

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

Meeting Minutes

April 2, 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	In person
Matt McKenney	In person
Peter Ames	In person
Phoebe Axtman	In person
Jake Berry	Zoom
Lauren Chambers	Zoom
Carol Furlong	In person
Maggie Weaver	Zoom
Public	
Chloe Mikorski	Zoom
Janelle Havens	Zoom
Liaison(s)/ Subject Matter Experts/ Invited Guests	
Elizabeth Biron	Zoom
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.

As not enough people were present at the start of the meeting to have a full quorum, the Task Force utilized the 1/3 quorum rule. Under these circumstances, a full roll call should be taken for every vote held.

Three Zoom attendees underwent the justification process. Lauren Chambers was alone in their office in Lebanon. Jake Berry was alone in their office in Concord. Maggie Weaver was in their office in Dover.

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Review and Approve 12/4/25 Minutes

Peter Ames moved to approve the December 4th minutes, Carol Furlong second. No discussion or changes. All in favor, no abstentions.

Planning for Public Input

Steve Ahnen started the discussion by providing context and sharing guiding questions. At past public input sessions, it has been a challenge getting people to attend events, due to the barriers of travel. The C&C Task Force should think about how they can get more input, how they can do smaller and more targeted events to hear input from people with lived experiences, and how they should organize this input to understand it and communicate it to the Governor's Commission.

The group was tasked to brainstorm the "who," priority populations they want to hear from, and the "how," potential partners that they can work with to collect feedback. The Task Force's goal is to collect information to better understand the environment, its challenges and what is working.

Some priority populations identified were: people who have firsthand experience with addiction, providers at various levels of the continuum, people who live in more rural areas, people who are unhoused, medical staff working in emergency departments, employers regarding their engagement with the recovery friendly workplace initiative, family members of those impacted by addiction, youth and college students, veterans, and justice-involved communities.

Some organizations and groups that the Task Force can partner with to collect feedback would be: New Futures, Student Assistance Network, Making It Happen's Youth Prevention program, RPHNs, Office of Veterans Affairs, veteran coalitions, outreach teams based in Manchester and Concord who work with recovery homes, RCOs, RFWs, the Hospital Association, Medical Society, Mobile Crisis, drug courts, emergency medical services, the organizations represented by Task Force members, the NH Council on Problem Gambling, and the Primary Providers Association.

The Task Force members will receive an organized version of these lists and be asked for feedback. The group identified RCOs as a current priority, because they are already collecting information that could be helpful to the Governor's Commission. A member confirmed that they often host focus groups where the conversation is on what is working and what is not working in the system, and participants are provided with incentives to join. The Task Force wondered if they would be able to develop questions to ask participants through an RCO. This is a conversation that will need to be had with the organization itself.

TF Membership

Amy Daniels provided updates on Task Force membership. All members have had their terms extended until June 2026. Members have the opportunity to share with their co-chairs whether they have a preference for a 1, 2, or 3 year term, and/or if they would like to move to a different task force. If members are not interested in continuing or have ideas for voices missing from the Task Force, they should also let their co-chairs know.

A more formal invitation that details the responsibilities of the Task Force and its members will be shared with the group. Membership is planned to be finalized by the end of May.

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Public Comment

No public comment.

Decisions/Recommendations Made

1. The Task Force approved the minutes from the December 4th Task Force meeting.

Next Steps

- The next C&C Task Force meeting will take place on June 4th at 10:00 am.
- Members should let co-chairs know if they would like to proceed on the Task Force after June 2026, preference for terms, and/or if they would like to move to a different Task Force.
- Co-chairs and JSI will compile a list of priority populations and partners to share with Task Force members and request feedback.