

Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council January 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: January 24, 2022 Time: 1 pm to 3 pm	Mtg. Facilitator: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Mtg. Recorder: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Where: Virtual
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	Name	Organization and Role
X	Kelly Dougherty	Department of Health, Chair
X	Melanie Sheehan	Mt. Ascutney Health, 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	Daisy Berbeco	Department of Mental Health, Member
X	Amy Brewer	Northwestern Medical Center, Member
	Rebecca Brookes	Upstream Social Marketing, Member
	Moses Delane	Youth Representative (18-25 year old), Member
X	Kimberley Diemond	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont, Member
	Skyler Dryden	Youth Representative (<18), Member
X	Peter Espenshade	Recovery Vermont, Member
X	Alex Figueroa	United Counseling Services, Member
X	Kheya Ganguly	Department of Mental Health, Member
	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
X	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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Welcome, Introductions, and Quorum Determination	Kelly Dougherty	1:00-1:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • The Governor’s Budget Proposal included a \$8.5 million investment toward substance use, of which a portion is dedicated to prevention. While this still needs to go through the entire legislative process, it is a great step forward in supporting prevention efforts for all substances at risk of misuse.
Review and Approve December Minutes	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	1:15-1:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council decided to revisit December minutes during March meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicole Rau Mitiguy will make edits sent to her via email and will send out with March meeting materials for review.
Legislative Report Cadence Discussion	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	1:20-1:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In December the Council began a discussion on requesting from the legislature that the SMPC Report to the Legislature be moved from being due annually to being due every other year to allow for more time for activities and action to take place between reports. • The SMPC voted to make this request as long as there are identified opportunities for this such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SMPC providing written testimony to legislation specific to substance use ○ Inviting elected officials to attend SMPC meetings to discuss current policy ○ A shorter (1-2 page) interim report to be developed by the Substance Misuse Program Manager during the years where an annual report is not completed; this would summarize work completed to date and priority issues on which the SMPC is focused • The SMPC Executive Committee will draft a letter making this request. • An annual report will still be due for January 2023; if the request is accepted, the following report would be due January 2025.
Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Data Product Discussion	Amanda Jones, VDH	1:30-1:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Question posed on how the differences and inconsistency on medical examiner reports and how they’re reported into the national database impacts how Vermont compares nationally? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vermont has a centralized medical examiner system, so Vermont specific data is consistent across the state which is helpful and not an issue. ○ There are differences in how this data is collected, but as those differences have remained consistent across the years, looking at trend data at a national level can give us an important picture regarding overdoses even with these differences.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vermont EMS data on non-fatal overdoses is collected and reviewed, and is included in Strategy 3 (Social Autopsy Report) of the OD2A grant. • Feedback on these data products can be provided through this survey.
Update on Cannabis Control Board	Monica Hutt	1:50-2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of Monica Hutt's roles in the Governor's Office is to act as a liaison with the Cannabis Control Board (CCB). This update is a standing SMPC agenda item to provide updates on the work of the CCB for the SMPC when possible. • The CCB is in the middle of the rule making process for four rules related to their work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The rules are related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Licensing ▪ Regulation ▪ Medical Cannabis ▪ Compliance and Enforcement ○ They have been working with their Advisory Council over the last 6-7 months for guidance on this work. ○ There is both a representative from the public health field (Shayla Livingston) and also a representative from the SMPC (Dr. Levine). ○ The rules around Medical Cannabis and Compliance and Enforcement are still open for public comment until February 25th. • The CCB has submitted a staffing proposal through the FY22 Budget Adjustment Act (BAA) for 11 additional positions to support compliance and enforcement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is currently being reviewed and may not make it through the legislative process related to the BAA but will likely be an ongoing conversation through this legislative session as compliance and enforcement are important components to ensuring this market is set up as safely as possible. • If the CCB were to stay on track with the timelines set forth in the original legislation licensing would start in May for integrated licenses and then October licensing for smaller retailers would begin. • The CCB has a new report to cover recommendations related to online ordering and delivering and additional types of licenses related to CBD.
Cannabis Data and Discussion	Jeffrey Trites, VDH	2:00-2:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeffrey Trites, a Public Health Analyst with the Department of Health, was invited today to provide an overview of the current data we have available related to cannabis use in Vermont. This could act as a baseline for the SMPC's evaluation purposes related to the commercialization of cannabis in the state.

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	Nicole Rau Mitiguy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • The Young Adult Survey will continue this year with an expected launch date of late-winter/early spring. • Sales data will be important for prevention efforts in the State and should be reviewed by the SMPC as it is created and becomes available, if possible. • Are there plans to update the Health Impact Assessment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicole Rau Mitiguy can check with ADAP on if the Health Impact Assessment will be updated and what that timeline would be if it will be. • There are plans for a new data dashboard to become available. This is a grant funded project that has been delayed due to COVID-19, but is starting to have work completed on it again. • Is there a possibility to look at data across substances, so for example, looking at cannabis use through vaping as well as nicotine products through vaping? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Depending on the datasets available, there is the possibility to do a cross-tab of people using cannabis and nicotine products through vaping. VDH can look further into this. • Next steps for this data: individual subcommittees can review the data provided today and see if there are any priorities or ways this could be integrated into the work they are completing.
Public Comment	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	2:50-3:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth Shrader

Next Steps or Assigned Tasks		
Task	Responsible	Due Date
Complete January Meeting Evaluation	SMPC Members Members of the Public	2/4/22
Let Nicole Rau Mitiguy know which subcommittee SMPC members would like to be a part of through the 2022 Calendar year	SMPC members	3/31/2022

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Draft request regarding SMPC Annual Report timing	SMPC Executive Members	3/24/2022
Update December Minutes for review	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	3/24/2022
Update on the Cannabis Health Impact Assessment (HIA) timeline	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	3/24/2022

Minutes approved on March 28, 2022.