

Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council

Department of Liquor Control
13 Green Mountain Drive
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, April 23, 2014
10:00AM – 12:00PM

I. Welcome and introductions:

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Introductions

Rebecca Fenn
Sara Chesbrough
Joy Mitchell
Rita Johnson
Andy Snyder
Patrick Martin
Steve Waldo
John Gramuglia
Amanda Folmer
Mark Weikert
Mark Depman
Todd Bauman
Willa Farrell
Barbara Cimaglio
Chauncey Liese
Lori Augustyniak

Regrets

Jennifer Wall-Howard
Marcus Hass
Mitch Barron
Mark Ames
Mike Hogan
Greg Nagurney
Matthew Birmingham

II. Approval of the Minutes: March 26, 2014

Minutes from March 26, 2014 approved with no edits/corrections.

III. ADAP Report

Planning for governor's forum on June 16th continues. The forum will be held at the State House. The objective is to bring together community players to collaborate on how to address the opiate epidemic. The state will be divided into AHS districts (limited to 12 people per area) and representatives from various sectors including but not limited to business associates, community leaders, schools representative, treatment providers, prevention advocates etc. Follow up meetings will be planned after the larger meeting in order to include more partners in discussions. The forum will also be broadcast, more information to come.

The Governor's budget has not been finalized yet. The budget does include \$8 million in additional funding allocated to Medicaid for medication assisted treatment services.

H-69 is a bill would allow private-practice licensed alcohol and drug counselors to bill Medicaid directly. Because this bill could require additional funding for Medicaid (more providers would be able to bill Medicaid) the Administration was not able to support it as the funds were not in the budget. There is a potential for this issue to be revisited next session.

S-295 (pre-trial services) bill has passed the senate and is now in house human services, house judiciary, and house corrections and institutions for review. Testimony was taken in Senate Health & Welfare about the treatment system. It is clear that there are still gaps in the prevention world and this may be considered next session. More information can be found on the legislative website.

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/database/status/summary.cfm?Bill=S%2E0295&Session=2014>

All testimony and amendments for committees are now electronic and this information can also be found on the legislative website.

IV. Prevention & Education

Prevention Works has been focused on annual Prevention Day (April 30th2014). There are about 100 youth and adults coming to celebrate prevention and talk with legislatures about the importance of prevention.

Community based prevention grants were announced, and many coalitions did not get renewed funding. Unfortunately there are limited resources for

community prevention grants and there is no real way for prevention to exist without grant funding.

Barbara referenced an interesting article about an Oregon school that received \$900,000 to imbed prevention programming into a school district.

The article can be found

here: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/01/02/258695237/good-behavior-more-than-a-game-to-health-care-plan>

NCSS is reaching out to WYSB to follow their model for integrating clinicians in schools.

NCSS is also a pilot site for Integrated Family Services. With IFS all children's services funding is pooled into one funding stream. There is one set of requirements, and 9 outcomes. Clinicians link with the individual and the family and are given the flexibility to do whatever is necessary as long as outcomes are reached. Addison County is also piloting this program. Mark Depman offered to speak to the ACO and help push ideas through.

DLC: Federal government approved labeling for a powdered alcohol mix, but within a day the approval was pulled. This may reappear and Steve notes that there is no current way to regulate this product which means that it can be sold to anyone, by anyone, at any age.

The advancement of technology further highlights the importance of prevention, and the importance of learning how to communicate prevention messages to youth in a way that they will listen, understand, and retain. This topic could be discussed at the symposium being held this summer.

V. Treatment & Intervention

Overview of VYTEP project (see attached handouts and information about 7 Challenges and Seeking Safety)

SBIRT has been successful to date and is focusing on young adults aged 18-24. VYTEP is focused on adolescents aged 12 to 17 and young adults aged 18-24. There is a cross over with the target population of these two grants and it would make sense to coordinate in some way. Other ideas for implantation of VYTEP include integration in medical setting, and possibly utilize the school nurse in a school setting.

VI. Recovery and Resiliency

Recovery day last month was successful!

Recovery Coach Academy will occur in June and registration is now open. Training will be held at Springfield College in St. Johnsbury. (See attached handout)

The Anonymous People movie will be shown throughout VT stay tuned for locations. Chris Harrington (in the movie) will also be the keynote speaker at the Dismas House Diner in Rutland. This is also a good community recovery orientated event. More information about this event can be found here: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/218588985/2014-Rutland-Dismas-Dinner-Auction-Flyer>

VII. Enforcement & Justice

DLC is coordinating with Washington and Colorado around legalization of marijuana and regulations that have been developed by those states. Steve notes that it is difficult to regulate internet sales.

VIII. Continuing Work

Joy attended the international conference on problem gambling in New Zealand. One speaker presented on the iPhone and its consequences on young people in terms of gambling. There was also a noted increase in advertising for sports betting (internationally) with betting sites widely advertised in stadiums and on uniforms.

The Annual Conference on Problem Gambling will be May 5th and 6th (see attached registration form).

IX. Next Steps:

Peter at VAMHAR can pull a group together to help develop a policy message relating to prevention for the upcoming legislative session (taking into consideration prevention, treatment, and recovery) with a goal to create community based strategies that help get young people and family's information in a way that is useful and effective.

It would make sense to start considering budget proposals for the council's September meeting with Secretary Racine. This should be added to the agenda for next month to discuss further.

This Council could put together a position statement regarding the possible approval of powdered alcohol products and pass along to Secretary Racine for consideration. The council would like to invite Mike Hogan to future meeting to discuss this further.

The council would like to Invite Melissa Bailey to a future meeting to discuss IFS

The council would like to consider inviting Jim Hudziak from UVM to discuss the ACE project

Presentation at Next Meeting: School based services