NH’s Recovery Task Force of the Governor’s Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Supports services and systems related to the advancement of recovery support services in NH. Includes many active leaders, members and advocates involved in NH’s recovery movement. Provides support and ensures information exchange and technical assistance for organizations providing recovery support services.

To learn more about the Recovery Task Force: [https://nhcenterforexcellence.org/governors-commission/recovery-task-force/](https://nhcenterforexcellence.org/governors-commission/recovery-task-force/)

The NH Recovery Community Network is multifaceted and composed of those with widely varied lived experience, pathways and styles of recovery, beliefs and values, and recovery outcomes. Shared goals and interests among people with a substance use disorder, those identifying as in recovery, family members, and recovery community allies most often involve increasing the availability and accessibility of recovery supports and limiting the harms to which people with drug-use-related problems are exposed.

Access Recovery Resources here: [nhrecoveryhub.org/](https://nhrecoveryhub.org/)

**Progress to date:**

The number of public recovery-oriented events and trainings, recovery awareness campaigns, recovery stakeholder testimonies at legislative hearings, and recovery community representatives in public office increases dramatically each year.

Recovery-focused services and providers are moving beyond a ‘networking’ phase in relation to other provider types and into an ‘integration’ phase.

*The voice of recovery is strong and was present in the following bills:*

- **HB 270:** Good Samaritan bill
- **HB 271:** Narcan bill
- **HB 572:** Suspending Prior Authorization Requirements
- **HB 610:** Implementing Needle Exchange Programs
- **HB 1743:** Fully Funding NH’s Alcohol Fund
- **SB 513:** Establishing September as NH Recovery Month
- **SB 514:** Establishing a Commission to Create a NH Recovery Monument.
- **SB 570:** Work Requirement for Childcare Scholarships

Recovery Community Centers (RCCs) are essential components for NH’s system of care for substance use disorders and related social vulnerabilities.

**Progress to date:**

- RCCs Regional Public Health Networks have state funding to develop infrastructure support and financial accountability to develop and deliver quality and consistent peer recovery support services (PRSS).
- The NH Department of Health and Human Services currently funds 13 RCCs; providing over five million dollars to these centers to date.

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RCCs Progress to date continued:

- All RCCs have been successful in diversifying their funding to expand services in their local communities.
- All RCCs are represented at their regional Integrated Delivery Networks (IDN); nearly all are written into funded projects to deliver services or to build capacity for service delivery in their communities.
- RCCs provide services for underserved populations.

Peer Recovery Support Services (PRSS) are social support services, designed and delivered by people who have experienced both a substance use disorder and recovery, to meet the needs of people in or seeking recovery. They include services that provide emotional (e.g., mentoring), informational (e.g., parenting class), instrumental (e.g., accessing community services), and affiliational (e.g., social events) support. PRSS are delivered in multiple settings, ranging from RCCs, treatment programs, and criminal justice agencies to homeless centers, campus agencies, and faith-based organizations.¹

Progress to date:

- Client-specific outcomes data from Recovery Coaching and Telephone Recovery Support Services delivered by Recovery Community Organizations (RCOs) will be reported using the Recovery Data Platform (RDP) in FY 2019. Data points include abstinence, recovery engagement, use of emergency services, criminal justice involvement, housing security, employment status, and social connectedness.
- The number of individuals enrolled in Telephone Recovery Support and Recovery Coaching services in the publically funded RCCs increased by 143% between October 2017 and March 2018.
- Hundreds of people have been trained to deliver Peer Recovery Support Services.
- A PRSS Community of Practice (CoP) has convened for PRSS providers. The CoP includes webinar and in-person trainings to discuss a wide variety of topics relevant to Recovery Community Centers.
- While difficult to account for every PRSS training held in NH since the Task Force’s inception, the number approaches 300.
- There are currently 125 Certified Recovery Support Workers (CRSWs) in NH.

Recovery Housing - Recovery housing is sober, safe, and healthy living environment that promotes recovery from alcohol and other drug use and associated problems. The RTF has been collaborating on the development of safe and appropriate housing for people in recovery. The Task Force supports the National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR).

Progress to date:

- In 2017, the Recovery Task Force established Recovery Housing Standards to provide the basis for program voluntary certification.
- Standards for Level 1 and Level 2 of Recovery Housing program intensity have been submitted to the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services to implement recovery housing administrative rules.

Family Services - Families affect and are influenced by the recovery experiences of children, youth, and adults with mental or substance use disorders. As caregivers, navigators, and allies, family members play diverse roles and may require a variety of supports. Families and family-run organizations are vital components of recovery-oriented service systems. Family members train and support other families—sharing lived experiences and insights that instill hope, increase understanding, and contribute to systems transformation.²

Progress to date:

- In 2014, there were 3 organizations providing family support. To date, NH has 18 groups running. The average attendance at this time is 350 family members per month. The average number of meetings per month is 55.

²https://www.samhsa.gov/brss-tacs/recovery-support-tools/parents-families