance to conduct small focus groups. Further next steps include: the Task Force will investigate strategies to incentivize people and RCOs to participate in public input, and members will consider if they are able to help with outreach, and if so, how they can utilize their networks. C&C plans on connecting with Harbor Care as they keep track of the organizations attending the September Recovery events.

Future Meetings Update

C&C members will receive an email that will serve as their official re-appointment and include future meeting dates and their membership term (one, two, or three years assigned randomly unless a preference was indicated). The Task Force also welcomes new members: Andrew Grenier from TLC Family Resource Center, Alissa Cannon from NH Juvenile Court Diversion Network, and Erika Collins from

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White Horse Recovery who is also representing the North Country. This is Lauren Chambers' last meeting as a member of the Task Force, and C&C thanks her for all her work and contributions to the field.

The newly formed Gambling Task Force met in May, and next Friday following this C&C meeting, there will be a Governor's Commission meeting where an environmental scan of gaming and problem gaming will be presented. The Commission Chair and Data Task Force Chair decided to pivot with the Data Task Force, and are in the process of recruiting data specialists and experts to join the Task Force.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Carol Furlong motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jake Berry seconded the motion. All in favor, no abstentions.

Decisions/Recommendations Made

1. The Task Force approved the minutes from the April 2nd Task Force meeting.

Next Steps

- The next C&C Task Force meeting is on Thursday, August 20th, 2026 at the NH Hospital Association/Granite United Way.