

Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council (SMPC) August 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: 8/22/2022 Time: 1-3 PM	Mtg. Facilitator: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Mtg. Recorder: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Where: Microsoft Teams
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	Name	Organization and Role
X	Mark Levine, MD	Department of Health, Chair
X	Melanie Sheehan	Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, Vice Chair
	Daniel French	Agency of Education, Executive Committee Member
X	Mourning Fox	Department of Public Safety, Executive Committee Member
X	Monica Hutt	Agency of Administration, Executive Committee Member
X	Amy Brewer	Northwestern Medical Center, Member
X	Rebecca Brookes	Upstream Social Marketing, Member
	Moses Delane	Youth Representative (18-25 year old), Member
X	Kimberley Diamond	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont, Member
	Skyler Dryden	Youth Representative (<18), Member
X	Alex Figueroa	United Counseling Services, Member
X	Kheya Ganguly	Department of Mental Health, Member
X	Skyler Genest	Department of Liquor and Lottery, Member
X	Charles Gurney	Departments of Disability, Aging and Independent Living and Health, Member
X	Cindy Hayford	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Member
X	Maryann Morris	The Collaborative, Member
X	Kat Patterson	Cathedral Square, Member
X	Scott Pavek	City of Burlington, Member
	Janet Potter	Hartford Middle and High School, Member
	Jillian Rinehart, M.D.	UVM Children's Hospital, Member
X	John Searles, Ph.D.	Department of Health (Retired), Member
	Stephen Von Sitas	Vermont Judiciary, Member

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Agenda Item	Lead	Minutes
Welcome, Introductions, and Quorum Determination	Dr. Mark Levine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Scott held a press conference to highlight the state funding being allocated to substance use, particularly to prevention. Melanie supported this effort by providing examples of prevention in action in Vermont.
Review and Approve July 2022 Minutes	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edits needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acronyms for Our Voices Exposed and Vermont Kids Against Tobacco need to be fixed ○ BIPOC acronym has been fixed, and will spell out Black, Indigenous, and People of Color in minutes • Minutes approved with identified edits
Update on the Cannabis Control Board (CCB)	Melanie Sheehan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CCB is working on the Educational Point of Sale flyer and has asked for input from the prevention community • There is prevention messaging around youth access and brain development included • There are some harm reduction messages also included such as “start low and go slow” • Written in a way that the average Vermonter will be able to understand, rather than using legal language • The Public Health Subcommittee that Dr. Levine was a part of is not currently meeting regularly • The CCB is also working with a vendor to develop a comprehensive point of sale system • All of the compliance officers have been hired and are in the process of being trained
Continued Discussion on Prevention Funding	Traci Sawyers, Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,000,000 funding allocated for youth vaping prevention will be used over a three year period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An RFP was released in late July and responses were due 8/19; 19 responses were received. ○ A team of VDH employees will be reviewing the responses and selecting the organizations who will receive funding ○ There is an allocation of the overall budget dedicated to media development and purchasing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussions on how to best utilize this allocation have begun with the Information Directors from the Divisions of Substance Use Programs and

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		<p align="center">Health Promotion and Disease Prevention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$3,000,000 will have a two year planning and implementation process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For fiscal year 23, there will be an RFP posted to provide bridge funding to eligible prevention organizations • Public Consulting Group who presented in July will be providing their recommendations to the Division of Substance Use Programs by 8/26. • Suggestion for an equity plan to be required in RFP responses • How will the SMPC be utilized to inform the decisions being made for these pots of funding? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The SMPC will be consulted through the planning process of the \$3,000,000 prevention funding • The flexibility of this funding becomes ever more important when we look at a recently reported statistic that 8 in 10 Vermont youth who smoke cigarettes, binge drink, or use cannabis currently use electronic vapor products (EVPs)
Opioid Settlement Committee Overview	Dr. Mark Levine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noting that while this is referenced as the opioid settlement, it is actually multiple settlements that are being settled. • Funding will be allocated in increments over a period of 18 years • Dr. Levine is the chair for this committee • Information on the Opioid Settlement Committee’s membership, minutes, and meeting information can be found here.
Public Comment	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth Shrader • Rhonda Williams

Next Steps or Assigned Tasks		
Task	Responsible	Due Date
Provide overview of the Public Consulting Group’s report	Traci Sawyers	TBD