

4/19/2017 CCOA Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Seven Tasks Crucial to Turning the Opioid Crisis Around

The following reflects feedback on these tasks received at or following the CCOA Executive Committee meeting on April 19, 2017. Feedback focused on establishing fewer clear priorities and adapting to changes in the prescription landscape in particular.

The seven tasks have thus been divided into two groups, with the first group the highest priority for CCOA action. The second group is less of a priority or a focus of some but not all Executive Committee members.

High Priority

1. Treatment without delay
2. Expanded prevention/public education efforts
3. Prison reform to support addiction treatment and recovery
4. Exploration of treatment in other involuntary settings – how are other communities reacting to the epidemic?

Secondary Priorities

5. Reducing physician prescriptions to appropriate levels
 - a. Suggestion: Monitor the impact of new legislation, rather than pushing for new action.
6. Expansion of alternative pain management therapies & a cultural shift on pain and pill use
 - a. Suggestion: Consider revising this as a subset of the prevention/public education task
7. Holding Big Pharma to account, and along with any federal funds available, secure revenues to help with high-priority tasks.
 - a. Suggestion: Good objective, but perhaps best pursued outside CCOA by an actor like the City in concert with the Attorney General's Office

Proposed Executive Committee Membership for Discussion

- Secretary of Human Services Al Gobeille or his designee
- Parent and Family Advocate Joyce Cameron
- Health Commissioner Mark Levine
- University of Vermont Medical Center Director Maureen Vinci
- Burlington Police Chief Brandon del Pozo

- United Way of Northern Vermont Chief Executive Officer or his designee
- State's Attorney Sarah George
- Howard Center Chief Executive Officer Bob Bick or his designee
- CHCB Chief Executive Officer Alison Caldera or her designee
- Turning Point Center Executive Director Gary DeCarolis (Chair)
- Mayor Miro Weinberger (Chair)

Proposed CCOA Organizational Chart

