

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 10 May 2018

Call to Order: President Warren Coulter called the meeting to order at 1832 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled followed by the invocation delivered by Bancroft McKittrick, filling in for Joe DiChiaro.

Attending: Avery, Boyle, Burdett, Burdo, Coulter, Day, Ikstrums, Jaffin, LeFebvre, McKittrick, McLean, Register. We welcomed Kent Whitman, prospective chapter PAO, to the meeting. Although not specifically announced, a quorum was present for the meeting.

Opening Remarks: Warren Coulter began by wanting to thank Sharon Day for the flyer she put out at the last luncheon asking for volunteers to be the chapter PAO. It worked because we had three people who expressed interest in the position. It turned out that one decided not to do it, but one did and was with us tonight – CPT Kent Whitman, USA (Ret.), who gave a brief bio of himself. Warren mentioned the other individual who expressed an interest in the position – LtCol Geoff Corson, USMC (Ret.) was not able to make the meeting this evening but hopefully will be able to attend the June Board meeting. Warren went on to say that the intent is to bring both individuals on board because there is more than just PAO to do. He said that the blast emails, currently being done by Bruce Avery, could be brought under the PAO hat. He finished by saying how the two wanted to share the load would be up to them. He added that we do have a quorum tonight.

Immediate Past President Remarks: Peter Burdett, who just returned from Storming the Hill in DC, said he was putting his remarks on that off until his report on Government Relations. He then went on to mention a few upcoming events, to include an event at the Currier Museum on May 23rd and the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veteran's Cemetery on May 30th. He then commented on the low veteran unemployment rate which is about equal to the national unemployment rate. He said the challenge is to have the veterans employed better.

Secretary's Report: Michael McLean reported that he received two comments on the April minutes from Roby Day. Peter Burdett said he found a typo. If no one had any other comments, Michael asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the April minutes. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Roby Day asked if there were any questions about the April report. He said our retained earnings are about \$500 ahead of where we were last year. Our assets are \$24,000 ahead of last year which Roby attributed mostly to the markets. He commented that the Common Man Luncheon was profitable to the tune of \$302, even without the \$300.00 we received from USAA. Roby went on to mention the upcoming luncheon in June. He reminded everyone that the deadline for reservations is before the June Board meeting. He commented that the nose count as of today is 21. Roby said that he received acknowledgement from the IRS on our 990 submission. He expects that the IRS will tell him that he did not need to submit the long form because we did not meet the threshold; however, Roby said it was easier to submit the

long form. Roby finished up by saying that we take care of our own, veterans and the like, and there are organizations that take care of us, such as the Red Blazer and the Common Man restaurants. Roby pondered how we could repay them for their support. Peter Burdett pointed out that the man who owns the Common Man restaurants has been involved in helping homeless veterans. Peter thought he might be a candidate for GSWA. Roby had nothing further. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded. Motion passed.

Trustees of the Trust Fund: Andrew Breuder not present. Warren Coulter reported that nothing has changed. It appears that with all the ups and downs in the stock market, our investments are fairly level.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT/Vets Count): Peter Burdett began by reporting on the meeting of the SVAC on May 1st at the National Guard Training Center in Pembroke, NH. He mentioned the announcement of the return of the remains of WWII veteran 1SG David Quinn to NH to be interred in Temple. Peter continued by saying that the SVAC now has a Treasurer and a treasury. Peter said that their speaker was Kurt Webber (sp?) from Camp Resilience. Kurt was looking for people, other than Army, to serve on Camp Resilience's advisory board. Peter was picked. Peter also suggested that one of our Marines on the Board would be a good candidate for this advisory board. Peter went on to report that the other speaker at the SVAC was Bethie Coverdale, a high school student, who is climbing the twenty two highest peaks in NH, as a high school project, to bring awareness to veterans. She was presented a proclamation from the governor. Peter said there was a VA update by Director Al Montoya. Peter said there is a new App for your smart phone to make and remind appointments at the VAMC. Peter mentioned that the SVAC is planning on a summer outing at Weirs Beach. He reported that they went over all the bills of importance to the SVAC. Peter then shifted gears to talk about Storming the Hill. Peter said he met with two of our Congressional delegation – Maggie Hassan and Annie Kuster, and staffers from the other two. Peter showed a chart that emphasized how few individuals are eligible or have the propensity to serve in the military. Peter went on to cover a number of other subjects that were discussed while he was at MOAA. One of those topics was MOAA's new "Virtual Chapters" where people can join a chapter online. One of these is a surviving spouses' virtual chapter. Peter said he sent the information to Michael McLean and asked that he put it on the web site. Peter reported that there are presently 405 chapters of MOAA and the current membership in MOAA is 350,000. Jim LeFebvre asked if there was any mention of the "nondeployable" issue. Peter replied that there was and it is a very expensive issue, but MOAA doesn't have a lot of input on it.

