

**Treatment Access and Recovery Support Action Team**

*Turning Point Center, 191 Bank St #2, Burlington – November 17, 2017, 9:00 - 10:30 am*

Goal #1: Identify barriers and strategies to create seamless, efficient and **immediate** access to appropriate treatment and recovery supports.

Goal #2: Develop specific recommendations for policy reform and systems change.

<b>Topics</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Discussion/Action Steps</b>
<b>Opening</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UVM MC ATP – Bethany Mehlar</li> <li>• Note Taker- Tori Houston</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UVM MC awarded 3-series learning collaborative grant to educate new providers, hub &amp; spoke system personnel as well as the virtual hub &amp; spoke providers. This is a response to create more opportunities to become a treatment provider while additionally continuing to support and provide educational opportunities for those prescribing.</li> <li>• If interested, contact Bethany Mehlar:</li> </ul>
<b>Updates &amp; Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Membership &amp; Guests</li> <li>• CCOA Executive Director Search</li> <li>• CURES Grant</li> </ul>	<p>Group Membership &amp; Guests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community member and guests are reaching out to sit-in on Action Team meeting and participate in work. Happy for involvement, want to make sure it's a good fit. Feels like this is the right point to re-connect and integrate into the community.</li> <li>• Concern about getting information back out to channels without CCOA ED helping facilitate conversations with partners not sitting at Tx Action Team table.</li> <li>• Might need to have primary group with a secondary “informed” layer.</li> <li>• Re-establish Objectives/Purpose of Action Team. Have fluctuated to one-part updates/one-part workgroup.</li> <li>• Add “preamble” to agenda to provide specific focus and reminder of the mission the Action</li> </ul>

		<p>Team/CCOA is pursuing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Membership:</b> With transition of membership, how to fill the organizational gaps?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Missing representation from LUND/DCF, DOC, VA, homelessness focused organizations – VT Coalition to End Homeslessness?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>CCOA Executive Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Out of a pool of 13 candidates, narrowed it down to 4 to conduct first-round interviews. The interviews were conducted this past week and went quite well.</li> <li>• The CCOA Executive Committee has invited the top 3 candidates to present to their body at the upcoming Nov. meeting.</li> <li>• After meeting, Executive Committee hopes to make an offer, with a start date of early in the New Year.</li> </ul> <p>CURES Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slow progress, but still progress!</li> <li>• CURES Grant is focused on placement of Recovery Coaches within the Emergency Dept.</li> <li>• Still working out the training requirements and specific timelines – hopeful within the next couple of months there will be greater movement on beginning the position.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Data Discussion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discharge Conditions Data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of the questions this team will want to start answering:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ If someone is discharged, under what circumstances are they discharged by?</li> <li>○ The Hub is the only system collecting discharge data. How do we increase the number of data collection points?</li> <li>○ What is the most helpful information discharge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>data can provide? How do we collect those fields? What is not captured that should be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How important is this information? If deemed important, would be upon the group to move the system/standard to other providers and then set sights on data collection 3,6,9,12 months out.</li> <li>● If you want to collect data on discharge information, start with the Hub to set the standard and then apply the standard across other provider organizations.</li> <li>● Taper support group for those transitioning off of MAT has been requested. Program starting in St. Albans. More to share next meeting.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Report Out</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Safe Station NH Model</li> </ul>	<p>What would it take to understand who has capacity and where?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Brandon spoke with Safe Station folks – people are not actually getting into treatment.</li> <li>● Safe Station is the initial point of contact when someone wants help and needs a safe place to go. However, individuals are not successfully admitted to treatment.</li> <li>● Safe Station built a contact system for their community, even if people are refusing treatment or are unable to get into treatment immediately.</li> <li>● Experiencing long wait time for residential treatment, lack of access and capacity for sober housing. 2-3 weeks for residential treatment wait times.</li> <li>● Word seems to be out about who you can contact, but immediate access is still not achievable.</li> </ul>

		<p><b>Sober Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phoenix House has a large facility that's open to a broader population (not exclusively DOC). Rumored to have empty bed rights now. Need is for beds for people who aren't testing negative and are waiting to get into a residential program.</li> <li>• Andrew trying to find a place to have a bed for individuals in transition (not in need of detox). COTS/Anew Place have to test negative in order to secure a bed.</li> <li>• Clarification needed on what ask for National Guard/Higher Education is. Difference between providing roof and maintaining/staff a safe, sober place. Could there be something in our system of care so when someone who has detoxed could be safe?</li> <li>• Conversations among faith-based community – Jim put out 30 letters with Andrew/his contact information inviting the conversations to be had regarding housing, for women in particular. Perhaps financial abilities from Churches will help alleviate some pressure – hopeful for a response.</li> </ul> <p>Access Points – see pictures from Ken/re-scheduled team meeting.</p>
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**Wrap up & Agenda Items  
for Next Meeting**

***Next meeting date- December 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM, Turning Point Center***

**Action Items:**

- Brandon will report out on St. Albans Taper Support Group effort

**Agenda Items:**

- Spend time at upcoming meeting looking at groups' goals and CCOA's overall charge
- Discuss "formal" structure of meeting – intentionally dividing meeting time – working groups vs. informational exchange
- Invite Vanessa Berman to discuss MAT Integration Project Neighborhood Meetings (What do they look like? Who is at the table? How do we consolidate efforts?)
- Brandon will report out on St. Albans Taper Support Group effort