

Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
Advisory Council

Department of Liquor Control  
13 Green Mountain Drive  
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, May 28, 2014  
10:00AM – 12:00PM

**I. Welcome and introductions:**

**Welcome:**

Welcome everyone

**Introductions**

Patrick Martin  
John Gramuglia  
Kate O'Neill  
Mark Weikert  
Steve Waldo  
Mitch Barron  
Amanda Fulmer  
Marcia LaPlante  
Kelly Lamonda  
Breena Holmes (guest presenter)  
Lori Augustyniak  
Joy Mitchell

**Regrets**

Jennifer Wall-Howard  
Marcus Hass  
Mark Ames  
Mike Hogan  
Greg Nagurney  
Matthew Birmingham  
Rita Johnson  
Andy Snyder  
Mark Depman  
Todd Bauman  
Willa Farrell  
Barbara Cimaglio  
Chauncey Liese

## II. **Approval of the Minutes: April 23, 2014**

Minutes from April 23, 2014 approved with no edits/corrections.

## III. **Prevention & Education**

- Guest Presenter: Breena Holmes and Kate O'Neill presenting on school based health – see handouts attached.

## IV. **ADAP Report**

- **The Governor's Forum** is coming up on June 16th; all council members are invited to this forum, providing there is available space (limited at 200 people). There is a press release on both the health department's website and the governor's website about the forum. This is a community forum on opioid addiction designed to bring people together in teams from each of the districts to discuss what is working, what needs to work better, the extent of the problem, as well as general information about addiction. There will also be workshops that cover all areas affected by addiction (family, community, medical etc.). After the forum, there will be follow up meetings locally. These meetings will engage more people in the community.
- **S295 – Pre-Trial Services** bill has passed. The lead entity on this is the State Criminal Justice Core team (corrections, secretary of AHS, and public safety). More information to come. Consider inviting Bobby Sans to discuss further.
- **H247 – marijuana legislation:** DOH (along with DMH) has been tasked with putting together an evaluation of PTSD and whether or not medical marijuana could aid in the treatment of PTSD.
- Senator White is asking for people to come together and look at the impacts of the **legalization of marijuana** (taxing, prevention etc.)
- There was a last minute addition to the **Big Bill** proposing to move ADAP from DOH to DVHA. This could be an attempt to move the funding for health related programs underneath one umbrella. This move will not take place this year; however ADAP will have to do some reporting to the legislature mostly around treatment outcomes. For fall 2015, a larger report is required.
- H69 – opening up the system to LADCs - was not in the governor's budget this year but hopeful it will resurface next year.

- Publication regarding health effects of marijuana use among school aged youth is posted on the ADAP website.

## **V. Member Updates:**

### **Steve Waldo:**

A bill was passed that makes it illegal to possess powdered alcohol. There is a \$500 fine for possession, and a \$10,000 fine for distribution.

### **Lori Augustyniak**

Prevention day went well, and it was well attended by legislators.

The House version of the marijuana dispensary bill included a piece about doing a summer study about marijuana in order to determine whether or not the legalization of marijuana would make sense fiscally.

A campaign and coalition has been developed to defeat marijuana legalization. This includes some key people, including a lobbyist that will help navigate the campaign. The message is that the legalization will not be healthy for Vermont.

5 "Prevention Champions" were recognized at Prevention Day: Steve Waldo, Beth Shrader, Melanie Sheehan, Chad Simmons, and Angela Halsted.

### **Amanda Fulmer**

Friends of Recovery is hosting an academy starting on June 2.

The tour of Anonymous People is starting. First showing is at the academy. The Catamount Arts Center has donated their space for free. Next two communities will be Burlington and Brattleboro, dates to follow.

### **Joy Mitchell**

Joy is retiring June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Vermont Association of Mental Health Addictions Recovery will take over the council.