BREAK FOR DINNER

Reconvened Meeting at 1930

Storming the Hill: Peter Burdett continued his report on Storming the Hill by saying that he did not have a staff person from MOAA accompany him but he did have his wife, Susie, with him. MOAA is encouraging spouses to accompany the member on the office calls.

Personal Affairs: Russ Register reported that during the Storming the Hill, there was a briefing given by MOAA for spouses covering benefits and other issues important to them. Russ plans to forward the briefing to MOAA-NH members via the monthly Personal Affairs blast email. He went into the topics covered in the briefing – Personal Affairs, Veterans Affairs, Military Benefits and Survivor Benefits. He emphasized slide 41 of the briefing that covers the new dental and vision program.

Membership: Michael McLean presented the following membership numbers:

New members -	1
Deceased members -	3 (Plus 1 w/ spouse)
Dropped members -	0
Current total membership –	692

Presently there are 62 members (55 Regular/7 Auxiliary) who have not paid their dues for this year and will get a reminder letter next month. Sean Heichlinger, friend of Bancroft, has not joined chapter yet.

Recruiting: Jim Spotts not present. Michael McLean finally received the annual recruiting dump from MOAA on Tuesday and is in the process of analyzing it. To summarize the list contains 2003 names of people who are members of MOAA but not members of our chapter here in NH. MOAA broke the list down into three categories – 874 Members (of MOAA), 882 Lapsed (members who have let their membership lapse) and 247 Prospective (people who have never joined MOAA). Michael went on to break down the Members category into several sub-categories. Of the 874 Members only 94 are new names who have not been contacted before. Michael does not know yet how many more new names will be found in the remaining two categories, but he fears that there will not be enough for a bulk mailing (200 pieces required).

Jim Spotts submitted the following report:

For recruiting, potential candidates that are interested in helping out transitioning officers, and currently living in New Hampshire, are being identified through iSABRD. After their contact information has been confirmed (Linked In, White Pages, etc.) I work to get an MOAA-NH volunteer that has a similar background and lives within a reasonable distance to make contact and “pitch” them on MOAA NH. So far we have one new member Bancroft recruited using this process. Bancroft is currently working on his second recruit and Jim L is working on his first (thanks gents). There are two more candidates (Paul and Rick highlighted in yellow) that, if anyone is interested, I could use some help with. If there are any volunteers please have them reach out to me and I’ll provide contact information and enough information to get a conversation started. When MOAA National provides the updated list of members to Michael I’ll use a similar method. The goal will be to contact each eligible individual by the end of the year. Request you ask the BoD if they know of any upcoming events that we should have a presence at. I’m checking the AUSA and PNSY correspondence and don’t see anything on the horizon for the next 90 days.

Programs: Gerry Boyle reported that CAPT Hunt (CO, PNSY) is on track as the speaker for the June luncheon in Jackson.

Web Page: Michael McLean reported there were 291 hits in April, down from 311 in March.

Popular Pages in April:

Hits Page

31	Program Notes
16	Odds and Ends
15	Chapter News
14	Transition Assistance
10	Membership
9	Group Travel
5	Newsletter
3	UNK
185	General

The chapter's web site received a 5 Star rating from MOAA again this year – third year in a row.

Travel Programs: Tony Burdo not present. Janis Ikstrums presented the following report:
Six passengers booked for the Classical Spain and Portugal trip in October 2018.

Ten passengers booked for the 2020 program that includes the passion play.

In April, Bruce Avery sent out a blast email featuring our travel program “two tours of the month”, Iceland's Magical Northern Lights and Classical Spain and Portugal. In June we will feature Charming French Canada and Magnificent Cities of Central and Eastern Europe. My intent is to feature our trips by blast email every two months

At our last board meeting, I was asked to look into U.S. river cruises that included civil war sites. American Cruise Lines offers four Civil War History Theme cruises on the Mississippi River as follows:

- New Orleans to New Orleans, 8 days, \$4,270.
 - New Orleans to Memphis, 8 days, \$3,995
 - Chattanooga to Memphis, 9 Days on a steamboat, \$2,299
 - Chattanooga to Nashville, 9 days on a steamboat, \$2,699
- Prices do not include air fare, taxes or port charges.

