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Governor's Advisor to Join Behavioral Health and Addiction Services Advisory Committee

Concord, NH – Governor Chris Sununu's policy advisor on prevention, treatment, and recovery, Marty Boldin, has joined the New Hampshire Insurance Department's Behavioral Health and Addiction Services Advisory Committee.

Insurance Commissioner Roger Seigny convened the committee in August 2016 to advise him on issues related to accessing behavioral health services, including treatment for substance use disorders, through private insurance coverage.

"Marty Boldin will be a wonderful addition to this committee, which has played a critical role this past year in advising me and my staff," Commissioner Seigny said. "It has brought issues to light and allowed medical providers, consumer advocates, insurance companies, and policymakers to sit together at the table and work toward practical, common-sense solutions."

Before joining the governor's office in February, Boldin had served on the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery, where he chaired the commission's recovery task force.

Boldin is the 21st member of the committee. Other members are:

Behavioral Health Providers and Advocates

- Robert Feder, MD, Psychiatrist, Private Practice (NH Psychiatric Society)
- Paul Frehner, PsyD, Psychologist, Private Practice (NH Psychological Association)
- Christopher Kozak, Chief Operating Officer, Community Partners/ServiceLink (Community Mental Health Centers)
- Kenneth Norton, LICSW, Executive Director, NAMI-NH (mental health advocate)

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers and Advocates

- Amelie Gooding, MLADC, Program Director, Phoenix House-Keene Center (inpatient substance use disorder treatment provider)
- Courtney Gray, JD/MSW, Executive Director, NH Providers Association (substance use disorder treatment providers)
- Michele Merritt, JD, Policy Director, New Futures (substance use disorder treatment advocate)
- Stephanie Savard, LICSW, Chief Operating Officer, Families in Transition (substance use disorder treatment provider)

Insurance Company/Behavioral Health Review Representatives

- William Brewster, MD, NH Vice President and Medical Director, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care
- Stephen Kozak, LICSW, Director of Behavioral Health Services, Tufts Health Freedom Plan
- Richard Lafleur, MD, Medical Director, Anthem New Hampshire

- Andrea Rancatore, LCMHC, MLADC, Supervisor of Medical Management, New Hampshire Healthy Families

New Hampshire Legislature

- NH Senator Jeb Bradley
- NH Senator Dan Feltes
- NH Representative Ed Butler
- NH Representative John Hunt

Other Members

- Lucy Hodder, JD, UNH Director of Health Law and Policy Programs
- Peter Mason, MD, Family Physician (health care provider/NH Medical Society)
- Joseph Plaia, JD, Portsmouth, NH (public member)
- Abby Shockley, MPH, Senior Policy Analyst for Substance Use Services, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (agency representative)

The committee next meets on Wednesday, June 7. For more information on upcoming meetings or on the committee, visit:

https://www.nh.gov/insurance/consumers/behavioral_health_addiction_services_committee.htm

To receive email updates on the committee, including notifications of upcoming meetings, please sign up here:

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