

SMPC Draft Recommendations and Considerations July 2021

Communications:

Over the next calendar year (2022), the Communications Subcommittee will complete an assessment of substance use prevention campaigns with a lens toward vaping prevention. Following this assessment, recommendations will be made to the Department of Health and General Assembly on next steps for a more robust effort on the prevention vaping of tobacco, nicotine, and/or cannabis products by youth and young adults.

Equity:

The Equity Subcommittee is currently working with VDH and AHS staff on developing more formal, equity focused recommendations.

Policy:

- Recommendation for the legislature to reconsider the THC levels detailed in current legislation.
- Recommending that a percentage of revenue from additional substances at risk of misuse to be dedicated to research and evaluation of the impact on the law and substance on Vermont.
- Recommendation that the 30% excise tax be allocated to the Department of Health for substance use prevention work.
- Examining the new school wellness initiative for potential overlap and collaboration.

Prevention:

- Recommendation for a Prevention Inventory to be completed with a lens toward school-based prevention.
 - There may also be a need to ensure all data for older Vermonters was collected as well
- This information will help inform additional recommendations focused on ensuring geographic equity of evidence-based strategies that have been proven to work in Vermont communities and support recommendations on how the 30% excise tax could be implemented.