The cruises include on board civil war lectures as you sail, while re-enactors, impersonators and balladeers bring history to life. Shore excursions are designed both to entertain and to increase understanding of the turning point in the nation's history. Highlights might include visits to Civil War sites such as Vicksburg and Chattanooga, as well as a trip to Shiloh National Military Park that includes interactive exhibits.

If anyone is interested, contact me and I will put you in contact with a sales rep from the cruise lines. According to the sales rep from American Cruise Lines, if all reservations were to come through me, I would have to handle all the payments and forward them to the cruise line. Since we do not receive a commission, I do not want to get involved as a middle man. Interested parties would have to deal directly with the cruise lines.

Mike McLean furnished me a brochure from Blount River Cruises. I reviewed the brochure. Many of the trips embark and disembark at different cities. There are a few that embark and disembark at the same cities. I contacted the company and they are too small to offer us a commission. In my opinion, except for a couple of New England four day river cruises, they were quite expensive and the prices I observed did not include air

fare or applicable taxes. Interested parties can go on line at Blount River Cruises to obtain detailed cruise information.

Bruce Avery spoke up to say that he believes that it is a huge mistake to task Tony (Burdo) to do anything with an organization other than Collette. It will detract from what he can do.

Scholarship Loan Program: Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted the following report: Applications have been sent to all returning students and 3 new applicants. One returning student contacted me last night as she had taken off the second semester of her senior year and is returning. The deadline for completed applications is June 11th. I appreciate the announcement of that information on the flier for the luncheon and did have one contact so far who was responding to that notice.

Strategic Initiatives (SIC): Bruce Avery reported that the SIC was tasked with looking into moving the Board meetings to a luncheon timeframe. The committee completed its review and concluded that given that approximately a third of the Board or officers are of employable age that, according to Bruce, moving the meetings to lunch time would give the signal that unless you are an "old fart" don't serve on the Board. Bruce's recommendation was to leave the meetings as they are now. Jim LeFebvre brought up his question about whether to have a Board meeting in November in addition to the Board meeting directly after the Annual Meeting. Warren Coulter said it was under consideration but he didn't think we had to make a decision now. Michael McLean pointed out that the November Board meetings covered different topics. There were several other inputs concerning whether to cancel meetings in the winter months. Bob Jaffin brought up the issue of the new dental and vision plans and whether we should devote a meeting in the fall to this issue. There was some discussion on how to accomplish this. Jim LeFebvre brought up the subject of the Board, in the past, holding a meeting at the Veterans Home in Tilton, normally in the spring. This was in conjunction with a tour of the Home. There was further discussion on this. Jim said he would look into it.

Granite State Warriors Award: Bruce Avery had no report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards: Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted the following report:

We have now completed both UNH ROTC Awards ceremonies, as well as Nashua HS AFJROTC and as you are meeting Alvirne HS AFJROTC. Next Wednesday our President will present the Awards at Dover HS Navy JROTC. White Mountain Regional HS Army JROTC is Saturday the 19th at 1200 hours I would like an Army volunteer for this far north event but if no one comes forward I will present (they have a great buffet preceding the ceremony as a special benefit for the long ride). Sunday May 29th is Spaulding AFJROTC at the American Legion Post 7 at 1100 at which our Vice President Bob Jaffin will present. The pace picks up in the home stretch for JROTC with Pinkerton AFJROTC on the 22nd (my neighborhood HS), Winnacunnet Marine JROTC where Major Carol Moore will present, 24 May closes us out with Manchester West Navy JROTC at 0800 for Pete and Salem AFJROTC at 1715 for me.

The UNH ROTC Commissionings are both on May 18 where we will be presenting GOLD BARS to the new 2 LTs.

Pete Burdett will put on his CASA hat and handle the Army ROTC beginning at 1000 (I will attend as long as I can since the AFROTC commissioning begins at noon) The Army has 18 at the UNH campus and will have commissioned 4 on May11 at the Univ. of Southern Maine campus. The Air Force has 6 commissioning on May 18 and 2 who will commission in December. With the Gold Bars the new LTs receive an electronic National membership as well as the Officers Guide electronically. We are listed as the sponsoring chapter for which we are recognized - sometime in the future with even with a monetary surprise from National. One advantage to the electronic membership is the electronic magazine does not contain all the retirement facilities ads!

