

**Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council**

Department of Liquor Control
13 Green Mountain Drive
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2013
10:00AM – 12:00PM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome

Welcome everyone

Introductions

Marcia LaPlante
Lauren Fisk
Patrick Martin
Mitch Barron
John Gramuglia
Joy Mitchell
Mark Depman
Jennifer Wall-Howard
Mark Weikert
Chauncey Liese
Andy Snyder
Marcus Hass
Lori Augustyniak
Greg Nagurney
Rita Johnson

Regrets

Steve Waldo
Barbara Cimaglio
Matthew Birmingham
Willa Farrell
Mourning Fox
Mike Hogan
Mark Ames

II. Approval of Minutes: September 25th, 2013

September 25th - Approved with the following changes. Adolescent grant is 4 year grant.

III. Deputy Commissioner Report: Marcia LaPlante for Barbara Cimaglio

Program Updates –

Federal Partnership for Success Grant – This is a SAMSHA demonstration grant for prevention with the focus being prevention and reduction of underage drinking, binge drinking, and prescription drug misuse in people ages 12-25. ADAP is now trying to apply what was learned from the Strategic Prevention Framework grant, on a regional level. With the PFS grant, there are 6 target regions within the state. All regions now have approved implementation plans. ADAP would like this council to serve as the advisory council for the PFS grant. This discussion will be added to a later agenda. ADAP is meeting with VDH communications office. A small amount of funding from this grant has been set aside for communications/campaigns.

The Department of Health intends to issue a competitive community prevention grant RFP in the winter of 2014. This grant will be targeted to chronic disease prevention. This will be a 3 year grant. The partners will be the obesity prevention program, tobacco control, and ADAP.

ADAP hosted a college symposium on October 9th. Participants were primarily those who are currently doing direct service work on college campuses in Vermont.

ADAP is funding a law enforcement training on October 30th. This training is full. Participants include local sheriffs, prevention partners, as well as security persons from colleges in Vermont. Steve Waldo is one of the facilitators of this training. Vermont applied for a small grant (\$60,000) through the Department of Justice. Vermont was awarded this grant and will be using these funds to support the law enforcement training, as well as supporting the ParentUp project. ADAP will be continuing the 1-800-itsfake line. ADAP will also be awarding 3 or 4 Teen Alcohol Risk Teams grants to communities/regions that had a strong program last year, a grant coordinator, and are not part of the Partnership for Success regions.

SBIRT (Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) – Work has begun. Dr. Win Turner has started meeting with the primary care providers who will be implementing the SBIRT program. Part of the SBIRT grant includes a policy steering committee, which will meet on November 15th.

National Drug Take Back Day – National Drug Take Back Day is November 1st (?).

Adolescent Treatment Grant – The state of Vermont received a 4 year grant, about \$1 Million per year, to focus on adolescent treatment expansion and enhancement. This is an opportunity to bridge the SBIRT grant with the adolescent treatment grant. The direct service roll-out begins on January 6th, 2014.

IV. Greg Nagurney – Governors Highway Safety Program

Greg is the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor with the Governors Highway Safety Program. With a grant from the federal government (NHTSA), the Governors Highway Safety Program looks to decrease and eliminate highway accidents, crashes and fatalities. From an enforcement aspect, the focus is DWI. The DWI/drug program is starting to take more time than ever before. No answer as to whether the problem is increasing or if Vermont is getting better at detecting. In Vermont there are currently 28 officers from both local departments, as

well as state troopers that are trained and certified in detecting signs of drug and marijuana use in drivers. There is a training coming up in January that will certify up to 12 more. Prosecution can be difficult with drugged driving because drugs affect everyone differently. There is no standard number as there is for alcohol (.08). The current statute criminalizes driving under the influence of alcohol to the slightest degree. The standard for drugs is "impaired to a degree which renders you incapable of driving safely". This is unclear. There are 14 state attorneys in VT. Of those 14, at least 8 of them support changing the law so that alcohol and drugs are treated equally for the purpose of impairment. Drug testing is a way to test whether or not a person is incapable of operation a vehicle, however, drug testing is very expensive. Blood or urine samples can be tested in VT but those tests are qualitative. In order to perform quantitative testing, samples would need to be sent out of state. This process becomes very costly. The approach of the state attorneys is to have a zero tolerance DWI/ Drug law saying that if a person is driving, has a measureable active amount of a drug, and is showing visible signs of impairment, they would be charged with impaired driving. Vermont has had conversations with Washington and Colorado about ways to determine whether or not an individual is under the influence of drugs. These states have said that where they have the most success with marijuana investigation is to talk to the defendant longer than they would when they suspect alcohol stop. Windsor County is rolling out a DWI Treatment Court. This is a pilot program and will only be in Windsor County to start. This program is federally funded through the Governors Highway Safety Program. Individual has to plead guilty, and will go once a week to meet with the judge as well as other individuals, to discuss treatment they have gone through. If individuals violate the terms of their treatment, there are sanctions including nights/weeks in jail. Retired Judge Ben Joseph is now working for Governors Highway Safety program to do outreach. Outreach helps to stop the problem before it starts, rather than dealing with the problem, after it a DWI has occurred. The funding for this program is expected to end next fiscal year. Marcia will talk to Barbara about processes and procedures to have Greg join this council on a regular basis.

V. Future Guests

JoEllen Tarallo Falk – Suicide Prevention U Matter
Patty Baroudi – College Initiative
Charlie Biss – Children’s Mental Health
Karen Geannette – Drug Court (update on DWI Court)
Rebecca Holcomb – Secretary of the Agency of Education
Shayla Livingston – YRBS

VI. Member Reports/Announcements

Mark Depman, CVMC – The Vermont Medical Society sent out an informational packet to Vermont physicians about the Medical Marijuana dispensaries.

Mitch Barron – Met with Win Turner about SBIRT around how this is going to be spread out to primary care practice. Mark Depman was asked to be the head of the ED Directors cooperative. UVM’s college health center will be pilot. The focus is on accessibility and timely response.

Andy Snyder, AOE – There have been two student suicides in Vermont. One in Mount Abe and one in Mount Anthony.

Joy Mitchell, Vermont Council on Problem Gambling –

Chauncey Liese, DMV – DMV is busy getting ready for the legislative session.

Lori Augustyniak – Senator Jeanette White will be introducing legislation this session to recommend a study committee on legalization of Marijuana.

NEXT MEETING: December 4th - Invite Secretary Racine