



NEW ENGLAND ATTC VIRTUAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 7, 2024

Theme: ATTC Priorities Over the Next Cycle

- I. Welcome and Introductions – Rosemarie Martin, New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Director (please see attached slides)
 - a. Congratulations to Scott Gagnon on his promotion to Region 1 SAMHSA Director and Erin Burnett on her promotion to Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) Director.
 - b. Welcome to Rachel Brase, SAMHSA Regional Behavioral Health Advisor, who attended for Kimberly Freese, acting Regional Director in Region 1 and Regional Director in Region 7.

- II. SAMHSA Update – Rachel Brase
 - a. Scott Gagnon is the new SAMHSA Region 1 Director.
 - b. SAMHSA Office of Recovery celebrated 1 year.
 - c. 988 also celebrated 1 year and has expanded services to several subgroups.
 - d. [Drug Abuse Warning Network \(DAWN\): Alcohol-Related ED Visits Short Report](#) | SAMHSA Publications
 - e. [Overdose Prevention and Response Toolkit \(Spanish Version\)](#) | SAMHSA Publications
 - f. [BestPractices4Data: Sharing Innovations and Best Practices for Grantees, from Grantees](#) | SAMHSA Publications
 - g. [Financing Peer Recovery Support: Opportunities to Enhance the Substance Use Disorder Workforce](#) | SAMHSA Publications
 - h. [Behavioral Health Barometers, Region 1-10, Volume 7: Indicators as Measured in the 2021-2022 National Surveys on Drug Use and Health](#) | SAMHSA Publications
 - i. [Biden-Harris Administration Expands Access to Mental Health and Substance Use Services with Addition of 10 New States to CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program](#) | SAMHSA Press Releases
 - j. June is Pride Month ([SAMHSA Toolkit](#) Available)
 - k. [The Art of Recovery](#) --- Accepting Art Submissions until June 28, 2024

- III. SAMHSA Priorities Over the Next Grant Cycle (2024-2029) – Open Discussion
 - a. Six focus areas: Contingency Management; HIV, Hepatitis C Elimination, and Sexually Transmitted Infections; Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care; Recovery Support; Trauma-informed Approaches; Behavioral Health Equity.
 - b. New England ATTC targeted technical assistance (TA) focus over current grant cycle has really been a blend of most of these priorities with much focus on trauma informed approaches along with increases in recovery support - but we have touched



- on all. Intensive TA has been in the areas of Contingency Management (CM) and Motivational Interviewing.
- c. SAMHSA has assembled an expert advisory board to create a new knowledge assembled panel who are preparing new guidelines for contingency management implementation nationwide to come out later in 2024. Sara Becker, ATTC Co-Director, serves on that Board. New York Times article shining a light on CM that it works but isn't readily available, featuring New England colleagues: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/27/health/meth-addiction-treatment.html> and an AP news feature where the CM work of the New England ATTC is featured: <https://apnews.com/article/how-rewards-helps-recovery-from-addiction-6d11673c55fae3a413dcc5f57ca5e104>
 - d. Behavioral health equity regional data: The New England ATTC had done a workforce survey in the 2012 to 2017 grant cycle that had been done nationally in partnership with the ATTC National Coordinating Office. At the time, 82% of the workforce that receives training and technical assistance identified as not Hispanic White. Our data over this last grant cycle shifted in a very positive way that about 70% of the workforce was not Hispanic White. Regional workforce diversity initiatives have been working!
 - e. Health equity and trauma informed priorities were a large part of the Prevention Technology Transfer Center's (PTTC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) as well.
 - f. Contingency management, as well as recovery support and trauma informed, is definitely a focus in Maine.
 - g. In the ATTC NOFO, integrating primary care and behavioral healthcare would be another natural point of intersection for prevention and treatment as so much of the best models that we have for primary care are early intervention models. It seems there will be an overlap between the two regional TTCs there as well.
 - h. CODAC Behavioral Healthcare in RI will be opening an integrated care center in December, 2024 combining all health services under one roof: OTP, dentist, pharmacy and allied health along with other services.
- IV. Presentation on ATTC Hepatitis C Initiative - Bob Joype, Lead Trainer, Joype Consulting Services, Inc. (please see attached slides)
- a. Increasing Hepatitis C Knowledge for Behavioral Health Providers
 - b. Some statistics: 7 million people are infected with HCV and other infectious diseases and 75% of them do not know they are infected. A 300% increase of Hep C for young people due to injected drug use. There have been a lot of changes to coverage of medications under Medicaid and all of this has huge implications for our workforce.
- V. Regional Partner Updates
- a. AdCare Educational Institute



- i. 55th Annual New England Summer School of Addiction and Prevention Studies – June 9-13, 2024 (enrollment numbers: 200 in person and 300 virtually)
 - ii. 32nd Annual New England School of Best Practices in Addiction Services planning – August 26-30, 2024 (virtual only)
 - iii. Leadership Development Cohort 10, Spring 2024, 21 participants.
 - iv. Leadership Development Alumni Event – 2nd session beginning the evening of September 25th and an all-day event on September 26th.
 - b. Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) (please see attached slides)
 - i. The MHTTC is being reorganized in the next grant cycle and as a result of that the MHTTC network is being discontinued at the end of this current grant year, September 29, 2024. They are awaiting further guidance on where their rich portfolio of products and resources from the current grant cycle will be housed.
 - ii. LET(s)LEAD: Lived Experience Transformational Leadership Academy
 - iii. Ethics: the Peer Support World webinar is being held on June 12th.
 - iv. Family Resource National Federation webinar series.
 - v. Reclaiming Native Psychology Brilliance webinar on June 25th.
 - c. Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) (please see attached slides)
 - i. Happy Pride Month!
 - ii. New England PTTC Prevention Track is being offered at Summer School and scholarships are still available.
 - iii. The Intersection: Substance Misuse and Suicide Prevention Learning Session, June 20th from 1:00-2:30
 - iv. New England PTTC Advanced Prevention Institute: Amplifying the Expertise of the New England Prevention Workforce, August 6-8, 2024
 - d. ORN (please see attached slides)
 - i. Regional summits
 - ii. State highlights
- VI. Please complete your GPRA evaluation form! <https://ttc-gpra.org/P?s=278185>