NH Veterans Home: Joe DiChiaro not present. He submitted the following report:

I did inquire of the Commandant since there was some confusion about the fund to which we donate. It is the "Residents Fund" although she could understand how Roby had thought it was Recreation. It is used primarily for "Quality of Life" activities that are not otherwise funded which would include activities often off campus. For those who have no family or lack contacts to take them out this is a break from the institutional confinement.

Nominations (Directors & Officers): Nothing new.

PAO: Warren Coulter announced that the position is not vacant any longer. He said that with the two prospective Individuals, they should work out the split in responsibilities to include both PAO and the blast email function. Bruce Avery suggested that we send out a blast email asking members who have addresses of media outlets in the state to provide them so that the new PAOs can take advantage of this information. Kent Whitmore brought up that Ken Lull had told him that he (Ken) had a number of addresses for various media contacts that he can make available to the new PAOs.

Granite Slate: Marie Chipola not present. Warren Coulter said he sent several ["war/sea"] stories to Marie.

Web Communications - FB: Jon VanGuilder not present.

SUD (Substance Use Disorders) Committee: Andrew Breuder not present. He submitted the following report:

Attached are the **minutes of the February meeting** and the **finalized one-pager**.

1. During the 19 April 18 meeting, we were fortunate to have both the TAG and his Executive Officer, Capt Craig Sanderson with the other 11 members in attendance for the entire two hour meeting.
2. Rob O'Hannon And Sheena Bice presented a one page sheet to assist with targeting appropriate medical providers for training. Final review will be at the 21 Jun meeting as well as a plan for obtaining Continuing Medical Education/Contact Hours for medical staff and nurses.
3. A 10 Feb 18 Governor's Executive Order placed the TAG in charge of veterans issues for the state. It creates an MOU between the TAG/DHHS as well as the TAG and Office of

Veteran Services. Modeled after the Ft. NH/Soldier for Life concept that ME, VT, and nine other states use.

4. Amy Pepin talked about culture training and the role of the NH Training Institute. No funds are currently available for ongoing training. Need to add a component for the “Ask the Question” campaign. Also consider over-lapping this training. Contract with Center for Excellence ends 30 June.
5. Governor’s Strategic Planning Retreat was in March. All task forces have provided input. Distribution of state plan expected by 1 July. Focusing on needs of special populations including the military.
6. The attached fact sheet was reviewed by the UNH Law School and 100 people at an event on 17 Apr 18. Shawn Witcomb from the Union Leader might possibly be invited to a future committee meeting. Committee requested wide distribution of the fact sheet ASAP.
7. A draft letter to Humana regarding TRICARE East reimbursement rates was reviewed by all members. The TAG made several comments/suggestions on refining the draft. Main issues are:
 - a. Low reimbursement rates for mental health services in TRICARE East
 - b. Difficulty in getting MH providers credentialed and privileged in the TRICARE system.
 - c. Lack of sufficient MH appointments.
8. I suggested that we also consider sending an info copy of the finalized letter to the Director of the Defense Health Agency, Vice Admiral Raquel C. Bono, MD, MBA, FACS.
9. The NH Youth Risk Behavior data is now available for 2017. It will need to be reviewed and evaluated and determine whether the new data will require any updates to the attached Fact Sheet. Will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Blast Email: Already covered.

LIAISONS:

ESGR: Sandy Way not present. Peter Burdett said there will be a meeting on Monday and if there is anything to report, he will pass it along.

Transition Liaison: Jim LeFebvre reported that there were no changes.

VAMC Manchester: Bernie Satterfield not present. He submitted the following report:

Highlights from the VSO meeting:

- VA Joint Commission Survey visit to visit 24 APR. The VA's IG that visit every 3 years for accreditation.
- Attachments: 1) VA2K- 4 laps around the VAMC, 16 MAY. 2) Fisher Cats game honoring Veterans, 28 MAY.
- Construction:
 - OR open end of May
 - Phlebotomy summer time-frame
 - Rx summer time-frame
 - Solarium/Greenhouse
- Whole Health: Free walk in to all Veterans. 1st Saturday of each month.

Martins Point: Bob Jaffin summarized the last meeting at Martins Point (**attached**).

Auxiliary: Gwen Devoe not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAO Position: Already talked about.

USS Manchester Commissioning: Warren Coulter reminded everyone of the upcoming commissioning and how to get free tickets.

NEW BUSINESS:

New TRICARE Retiree Dental and Vision Plan: Warren Coulter said we have talked about it. His concern is how to get the information out to people who weren't at the April luncheon or don't have email for a blast email. Bruce Avery asked if there might be time available after the November luncheon to present a brief on the options and hopefully be able to sign people up at that time. This would be voluntary for people who are interested. It was suggested that an article be put in the newsletter. Bruce said it would be worth the expense to insert extra pages to cover this important subject.

