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In 2014 the NH EMS Medical Control Board established a Task Force to address concerns and issues as it relates to EMS drug diversion. At the November 2018 MCB meeting a report for the last 4 years of work from the Task Force was presented and the MCB directed the Task Force to continue its work. Our objectives and priorities for the upcoming year are:

- Develop in collaboration with the NH Hospital Association’s Hospital Pharmacy Group a unified/best practice for Hospital Pharmacy & EMS Agency distribution, utilization, and replenishment of controlled substances.
- Assess for compliance with and implementation of the UCDC Education component and make any recommendations for improvement as identified.
- Develop data point collection (metrics) recommendations as it relates to reported incidences and the involved agencies – concern is we may miss “*lessons learned*” from these situations due to the multi-agency involvement.
- Review current rules/regulations since last JLCAR update and make recommendation to address any gaps identified.
- Assist with the EMS Provider Drug Diversion Awareness Education as it relates to the NH OODLE process as needed.

We are seeking participation from members of the Healthcare Community that would like to participate and contribute to the work of this Task Force. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the even months at 15:00 (3pm) at the New Hampshire Fire Academy. Our next meeting is 28 Feb. 2019. If you are interested please reach out to Vicki Blanchard at vicki.blanchard@ddos.nh.gov We appreciate your interest and support.