

**Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council**

Department of Liquor Control
13 Green Mountain Drive
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, June 26th, 2013
10:00AM – 12:00PM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome

Welcome everyone

Introductions

Marcia LaPlante
Lauren Fisk
Andy Snyder
Patrick Martin
John Gramuglia
Chauncey Liese
Joy Mitchell
Ryan Mitofsky
Willa Farrell
Mark Depman
Lori Augustyniak
Mourning Fox
Mike Hogan

Regrets

Michael Macarilla
Mark Ames
Barbara Cimaglio
Steve Waldo
Mitch Barron
Patty McCarthy Metcalf

II. Approval of Minutes: June 26th, 2013

June 26th – Approved with the following changes – No changes needed

III. Deputy Commissioner Report: Marcia LaPlante for Barbara Cimaglio

Program Updates –

Legislation – VDH is beginning to get more detailed instruction on Legislation. The legislative update has not changed since we last met.

School Reports – There are 2 reports required. One is in the budget bill. This report requires a cataloguing report on what mental health and substance abuse prevention services are currently available in schools. This report is due January 1, 2014. The second report relates to the School Health Profile, which is a CDC survey. Recently the VDH applied for additional funds from the CDC to do that survey more comprehensively around the state, and use it as a way of gauging progress in schools capacity to carry out health information including mental health promotion and substance abuse prevention. ADAP will be adding some questions to the CDC survey. Alcohol and other drugs, and specific substance abuse prevention strategies are not part of the CDC survey, so ADAP plans to add more questions regarding that. The report on this survey is due January 2015. The plan is to run this survey on alternate years of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

Council Membership – Two new members have been appointed to this council representing the education field. Mark Weikert is a health teacher and also does some work with the community coalition in Southern Vermont. Jennifer Wall-Howard is the assistant principal at Montpelier Union High School. Barbara will follow-up on who will be taking Lieutenant John Flannigan's place on the council.

The Hungry Heart - Barbara and Marcia met with Bess O'Brien of Kingdom County Productions. She is on track to launch a fall tour of The Hungry Heart. The Hungry Heart is a film that follows several young people in the Northwestern part of the state who are addicted to prescription opiates. This is a very powerful film. Bess has asked VDH to help organize a community roll-out. She has done a lot of outreach to the treatment programs in the state. Bess is intending to do a much shorter version of the film and a discussion guide that could be utilized in schools. The Premier will probably be in the Northwest part of the state and the roll-out is likely to happen at the end of September through the middle of November.

IV. Presentation on Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program (YSASP) (Previously known as Teen Alcohol Safety Program) – Willa Farrell, AG's Office – Court Team County Based Diversion Program

Youth Substance Abuse Safety Program – HANDOUT ATTACHED

Questions – When someone is over 21, how does the officer know if this is a person's 1st, 2nd or subsequent offense? Not sure yet. The law explicitly says a person cannot have a criminal record for these violations. At this point, law enforcement knows about most civil violations due to the fact that DMV is notified when the offender is under than 21; however there is no adjudication to send civil violations to DMV when the offender is over 21, which will make it difficult for law enforcement to know how many offenses the person has had.

If a person has 2 offenses under the age of 21, and then obtains another offense once they have turned 21, they would start over, due to the fact that an under 21 violation is handled differently than an over 21 violation.

Can an out-of-stater's license be suspended? Yes, Vermont can suspend a person's privilege to operate a vehicle. If license renewal comes up during a person's suspension period, the person's home state will be notified that they are under suspension in Vermont.

Input on draft goal statement – HANDOUT ATTACHED

Will the intervention be using ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) criteria? The concept is yes. The YSASP team is hoping to work with Win Turner to help develop standards, and also have trainings around those standards.

Will there be a criminality assessment? Yes

One of the challenges in this program is out of state students. Each state handles these violations differently and some clients end up being required to do much more than what their assessment may recommend.

License suspension is a large motivator for people to participate in this program.

If an individual wants to contest that what they were carrying was not marijuana, they can ask that the state lab test it. The individual is responsible for the cost of the test unless the results show that it is not marijuana, in which case the state will pay for the cost of the test.