Applications: Warren Coulter reminded everyone to carry membership brochures with them.

Other New Business: Bruce Avery brought up the subject of speaker's gifts. The books we have been giving out have had mixed reviews. He suggested that perhaps we might want to consider giving the MOAA-NH briefcases that are available on our internet store in lieu of the books. It was decided that we vote on the recommendation. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed. Peter Burdett brought up an issue of what to call our auxiliary members – Auxiliary or Surviving Spouses. MOAA has gone to using the term Surviving Spouses. Peter suggested that we look at our by-laws to change our term to be in line with national. The consensus of those who spoke up was that there was no need to change our by-laws. Michael McLean said emphatically that he was not going to change our by-laws.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will begin at 1830 on Thursday, 14 June 2018 at the Red Blazer in Concord, NH.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2013 hours.

Michael A. McLean
CDR, USN (Ret.)
Secretary
New Hampshire Chapter

(ATTACHMENTS: 3)



MILITARY TASK FORCE

Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Intervention, Treatment & Recovery

Chair:
Brigadier General David J. Mikolaities

Co-Vice Chairs:
Victoria Bagshaw; Staff Sgt. Rick Frost

Advisor:
Dr. Andrew Breuder

Joint Military Task Force
15 February, 2017
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
DHHS Brown Building, Room 460

The mission of the Joint Military Task Force is to enhance awareness and advocacy as well as improve access to affordable, relevant alcohol and other drug related services for military members and their families through education and collaboration.

Agenda/Notes

⇒ **Present:**

Jo Moncher (DHHS)

Dr. Andrew Breuder (MOAA)

Chris Chant (CHI/Center for Excellence)

Sheena Bice (VFR Healthcare)

Linda Stone (WRJ VA)

Gary D'Amour (NH Army National Guard)

Victoria Bagshaw (Easter Seals)

Staff Sgt. Rick Frost (NHNG)

Nancy Triantafyllou (Broadleaf, Inc.)

Eric L. Golnick (VFR Healthcare)

Elizabeth Baker (South Central RPHN)

Sarah Ward (New Futures)

Amy Pepin (CHI/Center for Excellence)

⇒ **Welcome and introductions:**

Welcome, Sarah Ward and Gary D'Amour!

⇒ **Leadership changes:**

Dr. Andrew Breuder will now serve as advisor for JMTF

⇒ **December minutes approved**

⇒ **Updates from Priority Areas/old business:**

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Updates/notes
Report to Governor's Commission	Jo M.		8 task forces under Governor's Commission. Full GC meets every other month on a Friday morning would be good for JMTF members to attend, promote our work/agenda. Adjutant General of NHNG (chair of JMTF) attends those meetings. Chair Tym Rourke stepping down as chair of full GC after 8 years. Annette

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			<p>Escalante from BDAS new chair – Rob has worked with her.</p> <p>Jo presented on behalf of TAG at last meeting. Can't serve military population unless we identify them by asking the question. Promoting this with the various agencies. Hoping to partner with providers connected to BDAS. Recognize the importance of military intake and military cultural training.</p>
<p>JMTF fact sheet/one-pager</p>		<p>Complete edits to the Fact Sheet and disseminate to membership for final consideration</p>	<p>⇒ TAG provided feedback on one-pager. Statement of Problem: third bullet down talks about military wives – TAG questioned whether that's a big issue in NH.</p> <p>⇒ 2017 goals – TAG said mission statement noted advocacy and awareness and asked if goals should be re-ordered to reflect that. Also commented on substance misuse disorder graph (Dr. Bruder will serve as adviser for this).</p> <p>⇒ Changes to be made (Chris):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair: Gen. Mikolaities - Co vice-chairs. Staff Sgt. Rick Frost and Victoria Bagshaw - Replace Jo's name with Dr. Breuder - Change 2017 to 2018 - Suggested new goals <p>Goal 1: Inform and educate providers Goal 2: reduce stigma Goal 3: ask the question</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Order as suggested by TAG, but replace numbers with bullets <p>Comments:</p> <p>⇒ Sarah (re Goal 5): additional local data needed re Medicaid/beneficiaries to reflect need to get on top of systems changes this year. 1 in 10 vets rely on Medicaid, but data need to provide veteran voices.</p> <p>⇒ Nancy: Engaging more providers to improve uptake of military patients. No goal specifically addresses access.</p> <p>Action plan from last year includes more specific steps toward achieving these goals. Victoria will incorporate Sarah's and Nancy's notes into specifics</p> <p>⇒ Victoria: Commission has retreat in March to finalize action plan for the year. Increasing number of treatment providers who will accept veterans' insurance is definitely important goal.</p> <p>⇒ Nancy: Patients needing care have nowhere to go.</p>

