

Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council

Department of Liquor Control
13 Green Mountain Drive
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, October 22 2014
10:00AM – 12:00PM

I. Welcome and introductions:

Welcome:

Welcome everyone

Introductions

Mitch Barron
Mark Ames
Chauncey Liese
John Gramuglia
Willa Farrell
Becky Penberthy (guest presenter)
Todd Bauman
Lori Augustyniak
Rebecca Fenn
Donna McAllister
Marcia LaPlante
Mark Depman
Dan Osman (VAMHAR)

Regrets

Barbara Cimaglio
Mark Weikert
Jennifer Wall-Howard
Rita Johnson
Patrick Martin
Michael Hogan Steve Waldo
Amanda Fulmer
Marcus Hass
Greg Nagurney
Matthew Birmingham

II. Approval of the Minutes: September 24, 2014 minutes approved

III. Guest Presentation: Becky Penberthy from Lamoille Restorative Justice Center

Lamoille Restorative Center has 14 staff and serves participants from infants to adults. They work with participants (offenders) and use screening tools to determine risk areas with a focus on risks to reoffend. About 35% of participants struggle with substance abuse. The center looks at participants from a health care position always asking about health insurance and connecting people to primary care physicians.

Restorative justice is about taking responsibility for actions, and making amends to those that were harmed. In addition, case managers at the restorative justice center look at root causes (i.e. substance abuse). These centers could be the first point of assessment for need for treatment so it is important to build relationships with area providers. They are currently developing a web-based screening tool that will standardize how people interact with restorative justice centers across the state. The SBIRT model could be used as a screening tool as well.

State wide, in court diversion programs, 80% of people do not reoffend in 5 years.

IV. ADAP Report Out

- The work on FY16 budget is underway. VDH is preparing a level fund budget from this fiscal year, and a budget with a 5% overall reduction in general fund spending. Report out on final budget will be in January.

5% reduction recommendations:

- Could blue print for health care coordinators be folded into the treatment system to help offset cost? Could General fund dollars be flipped into Global Commitment dollars?
 - The budget cut could include a program, instead of cuts across the board. It would be easier to make a decision if there was more data and outcomes to help measure the success of each program.
 - By not reducing the budget, and by continuing to invest in substance abuse services, there could be a reduction in spending overall. In other words, absolve ADAP from budget cuts because ADAP is a revenue generating program.
- VADAAC will craft a position statement from this council to share with the division about budget recommendations. Mark Ames, Lori Augustyniak, Mark Depman, and Mitch Barron will write a draft to be vetted with the group. Will

also look into finding a business representative to help, perhaps from the Chamber of Commerce.

- ADAP is recruiting a Division Director. The department received several applications from qualified applicants and the first level of interviews has already started. There will be an opportunity for candidates to interact with stakeholders, once top candidates have been identified.
- Governor's Criminal Justice and Substance Abuse Cabinet executive order (see handout). The first meeting took place on 9/30. This group is co-chaired by T.J.Donovan, Chittenden County State's Attorney and Tom Huebner, CEO of Rutland Regional Medical Center. Several subcommittees have been formed: Treatment Capacity (Bob Bick chair), Overdose Prevention (David Mickenbury chair), Unified Treatment /Pain Protocols (Barbara Cimaglio chair), and Prevention/Public Awareness (Patrick Flood). The group meets quarterly and we will keep you informed of their work.
- Developing unified screening tools is a priority this year. AHS employees will be trained in screening protocols with the goal of identifying one screening tool across all agency programs.
- The governor's community forum on addiction: all regions have had at least one meeting and have produced an action step. These action statements are being compiled and will be shared as soon as finalized.

V. Debrief from meeting with Dr. Chen

The meeting felt very positive. Dr. Chen is action oriented, which his good.

It seemed like the conversation focused on what we (as a council) can do about issues brought forth. This council is an advisory council for the administration.

It would be important to develop a position on the legalization of marijuana to be released in conjunction with the Rand Study being released in January. Laurie will write a draft to be vetted with the group.

VI. Member Updates/Announcements

Recovery & Resiliency

Mark Ames

- NIH is funding a study on the effectiveness of Recovery Centers.

- Recovery Centers have received a \$100,000 grant through VT Federation of Families.

Lori Augustyniak

- Prevention Works has been developing a library of marijuana data. If you have good data you would like to share, send it to Lori. Conversely if you need data, contact Lori.
- SAMHSA will have a large amount of funding this year for drug free coalitions. About 400 coalitions will get funding. Currently funding can only be accessed for 10 years.
- Prevention Works is active in policy issues around marijuana and alcohol. There is a new state wide coalition of people across the spectrum called Smart VT, and Prevention Works is a member of this coalition. The group will be launched next week and will be chaired by Debbie Haskins.

Dan Osman

Camp programs have served over 1,000 more campers this year than last year. Training and Events will be offered this fall

Enforcement & Justice

John Gramuglia

- DOC has finished first year of revamping programming. Now 40% more offenders are engaged in programming without additional cost ,due to restructuring.

Treatment and Intervention

Mitch Barron

- National association of alcohol and drug abuse has put out a practice guide on adolescent substance abuse treatment and recovery.
- VT Youth Treatment Enhancement Program, which has piloting treatment in two sites, has just expanded programing to four other sites.
- Center for Mindful Learning wrote a grant to the VT community foundation in conjunction with schools and law enforcement to integrate care across systems. More to come from this community wide health promotion and wellness grant.

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 (Todd Bauman is a trainer and can bring in materials) and Project Checkpoint —
(December Meeting)
- (7/23) Bobby Sand, Karen Genette, Monica Hutt - to discuss S295
- Hanna Rose
- 10/22) Debbie Haskins – Smart VT coalition