

## Notes of Recovery Residence Taskforce September 14, 2023

- **Meeting Details**

- Date and Time: Thursday, September 14, 2023
- Location: Zoom
- Attendees: Sheila Kelly, Jon Dower, Christina Mullins, Nick Stuchell, Dawn Frohna, Phil Shimer, Sandra Harrah, Brent Wolfingbarger,

- Welcome and review of notes and activities of last meeting
  - Many appointed participants had not been attending meetings
  - Findings were due to legislature October 1, 2023; final on December 15
- Review of HB 3306 Requirements and Timeline
  - Nick Stuchell reviewed the requirements and timeline in HB 3306
- Review of Recovery Residence Task Force Recommendations Document
  - Nick Stuchell reviewed the draft document to date
    - Leaders of the Task Force had been attempting to meet with other states for guidance and their experiences
    - Issues were insurance fraud, human trafficking, success of programs and confusion about the appropriate entity to handle recovery residence issues, referral issues, patient brokering, how to handle recovery residences under investigation, SNAP fraud
    - Recommendations were designate an entity to oversee recovery residence issues, make receiving an improper referral actionable and enforcing the same, enact certain recovery residence operator requirements, create an advocacy group, create more certified residences, mandate the use of ARMS system, institute marketing guidelines for residences
    - Discussion was had on MUFUKU's jurisdiction, e.g., human trafficking is outside its jurisdiction
      - State fund position imbedded in MUFUKU to work on these actions outside of grant funding
      - SUD waiver expansion residences may make some licensable under OHFLAC
      - MUFUKU is often unable to move quickly on issues due to workload,
      - OHFLAC would need to develop rules
      - Anything over 12 beds is not a residence under OHFLAC
- Insurance Commission Meeting Overview

- They did not have a lot of these investigations and would become involved if a third party (insurance) provider has a complaint
- In 2023 had zero new investigations for Recovery Residences
- From 2019 to present there had only been two investigations
- They also do not have any jurisdiction over medicaid
- There was a lack of laws specific to recovery residences or the authority to shut down a recovery residence
- Discussion was had on use of public nuisance laws
- Discussion of draft recommendations
  - Review existing
    - Reviewed at the opening of the meeting
    - Discussion of willingness and appropriateness of MUFUKU to address this
    - Discussion of use of consumer protection laws
    - Discussion of OIG's involvement
    - Item 2 could meet with pleas of ignorance to process and as to where the referral came from; add a potential remedy
    - Nick Stuchell Would send out draft documents and recommendations