

Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
Advisory Council

Department of Liquor Control  
13 Green Mountain Drive  
Montpelier, Vermont

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

**I. Welcome and introductions:**

**Welcome:**

Welcome everyone

**Introductions**

Rebecca Fenn  
Mitch Barron  
John Gramuglia  
Patrick Martin  
Rita Johnson  
Jennifer Wall-Howard  
Willa Farrell  
Michael Hogan  
Mark Ames  
Barbara Cimaglio

**Regrets**

Amanda Fulmer  
Mark Weikert  
Mark Depman  
Lori Augustyniak  
Steve Waldo  
Marcus Hass  
Greg Nagurney  
Matthew Birmingham  
Todd Bauman  
Chauncey Liese

**II. Approval of the Minutes: June 25, 2014.** Minutes approved

**III. ADAP Report:**

Update on VADAAC membership:

- A representative from Agency of Education will be identified by the new Secretary
- Working on identifying a representative from the Department of Public Safety that can attend on a regular basis

**Opiate Summit:** Communities are following up with local meetings. Each meeting will complete an assessment identifying key issues.

**New England's Governor's Summit:** The Governors of New England States (including NY) got together earlier this summer to discuss the opiate epidemic and how NE can collaborate to address this issue. There will be NE wide meeting that will follow up on priorities identified: sharing prescription monitoring information across borders, NE wide prevention message, eliminating barriers to treatment across state lines, developing uniform prescribing practices and consistency across medical boards (in terms of guidance and regulation), and improved regional integration for law enforcement on these issues. There will be follow up meeting in August to work on this.

**50 State Meeting:** Barbara attended a meeting in Washington DC focusing on how to improve the use of prescription monitoring programs, provider oversight (medical, pharmacy, dental boards etc.), and provider education. It is important to have more consistent regulation of professional boards and their guidelines for pain and pain management.

**SATC Council:** Barbara is chairing a committee (Substance Abuse Treatment Coordination) at the request of Secretary Racine. ~~(ask Shayla for summary information from the meetings).~~ The committee has cross agency representation. The initial focus is on education around addiction and screening for substance abuse disorders. The focus will then shift to training about what to do with positive screens and how to make appropriate referrals (and who to refer to).

#### IV. Recovery & Resiliency:

**BRSS TACS update:** Two pilot sites were identified to provide a recovery oriented system of care. This system of care fosters open lines of communication within the community. It also encourages a warm hand off to other community resources (i.e. from recovery center to primary care provider). The BRSS TACS day long meeting was an opportunity for key players across the state to come together and talk about the initiatives. Break-out sessions came up with several suggestions: Have introductory meetings with potential resources, identify resources and dollar amount to petition for funding, implement and continue integrated services and advocate for sustained funding and resources, short-term rally for recovery, mid-term recovery supports presentation before the Green Mountain Care Board, long term training for peer networks supports, short-term shared strategic plan, mid-term peer CME training required for providers around trauma informed care, and increase availability of trauma related treatment. Grants will be available, application information to follow.

Contact Rita Johnson-[add email address].Rita@vamhar.org if you would like more information about this.

**V. Prevention & Education:**

**VI. Treatment & Intervention:**

**VII. Enforcement & Justice:**

**Court Diversion/Reparative Justice:** working with Win Turner around creating a different approach to screening and assessment. Trends show that 13-14% of youth each year had a treatment recommendation after assessment. Previously, all youths referred received a full assessment (whether or not it was necessary); going forward all youth will be screened first (following SBIRT model) and then referred on for treatment if screen is positive.

Working on researching marijuana use following a protocol developed by Washington State consisting of a web-based questionnaire. The questionnaire would generate a written report that could be shared with treatment providers.

Continuing to follow restorative justice model. Restorative justice model is followed in Montpelier school as well.

**Criminal Justice:** Finishing up 8<sup>th</sup> month of the risk reduction program. Fidelity visits are done 4 times a year and so far everything seems to be going well. The biggest issue is the turnover (resulting from using contractors). In terms of S295, a director will be hired and the director will work with local partners to develop teams and get things organized.

**VIII. Priority recommendations for Secretary Racine**

- What do we do to address a prevention/treatment/recovery message that alcohol takes away your ability to make judgments about how you (the user) is doing. Alcohol (or drug use) tends to be more of a feeling issue than a thinking issue. The message needs to be heard by a multi-generational audience.
- Alcohol is a problem as well as opiates.
- There has not been enough emphasis on prevention. Do we have enough resources in schools? How do we deal with this issue with young people (prevention, intervention etc.). Do we need more resources?

- Looking ahead to the possibility of marijuana legalization, we should make sure that a percentage of the revenue goes towards prevention and treatment measures.
- Legislative Education: provide drug and alcohol abuse training for representatives so that they are more informed.
- Team building utilizing the expertise of people within the agency (regardless of job title).

**Future Presentations/presenters:**

- (6/25) Invite a subject matter expert to present to the council about medication assisted treatment. (John Brooklyn, Stacey Sigmon).
- (7/23) Presentation on restorative justice as it relates to substance abuse.
- (7/23) How to meet the needs of youth - Youth mental health first aid?
- (7/23) Bobby Sand, Karen Gennette , Monica Hutt invite to September meeting (sp? Spelling is correct) to discuss S295