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			<p>⇒ Amy: Training resources and insurance access: higher level goal? Regarding total preparedness of providers? Hard for providers to get Tricare approved and paneled, regardless of their desire/intention to.</p> <p>⇒ Eric: Access, co-pays are also problems in addition to reimbursement rates. Lines of effort should be below general goals on one-pager(?).</p> <p>⇒ Rob: Easiest to follow if mission, goal, and actions are linked for clarity.</p> <p>⇒ Nancy: Goal 4 add: increase willingness of provider participation.</p> <p>⇒ Victoria: is willingness the issue though? Or more process/meeting criteria?</p> <p>⇒ Jo: When 10 mental health centers had military culture training, number of Tricare providers went from 2 to 9, so having embedded reps does have a track record of having an impact.</p> <p>⇒ Gary: Is there a subcommittee to look at goals/actions? Discussion is going well beyond agenda task of approving edits to factsheet.</p> <p>Co vice-chairs will establish how best to establish/update goals while also sticking to meeting agendas.</p> <p>⇒ Rick: Stigma and Ask the Question fall within/under Awareness Statement of Problem: any issues?</p> <p>Keep military wives issue in Deputy TAG had concern with term “significant” (ambiguous) – remove term.</p> <p>⇒ Rob: some data not necessary in this context.</p> <p>⇒ Jo: Bullet 3: remove two parenthetical areas 67.8 vs 53 and 31.5 vs 52.</p> <p>⇒ Graph: Dr. Bruder: TAG’s comment was that there was a drop in 2016. Are there more current data? One point doesn’t make a trend. Keep as-is, unless there are more current data.</p> <p>⇒ Jo: Title is incorrect: should be “Title + according to VA data”. Add something to header to that effect. These data only includes vets who received treatment from the VA.</p>

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<p align="center">JMTF membership and recruitment</p>	<p align="center">JMTF</p>	<p>Email formal Action Plans to the group for consideration by members of potential roles in the task force. I think it would be helpful to allow individuals to enter information onto the Action Plans regarding what they think they could do to assist in the implementation of the plans.</p> <p>Contact SEOW Task Force member and educate them as to the needs of our task force. Invite them to review our goals as indicated on our fact sheet, as well as review our Action Plans when they are complete, both to determine how we can measure our progress.</p>	<p>⇒ Rick: Engagement with potential new members and external contacts should consider need/benefit. Give them a reason to be here.</p> <p>⇒ Amy: Re structure/participation. Task Force meetings are open to public. Members are recommended by task force to chair, who then approves them. Normally annually in Dec/Jan. Commission will be finalizing its State Plan this year, and task force members are listed in that document, so that is a point of recruitment for agencies that would want to be represented in that document by sending a representative. List of official members must be finalized to send to Gen. Mikolaities, then Annette.</p> <p>Any letters being sent externally must be first approved by the Commission. (e.g., Humana Letter). Must ask Annette to add to agenda for Commission meeting.</p> <p>⇒ Anyone from Data and Evaluation Task Force? Or someone from JMTF to Data? Sharing our data gathering needs with them.</p> <p>Official appointment of JMTF members: Rob: No Chris, Gary: Need to check contracts All others present: Yes</p> <p>⇒ Rick will pass list to TAG.</p> <p>⇒ Victoria: Possible representation from providers (but have tried before; staffing capacity makes it difficult)</p> <p>⇒ Sarah: NH Providers Association shares office space with New Futures. Will reach out.</p> <p>⇒ Granite Pathways? CMC? Safe Stations?</p>

<p>Ask The Question</p>	<p align="center">JMTF</p>	<p>Review and maintenance of ATQ website.</p> <p>Sheena and Rob will work together on one-sheet for providers.</p>	<p>⇒ Sheena: Reviewed website with Nancy, having not seen it before. Smooth to navigate; did not look at it on phone. Liked it. Training aspect – could it be incorporated into the military culture training so providers know how to use the website with clients?</p> <p>⇒ Jo – Presented at NHMed Assoc Meeting with new VA director. Part of presentation was Ask The Question as a success factor. Used Frisbee Hospital as an example. Also had conversations with Sen. Shaheen’s office regarding connecting VA and ATQ on a federal level. Will be meeting with DHMC leadership re operationalizing ATQ.</p>
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⇒ **New business:**

