

Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council

Department of Liquor Control
13 Green Mountain Drive
Montpelier, Vermont
Wednesday, December 2, 2015
10:00AM – 12:00PM

I. Welcome and introductions:

Welcome:

Welcome everyone

Introductions

Mitch Barron
Matthew Amadon
Erin Devost
Jen Fisher
Mark Ames
Scott Davidson
Mark Weikert
Barbara Cimaglio
Marcia LaPlante
Lori Augustyniak

Regrets

Willa Farrell
Bob Uerz
Jen Fisher
Marcia LaPlante
Chauncey Liese
John Gramuglia
Melanie Gaiotti
Bob Uerz
Patrick Martin
Cindy Thomas
Lori Augustyniak
Willa Farrell
Todd Bauman
Mark Depman
Jennifer Wall-Howard
Rita Johnson
Michael Hogan

Amanda Fulmer
Marcus Hass
Greg Nagurney
Matthew Birmingham
Peter Espenshade
Rebecca Fenn

I. **Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes reviewed from October 28, 2015. Minutes approved with no corrections/edits/additions.

II. **New Council Charge and Legislative Report**

VADAAC appointed new members and will be looking into the full domains of substance abuse. The goals of the council are taking on issues relating to substance abuse, addiction and recognize the essential components of all domains. Barbara gave an overview on VADAAC's history and the group's original focus, Act51. Over the years the council changed from an education focus, training teachers about addiction, to a community and statewide focus. Later on, VADAAC worked with bill S42 to look into drug and alcohol abuse services throughout the state.

Please follow hyperlink to view [Annual Report](#).

Scope of VADAAC

- Is the group asking the right questions?
- Collecting all the right and accurate data?
- Where does the council stand on issues? Ex. Marijuana legalization
 - Not seen as just one voice but open to perspectives in all domains
- Serving Vermonters to our full potential
- Understanding what's most effective in the work

III. **Organizing the Work Moving Forward**

Those who were appointed and attended were able to narrow down their focus and what area they represent in the council. Marcia will be working with planning and the council's needs. Mitch will facilitate the meetings once the council is settled and grounded. The council will also need to think about a new chair, how to facilitate and go forward in the new council. He brings up the importance of having a mixer of representation and what the state needs to fight substance abuse. Shumlin appointed those that bring different perspectives on the issue.

Mitch suggested having a calendar mapped out for future meetings on while domains to specifically address issues to report out. Below is the following scheduling for the next few meetings:

January 27th

- Data sets and Performance Measures – Anne Van Donsel and Marcia LaPlante
- Prevention Day!

February 24th

- Prevention and Education

March 23rd

- Recovery and Resiliency

April 27th

- Intervention and Treatment

May 25th

- Enforcement and Justice

ADAP Report Out

Highlights:

ADAP is preparing for legislative session. The main focus is the opiate epidemic and legalization of marijuana. ADAP is working hard to address the issue of needing more physicians and reducing the waiting list. Franklin County has a high need for medicated assisted treatment. Chittenden County is struggling with long waiting lists. Part of the MAT grant, Vivitrol will be distributed for those undergoing treatment towards correctional and DCF populations wanting to move away from opiates. Vivitrol is used to block and reduce opiate addiction and relapse. Stuart mentioned how Vivitrol will be a way to prevent cravings and can be seen as a form of abstinence. He believes that the high cost of Vivitrol takes away the groundwork of people trying to prevent addiction. The grant also includes supporting community based prevention to help those in need of support. Blue Cross and Blue Shield to work with SBIRT with behavior counselors and training employees on substance abuse awareness through SATC training.

Member Updates/Announcements

Matthew Amadon and Erin Devost will no longer be serving the council. Matthew will be transferred to the St. Johnsbury state trooper unit. Rebecca Fenn will be taking Erin's place in the interim.

Enforcement and Justice:

The law enforcement is looking to crack down on heroin and opiate issues around Vermont. Matthew Amadon addresses more heroin is coming and police are looking to shut down the main dealers and shutdown their networks from expanding. More sources are coming from Southern New England, mostly from New York City or Southern New Jersey. There has been a high ceasing rate of heroin and other bagged drugs. Matt requested a new grant that he is applying that law enforcement is applying for to hire in new positions for the Vermont drug unit.

Prevention & Education:

Treatment:

Recovery and Resiliency:

Event Reminders and Links:

***Save the Date:**

1/27/16 – Prevention Day, Capital Plaza, Montpelier, VT

Link to Trello website:

www.trello.com

Link to Opiate Dashboard:

<http://www.healthvermont.gov/adap/dashboard/opioids.aspx>

Future Presentations/presenters (NOTES):

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