

**Substance Abuse Services Commission
Meeting of January 8, 2014
DHHS Building, 41 Anthony Avenue
Augusta, Maine**

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

Peter McCorison, Chair
Robert Rogers
Irene Laney
Scott Gagnon
Darren Ripley (by phone)
Representative Ann Dorney

Members Absent/Excused:

Leanne Dodge
Ann Giggey
Michael Savage
Bill Lowenstein
Thomas Leonard
Diehl Snyder, MD
Rep. Carol A. McElwee
Rep. Katherine Cassidy
Rep. Peter Stuckey
Senator Colleen Lachowicz

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services:

Geoff Miller, SAMHS, Representing Guy Cousins, Director, SAMHS

Guests:

Ruth Blauer, MASAP (by phone)
Susan Kring, MAPSA
Neill Miner, AdCare Maine
Deborah Doiron, AdCare Maine, Recorder

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MINUTES

DRAFT Date:		SASC Approved:	
Signed: Recorded by: Deborah Doiron, AdCare Maine			

Meeting Convened: 9:00 A.M.

Adjourned: 10:30 A.M.

Meeting Convened: By Peter McCorison

Agenda:

- General Meeting Opening: Review Agenda; Acceptance of Minutes; Public Forum
- RESOLVE, LD 388 – To Improve the Participation Rate of Prescribers in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program
- SAMHS Update
- New Business:
 - Recovery Capital
 - Marijuana in the State of Maine, The Commission’s Position
 - Drug Courts
 - LD 1578, “An Act to Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People”
 - Format/Content of Minutes
- Old Business
 - Recovery Items and the Recovery Subcommittee: Its plans and actions
 - Membership (Representatives and numbers)
 - Ethics and Mission Statements
- Prepare Agenda Items for next meeting on February 12, 2014
- Adjourn meeting

General Meeting Opens:

Introductions, Review Agenda, Acceptance of Minutes; Public Comment

Peter McCorison, Chair, welcomed the group at 9:00 AM and thanked everyone for attending this month's meeting. Since there were not enough members present for a quorum, Peter said the group would defer review and approval of the minutes for December. The Commission will discuss and vote on minutes at February's meeting. Peter announced that the meetings for February, March and April will be located at the Cross Building. The room number will be announced later. Peter also announced that the final draft report of recommendations for L.D. 388 were delivered on January 2nd to the committee at the legislature for use in their proceedings.

SAMHS Update: Geoff Miller began his update with the following items:

- 1) **Prevention Services** – Looking at Promotion of MH & SA by using a media campaign mode of informing the community. This information will be based on health and wellness and be inclusive of all aspects of wellness. He also discussed the “Me Being Healthy” media campaign.
- 2) **Prevention credentials** – SAMHS is working on establishing a prevention professional credentialing system, in connection with the ICRC system. SAMHS will be funding a half time position to work on setting up the system.
- 3) **Prevention Team Connecting with Recovery Team** – There have been conversations between these two SAMHS groups to identify ways to work collaboratively. They have discussed the needs of affected family members; adverse childhood experiences and family dynamics
- 4) **Five Key Messages** – These marijuana prevention messages are being utilized by the Maine Prevention Network (MPN) as part of their community awareness initiatives. SAMHS is developing a media campaign, and will start implementing it sometime this spring. It includes people giving personal testimonies. Messages may be placed on possibly place on U-TUBE, Facebook, MaineParents.net.
- 5) **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome** – Andrea Pasco and SAMHS continue to focus on the needs of Drug Affected Babies.
- 6) **Prevention** – Geoff stated that the SYNAR Report for the Block Grant was submitted on December 21, 2013. This report is required in order for SAMHS to access 45% of its Federal Block Grant dollars.
- 7) **MIYHS survey data:** The 2013 survey data is now available, and SAMHS is working with local schools to support their accessing the data. It is also working with the the Survey Advisory Board on revisions to the next (2015) survey.
- 8) **Intervention Services:**
 - A) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Crisis Services and call line changes and concerns were discussed - projected implementation date is July 1, 2014;
 - B) The Driver Education and Evaluation Program (DEEP) recently went through a NIATx improvement process regarding the registration of participants. A simple change to the registration process has lead to improved participation rates in the DEEP classes and also brought in \$35,000 more funds into the program, so far;

C) Intensive Case Managers have increased their face-to-face time with clients;

9) Treatment Services:

- A) SAMHS is currently in the process of hiring for the position of State Opioid Treatment Authority (SOTA). This position oversees all methadone and medication assisted programs and prescribing practices;
- B) Reference was made to the large number of people who have recently lost MaineCare coverage and the need to capture more information on this;
- C) Anna Black, with the MYTREP grant, will be working with the SAT-ED Interagency Advisory Council to gather financial mapping information and enhance current levels of interagency collaborations related to adolescent treatment services.

10) Recovery Services:

- A) Leticia Huttman, Manager of Recovery Services is working on the upcoming Hope Conference;
- B) RFI on per services has been completed. The data is being analyzed. Results will guide the development of the new RFP.

11) Workforce Development: Two behavioral health integration forums have been completed to help inform the development of next year's workforce development activities. SAMHS is working to support integration of services, working with other DHHS Departments.

NEW BUSINESS

Recovery Capital – The Commission is interested in gathering data to document the value of recovery. With some key members absent, Peter decided to move this topic forward onto next month's agenda for a more detailed discussion.

Marijuana in the State of Maine, The Commission's Position – Members decided that there should be an impartial document created to address the potential impact; the effects and consequences of use. Scott asked if there should be two different documents: one for medical marijuana and another for the possible legalization of marijuana. It was concluded that more research and discussion is needed. Geoff said he could provide information to assist Peter and Scott in the creation of their position paper, and suggested using the Five Key Messages document he gave out at a previous meeting as reference. The Commission can also work with Marijuana Workgroup at SAMHS. The draft document prepared last year by the Commission should be a good starting point;

Other notes and topics regarding Marijuana in Maine:

- A) Federally it is still illegal
- B) Workplace policies for employers are important
- C) Impaired Driving is an issue
- D) Identifying public perceptions around Marijuana is key
- E) The need for gathering new statistics on the usage and negative effects
- F) More information from high school and middle school surveys is now available

Drug Courts – Peter said that he would look to Guy for more information on this topic to see what the plans are for the future;

LD 1578, “An Act To Increase Health Security by Expanding Federally Funded Health Care for Maine People” – the hearing on this will be held on January 15, 2014, before the Health and Human Services Committee. The Commission’s role would be to address the potential value of the funding of these services;

Format/Content of Minutes – discussion of whether to have the Commission Minutes formatted as a verbatim or synopsis of the meeting. Both Irene Laney and Darren Ripley said they were happy with the current minutes. This will be discussed further at the February Meeting.

Old Business: To be reviewed in February

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Meeting Adjourned: 10:30 A.M.

Next Meeting: February 12, 2014, 9:00 – 12:00

Location: Cross Building, specifics to be announced