Priority Area	Lead(s)	TF Tasks/Other	Updates/notes
<p>Encourage multisystem changes in federally-funded insurance programs to ensure parity.</p>	<p>JMTF</p>	<p>Draft letter regarding Tricare will continue to be developed. Eric will provide draft to Rick who will review from an objective (AP) writing standpoint so that we may consider both for effectiveness.</p>	<p>⇒ Nancy and Eric worked with John Reid on this. Two issues: Low reimbursement rate for providers, and, with transition to Tricare East, increases in beneficiary co-pays. There is also a backlog to get into the Tricare (efficiency issue). So three main issues: DHA pays the bill, Humana has the contract. Send letter to Humana and cc to DHA? CC Co-Del. Address to highest level possible, it will get passed down.</p> <p>⇒ Jo’s comments: Wording – get Gov. Sununu’s name in there, but it’s not part of the commission name. Make edit to clearly state three concerns. Define acronyms. Do we actually want meeting/opportunity to present, or should the concerns be clearly enough stated to just ‘await response’.</p> <p>⇒ Nancy: Can we get co-signers or get other stakeholders to also write letters to strengthen case? Multiple committees on same letter, or develop great template and pass it to anyone else who may share concerns? →Template</p> <p>⇒ Social media campaign? concise message/hashtag</p> <p>⇒ Rick – would this hold more weight if we made it sound more objective (rather than ‘one of the biggest’ use harder facts). Use stats rather than “hit hard”.</p> <p>Rick can make suggestions for re-phrasing. Eric will also re-work based on this discussion.</p>

Our 2018 Meeting Schedule:

- ~~15 FEB, 2018~~
- 19 APR, 2018**
- 21 JUN, 2018**
- 18 OCT, 2018**
- 20 DEC, 2018**

All meetings will be held in the DHHS Brown Building, room 460, from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM*.

A call-in number will be provided at the top of each agenda.



NH Governor's Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment & Recovery

Joint Military Task Force: 2018

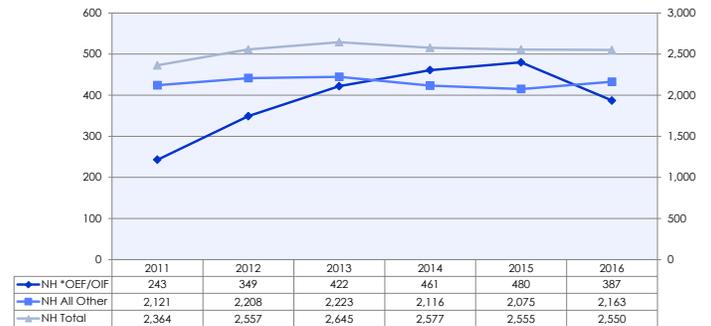
THE JOINT MILITARY TASK FORCE was established on December 15, 2015 per approval by the Chair of the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery. The Task Force reflects a 'joint' partnership between the Governor's Commission and the Commission on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The Joint Military Task Force serves as one of the six task forces that has evolved from the membership and work of the Military & Civilian Alcohol and Drug Committee (MCAD) established in 2010.

MISSION: The mission of the Joint Military Task Force is to enhance awareness and advocacy as well as improve access to affordable, relevant alcohol and other drug services for service members, veterans and their families through education and collaboration.

STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

- According to 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) 1.5 million veterans aged 17 or older (6.6%) had a substance use disorder in the past year.
- Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey (YRBS) 2015 indicates that NH youth with military family members reported higher rates of alcohol and drug misuse than youth with non-military family members.
- Military wives were more likely to use alcohol in the past 30 days when compared with all married women aged 18 to 49, and were more likely to engage in binge drinking in the past 30 days. (NSDUH 2015)
- The rate of substance use disorders among veterans is 12.7% among those who served in the military since September 2001. (NSDUH 2013)

NH VETERANS* WITH A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) DIAGNOSIS *(OF THOSE WHO ACCESSED VA SERVICES)



*Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)/Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)(Post 9/11 veterans)
Source: Manchester VA Medical Center

Between 2011 and 2015, the number of OEF/OIF Veterans diagnosed with SUD increased significantly. The diagnoses of 'All Other Veterans' has remained relatively stable since 2011. It is unknown at this time the reasons behind these differences and the differing patterns of engagement with NH Veterans with an SUD.

