

Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council May Meeting Minutes

Mtg. Facilitator and Recorder: Nicole Rau Mitiguy
Where: Microsoft Teams meeting
Date: 5/24/2021
Start Time: 1:00 pm
End Time: 3:00 pm

Council Attendees Mark those present with an "X"
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	Name	Organization and Role		Name	Organization and Role
X	Kelly Dougherty	Health Department, Co-Chair		Skylar Dryden	Youth Representative
X	Melanie Sheehan	Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, Co-Chair	X	Peter Espenshade	Recovery Vermont
X	Daniel French	Agency of Education, Executive Committee Member	X	Courtney Farrell	Lund
X	Chris Herrick	Dept. of Public Safety, Executive Committee Member		Clay Gilbert	Rutland Mental Health, Evergreen Recovery Center
X	Monica Hutt	Office of Governor Phil Scott, Executive Committee Member	X	Cindy Hayford	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
X	Amy Brewer	Northwestern Medical Center		Roger Marcoux	Lamoille County Sherriff Department
X	Rebecca Brookes	Upstream Social Marketing	X	Maryann Morris	The Collaborative
	Moses Delane	Youth Representative		Erica Gibson	University of Vermont Medical Center
X	Kimberley Diamond	Big Brother Big Sister		David Allaire	City of Rutland
X	John Searles, Ph.D.	Retired, Dept. of Health	X	Daisy Berbeco	Vermont Department of Mental Health
X	Stephen Von Sitas	Regional Treatment Court	X	Janet Potter	Student Assistant Professional Hartford School District
	Skyler Genest	Dept. of Liquor and Lottery			

#	Time Allotted (Optional)	Type of Topic	Agenda Item (Topic/Objective)	Notes
1	1:00-1:10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Welcome, Introductions, and March minute review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March minutes pass as written. ADAP's name change did not make it into an official bill during this legislative session. This will be brought back up during the 2022 legislative session as there is strong support for this change.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Intervention, Treatment, and Recovery Committee (ITR) will be providing regular updates to the SMPC to discuss prevention in the intervention, treatment, and recovery work. ITR will now be meeting before the SMPC. Deputy Commissioner Kelly Dougherty and Clay Gilbert are co-chairs of that committee.
2	1:15-1:45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Subcommittee Report Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications subcommittee is a subcommittee of one – Rebecca. Rebecca is naturally connected to the tobacco communications work. Department of Health Information Directors (those in charge of communication efforts) have met to discuss how to integrate this subcommittee into their work, primarily around messaging around vaping which is a mechanism of substance use that spans across two VDH divisions. Policy subcommittee has provided some recommendations to the After School Task Force Report, many of which were taken up in their final report. Many of the efforts of this subcommittee has focused on S. 25 as a follow up on the 2021 SMPC annual report with additional report focused on cannabis which was done as a memo to the legislature around S. 25 and ensuring the opt in remained within statute and to advocate for additional prevention representation on the Cannabis Advisory Committee. Finally, this committee reviewed the movement on the federal level of the shift in banning menthol tobacco products. Began discussions about prevention funding. Prevention subcommittee is reviewing the Prevention Inventory to begin identifying gaps in prevention services across the state, setting up the conversation for how potential excise tax for substance use prevention could be utilized (connection to policy subcommittee). A part of the discussion from this subcommittee is to ensure that we are clear to the public what our definition of prevention is to ensure all individuals have a mutual understanding of prevention. There were also discussions around prevention services are accessible to Vermonters across all ages, and the prevention subcommittee began discussing multi-generational approaches and talking about prevention in family units (specifically for folks in treatment and recovery) in Vermont and how that can be expanded in the state. Equity subcommittee has prepared a preliminary document focusing on three subpopulations (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and individuals living with poverty). This document will be reviewed by a few individuals from the Department of Health’s equity team(s) to provide feedback and context; Nicole will be connecting the equity subcommittee to leads at VDH on this work to help align any recommendations from the equity subcommittee with the upcoming CDC equity grant focused on impacts from COVID-19.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion: There was a statute that Act 33 (H210) which creates “Health Equity Commission to promote health equity and eradicate health disparities among Vermonters,” with the charge to advise on a statewide Office of Equity. This bill calls out some of the same populations as the equity subcommittee, so there could be cross-work done with that commission as it develops. • Noting the importance to discuss prevention as it looks across the intervention, treatment, and recovery spectrum and the power to impact multiple generations through evidence-based prevention strategies in ITR, as well as wanting to ensure we are discussing prevention across all ages of Vermonters. The prevention subcommittee has discussed the need for more information on what prevention services are provided to older Vermonters to ensure equitable access to Vermonters of all ages. • A potential gap is what is prevention’s role in preventing opioid overdose deaths. How can the prevention network support and amplify the work of harm reduction and overdose prevention? Potential for the ITR to weigh in on this topic. • The Prevention Inventory provides an overview of definitions of primary and secondary prevention which has been utilized as the guiding definition of this Council. These definitions are not age limited. With the concept of harm reduction as discussed in overdose prevention, there is the potential to talk about the potential for prevention of harm lens for different ages as a form of prevention. • It was noted that we should also include the CADCA 7 Strategies into our perspectives and inventories. • Public Comment: Michelle Salvador
3	1:50-2:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Prevention Centers of Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few years ago, ADAP pursued the concepts of the Prevention Centers of Excellence (PCE) to help build the infrastructure at the regional levels to allow for coalitions to learn from each other, share best practices, and have more connection to the other work happening in their region. • We have a total of three regions of the state for the Prevention Centers of Excellence. • VDH is looking to receive feedback from the SMPC on how best we can leverage these resources even further and gather ideas for potential, future federal funding. • Work is currently happening across all three PCE’s to identify their mutual understanding of what a PCE is, their responsibilities look like in their regions, and what work should happen across the state. • NY state has a similar model for tobacco coalitions.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt. Ascutney's PCE provided an overview of the work that they have provided to help build capacity, learning, sub-agreements, and connections in Orange and Windsor counties. Examples of work can be found here including a data dashboard. • Information on the PCE for Northeastern Vermont can be found here. • Information on the PCE for Northwestern Vermont can be found here.
4	2:00	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Action Item Log			
#	Action Item	Due Date	Staff Responsible
1	Connect equity subcommittee with VDH equity team	6/15	Nicole Rau Mitiguy (NRM)
2	Nicole to send out the PCE RFP to SMPC members	7/26	NRM

Approved on July 26, 2021.