For questions about the YSASP, contact Willa.farrell@state.vt.us

V. Future Guests

JoEllen Tarallo Faulk – Suicide Prevention U Matter

Ena Backus – Green Mountain Care Board

Patty Baroudi – College Initiative

Charlie Biss – Children's Mental Health

Karen Ganette – Drug Court (update on DWI Court)

VI. Member Reports/Announcements

Mike Hogan, DLC – DLC is doing some rulemaking on a few issues. Some of these are around gambling and break-open tickets. DLC has signed a contract with the FDA; however, it is hung up due to a grievance submitted by investigators. The FDA requires a criminal background check, as well as a financial background check which is why the investigators submitted the grievance. Once DLC gets through the grievance process with the union, they will continue with this. During this legislative session, a lot of bills were introduced. There was some discussion around direct shipment of malt beverages. There was a lot of discussion Marijuana. Vermont is looking at what is happening in Washington and Colorado around Marijuana sales. In Washington State, the Department of Liquor Control is the agency that will be responsible for Marijuana sales.

Lori Augustyniak, Prevention Works – Prevention Works had a planning retreat earlier in June. Reaffirmed that this group is very dedicated to how substance abuse affects youth. This group will be putting together a plan for the next year that includes alcohol, prescription drugs, and marijuana. Prevention Works is hearing from people who are doing education and treatment that everyone thinks that Marijuana is legal now, so they are looking at ways of doing a campaign that explains that marijuana is not legal, and the consequences. The Young Adult Advisory Team no longer exists in its past format. Prevention Works will be picking up that piece of ADAP's work and looking at outreach to young adults age 18-25.

Chauncey Liese, DMV – DMV is currently working on legislation. One issue that has come up is that previously to this legislative session, DMV has been required to put the mailing address of the licensee on their license certificate. Now it is going to be their legal/street address. Licensees can opt to also have their mailing address. DMV is working with Willa on the Marijuana Bill.

John Gramuglia, DOC – DOC is changing their focus for the way they do programming. In the past, DOC put people in groups based on the offense they committed, but not meeting their needs. DOC is going to start using risk assessments (risk of recidivism) and looking at

the individual's collection of needs, and putting them in specific groups to help meet their needs. DOC is hoping to start using this method by the end of this year.

Mourning Fox, DMH – DMH is having conversations with DOC & ADAP around defining case management in relation to substance abuse disorders, as well as from a departmental perspective, at what point, when and where should evidence based screening for addiction be used.

Mark Depman, CVMC – In the Emergency Departments around the state, alcohol still remains the #1 problem. There is still a lack of resources to offer patients at the point of contact. In the Central Vermont area, it is unusual to see overdoses on narcotics and other hard drugs. There is a new synthetic drug making its way to Vermont from Providence/Boston called Astilphethanol (ask Mark Depman for spelling). This drug has a very high risk of overdose and mortality. Marijuana continues to be in the background. It is not causing any issues on the medical front. One concern in the medical field is around information getting out to physicians about medical marijuana, and the role of medical professionals. There has not been anything sent out yet. Marcia to check with Barbara regarding this.

Andy Snyder, AOE – Kate O'Neil has left work around HIV prevention and is now the new tobacco coordinator with AOE. She serves on the tobacco evaluation review board. AOE is currently going through Secretary Recruitment. January 20th is Armando's (last name?) last day. The recruitment closes at the end of this week (June 29th). There are 4 Candidates at this point. Andy represents the agency on the Highway Safety Alliance. The alliance met down in Hartford last week. The rate of homeless youth in Vermont is on the rise. There is very little money that comes from the feds. As of July 1 Andy will be overseeing homeless youth in school population. AOE has been working with Bernie Sanders staff on education issues.

Patrick Martin, Wits End – Colonel Baker from Rutland Police Department was a guest at Wits End. He had two people in the police station with 30-40 bag a day heroin addiction. That adds up to about 1 Million dollars a year. Rutland police are being more proactive, and knocking on doors when they receive complaints of drug activity. This approach is working in some places, but only to an extent.

Joy Mitchell, Problem Gambling – The DSM 5 (Diagnostic Statistical Manual) has come out. Gambling has been moved into the addictions section and is now titled Gambling Disorder. Gambling Disorder is listed with alcohol/marijuana. ADAP has decided that people need to be trained across the state on DSM 5. Joy has been working on different levels of trainings.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday September 25th