2018 GOALS

STATE:

- Inform and educate providers and other stakeholders of training resources, both web-based and local.
- Reduce stigma.
- Further promotion of "Ask the Question" Campaign.
- Ongoing promotion of Military Culture Trainings.
- Collect additional local data to better represent military and service members in the state.
- Support Commission on PTSD and TBI.
- Support Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery.

FEDERAL:

- Educate federal partners on NH's barriers in providing prevention, early intervention, and treatment to veterans, service members and their families.
- Advocate for adequate funding.
- Encourage multisystem changes in federally-funded insurance programs to ensure parity.
- Promote NH local data at the federal level.

TASKFORCE LEADERSHIP AND UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Chair: Brigadier General David J. Mikolaities, Adjutant General, NH National Guard

Vice Chairs: Staff Sergeant Rick Frost, New Hampshire National Guard Counterdrug Task Force (Richard.Frost@dhhs.nh.gov);

Victoria Bagshaw, Housing Program Manager, Military & Veterans Services, Easterseals New Hampshire (mbagshaw@eastersealsnh.org)

Advisor: Dr. Andrew Breuder, Military Officers Association of America (abreuder@comcast.net)

The Joint Military Task Force meets on the third Thursday every other month, 9:30-11:30am in Room 460 of the NH Department of Health and Human Services, 129 Pleasant Street in Concord, NH. For upcoming meeting dates, please visit <http://nhcenterforexcellence.org/governors-commission/military-task-force/>



Military Advisory Council – Portland
Meeting Minutes 04/17/2018

Present at Meeting: Tim Gallant (Congressman Bruce Poliquin's office), Bill Hall (MOAA), Sara Holmbund-Lund (Senator Collins office), Bob Jaffin (Military Officers Assoc), Paul Loveless (RAO Brunswick, FRA New England), Wendy Moody (Maine Transition Advisor), Andrea Quaid (Senator Kin's office), Doug Scott (MOAA), David Stevens (Air Force Sergeants' Assoc.), Arthur Wickham (Assoc. of the US Army), Martin's Point: Steve Hinds, Paul Tysver, Brenda Pennells, Leslie Chadbourne, Kimberly MacDonald, John Reed, Michelle Mulcahy, Jennifer Soucy, Lindsey Piirainen.

Martin's Point / USFHP Updates (Paul Tysver)

- Redesign and new hires (including Steve and Brenda)
 - Paul & Kimberly changing roles, two new hires for Inside Sales (USFHP specific)
 - Leslie in new Role
- 2018 Initiatives
 - OTC pilot in Watertown
 - Leveraging COI's to advocate
 - Exploring expansion
 - PA and Ohio
 - Comment made to make sure to keep an eye on the home markets while looking at growth
- Retention – new to sales responsibility, new role for Leslie Chadbourne
 - Controllable and non-controllable
 - Maintaining membership levels
- Network expansion in key markets
- Member Seminars (**Paul Tysver & Leslie Chadbourne**)
 - Larger markets (Portland, Brunswick, Portsmouth, Rochester & Buffalo, NY)
 - Educate on Tricare changes including Group A/B, fees, co-pays, open enrollment

TRICARE Update – (Paul Tysver)

- TRICARE Changes January 2018
 - Co-pays – medical
 - Open Enrollment
 - Group A & B
 - Pharmacy co-pays (Feb 1)
- Request by Martin's Point for Congressional assistance for DHA to release turning 60 Gray areas for Guard and Reserve
 - Military no longer mailing early packets
 - 90-day Qualifying Life Event (QLE) for enrollment can be missed
 - Educational opportunity exists and is needed for retirees to access medical benefits effectively
- There are no changes to TRICARE for Life; **Martin's Point members with Medicare Part B will have no change to their health plan**
- January 2019 – Tricare beneficiaries will have access to Federal Dental and Vision plans. Pricing anticipated in October, 2018. Same Open enrollment period will apply. Martin's Point will work with COI's to provide education.

Member Services Update (Michelle Mulcahy)

- Merging of two Member Services Team (USFHP and GA) and cross training
- 23 FTE at this time between two teams coming together
- Implementation of Best Practices and Standard work
- Greatly improved customer service levels

Pharmacy Updates (Jennifer Soucy)

- Education to all members re Pharmacy co-pays increases – February 1, 2018 implementation
- Shingrex – new shingles vaccine for 50+ members
 - More effective
 - Two dose regimen
 - USFHP covers
- Weight loss supplements – USFHP coverage available

Roundtable – all

Request for conference call in for those that cannot attend.

Next meeting was not scheduled but will be announced for October timeframe.