Opioid Coordination Council

**Date:** 9/11/2017

**Location and Time:** 1-4:30 p.m. Waterbury State Office Complex


**Absent:** D. Allaire, M. Bucossi, J. DeLena, L. Genge, R. Marcoux, K. Sigsbury

**Signed-In:** Terri Edgerton, Erin Oalican, Judy Rex, Karen Shea, Devon Green, Paul Dragon, Yashira Pepin, Jane Helmstetter, Sam francis-Fath, Tori Houston, Beth Tanzman

**Meeting Facilitator and Note Taker:** Notes: R.Gowdey xxx

**Meeting Objectives:** Monthly meeting

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<td>Welcome: Chairs Gobeille, Anderson &amp; Leddy Minutes: Review/approval of August minutes</td>
<td>Minutes accepted. (moved J. Leddy, seconded S. Byers)</td>
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<td>Monthly Recap: Director LaClair</td>
<td>• Updates on recent and upcoming activities • Note absence of resources for families of those with SUD • Non-pharmacological (integrative) health care roundtable will be on 9/15.</td>
<td>Members invited to Roundtable.</td>
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<td>Presentations: DCF &amp; DMH: Policies, Programs, Structures and Funding – What Works, Hot Spots, Gaps and Strategies</td>
<td>Moderator: Martha Maksym, Deputy Secretary AHS</td>
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<td>Department for Children and Families:</td>
<td>Ken Schatz, Commissioner SUDs’ impact on children/stress &amp; trauma (ACEs)</td>
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<td>Department of Mental Health: Policies, Programs, Structures and Funding – What Works, Hot Spots, Gaps and Strategies</td>
<td>Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner</td>
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| SUDs’ impact on programs as well – increase in children in DCF custody; judicial system. Age of children coming into system is dropping. Caseloads in Family Services up. Caseloads in Economic Services going down – economy (but low-pay jobs). **Best practices:** FSD: Children & Recovering Mothers (ChARM program); Case managers through Regional Partnership Program. ESD: temporary absence for treatment; Home visit program; Jobs for Independence. CDD: Strengthening Families Framework. OEO: Family Supportive Housing. OCS: Move beyond child support enforcement to job skills. **Recommendations:**  
  - Expand Home Visiting Program  
  - Add visitation resources  
  - Regional Partnership Program expansion of embedded case managers  
  - Family-centered approach to treatment – link between Hub and Parent-Child Centers  
  - Stable housing |
| **Estimate 40% 40 – 90% of those with SUD have co-occurring MH challenges. People with chronic mental illness more prone to SUD  
  - Mental health issues in emergency departments up  
  - # co-occurring beds decreasing due to lack of staff  
  - Caseloads increasing |
| Discussion | Members discussed, asked questions.  
  - Need unified/coordinated training of MH and ED staff in SUD  
  - What does success look like? (Permanency for children) |
| OCC Committee and Working Group Presentations | Recommendations from each group across all drivers. More detailed perspectives based on committee work. What resonates? What’s missing? |
| Working Group 1: Affordability and Professional Development | Ginger Cloud, Central VT Medical Center; and Peter Espenshade, VAMHAR  
Growing, attracting, retaining SUD workforce – Loan repayment/forgiveness; Recovery and prevention coaches; supervision and professional development. |
| Working Group 2: Licensure and Higher Education | Annamarie Cioffari, S. New Hampshire University; and Gabe Gilbert, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State  
Focus for this period has been on improvements to License for Alcohol and Drug Counselors – protect public, streamline, simplify. Next is alignment – higher education; payers (insurance). |
| Discussion | • If funds needed to support recovery, need to address it  
• Peers, people with lived experience, coaches, clinicians – clarifying and aligning needed |
| Prevention and Enforcement Committee: | Roger Marcoux, Sheriffs’ Assoc.; and Stephanie Thompson, League of Cities & Towns  
**Enforcement** – high priorities are roadside drug test, local drug investigations resources.  
**Prevention** – high priorities are prescription monitoring, statewide messaging |
| Treatment and Recovery Committee | Bob Bick, Howard Center; and Peter Mallary, VAMHAR  
• Recovery housing, employment in recovery and transportation rise high  
• MAT not the only form of treatment  
• Need to expand role of recovery coaches  
• Statewide standards for spoke services  
• Create portals that coordinate systems of treatment & recovery |
| Discussion | • Discuss funding |
| Public Comment | No comments |
| Follow-up/Action | Recommendations/Strategies work session, beginning with values; moving onto goals and strategies  
9/21/2017 at VT. Dept of Health |
| Next OCC Regular Meeting: | November 6, 2017 (work session(s) between now and then) |