

**Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
Advisory Council**

Department of Liquor Control  
13 Green Mountain Drive  
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, February 22, 2012  
10:00AM – 12:00PM

**I. Welcome and Introductions: Welcome Ryan Mitofsky, Young Adult Advisory Committee**

Welcome

Welcome everyone

Introductions

Mitch Barron  
Philip Brown  
Colleen Gorun  
Marcia LaPlante  
Chauncey Leise  
Patty McCarthy Metcalf  
Ryan Mitofsky  
David O'Brien  
Steve Waldo

Regrets

Mark Ames  
Lisa Anne Atwood  
Barbara Cimaglio  
Trudee Ettlinger  
Willa Farrell  
Mike Hogan  
Joy Mitchell  
Andy Snyder

**II. Approval of Minutes: January 25, 2012**

January 25<sup>th</sup>, Minutes – Minutes approved with the following changes.

Updated January 25<sup>th</sup> minutes and re-sent the minutes to the Council with the following information:

EUDL – The appropriation for the federal Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws program has been reduced from \$20.8 million to \$5 million. ADAP has received word from Department of Justice that DOJ has decided to focus the remaining funding on training/technical assistance and discretionary grants, which may be competitive. This means that they will be discontinuing the State Block Grants as of Federal FY12. The people that are working on FY13 Community

Grants should still continue to work because ADAP feels confident that we will be able to still fund that program for one more year. As more information becomes available, ADAP will keep everyone informed.

Patty's Announcement – The VDAC is deciding on a topic for a conference on March 29, 2012 at the Capitol Plaza.

### **III. Deputy Commissioner Report: Marcia LaPlante for Barbara Cimaglio**

#### Program Updates

Currently, there has been a lot of testimony regarding the Hub & Spoke Model. Barbara Cimaglio and Harry Chen have been to the House Appropriations, House of Human Services and will be going to the Senate Judiciary regarding the Hub & Spoke Model during the week of February 20, 2012.

ADAP has hosted two regional meetings regarding the Hub & Spoke Model. One of the meetings consisted of the Chittenden groups, which included Franklin, Grand Isle, Chittenden, and Addison Counties. Approximately 45 people attended the meeting with the intent of looking at the continuum of providers ranging from treatment agencies, recovery centers, FAHC, NWMC, and Chronic Pain Doctors. There were a lot of great ideas and questions that were brought up during the discussion regarding the Blueprint model and how it fits within the children and family sectors, resource sectors, transportation challenges, etc. Sub-committees formed; children and family issues, moms with infants, MD Connections regarding prescribing and prescription monitoring challenges.

Related to the Hub & Spoke Model, Barbara Cimaglio is giving additional testimony on bill H.745, which is the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System bill. See link below regarding the H.745 bill.

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/database/status/summary.cfm?Bill=H%2E0745&Session=2012>

ADAP is applying for a SAMHSA grant. The application is for a team from Vermont to go to the policy academy for bringing recovery supports to scale. The ADAP treatment staff has been working with the DMH, Blueprint for Health, and Recovery Centers to do more thinking about the issue of how to bring the community based treatment and recovery support together.

The community based prevention grants, which are for supporting community wide prevention/intervention, is collaboration between the alcohol and drug abuse prevention, tobacco control, fit and healthy, and the healthy retailers initiative programs. The application process has closed and the department had received 21 applications; however, 1 was late and only 20 will be moving forward. The total amount requested from the applicants was 2.4 million dollars. The applicants had to apply for at least two programs together because the purpose of the grant is to integrate the prevention initiative and most of them applied for the prevention program. ADAP received enough money to fund about 50% of the requests for the alcohol and drug abuse prevention portion and the programs involved with the grant.

See Handout 1 (*School Based Substance Abuse Services*)

ADAP has issued the summary on the School Based Substance Abuse Services grants. The RFP is not available yet; however, ADAP wanted to give the schools and treatment providers a

sense of where we are headed in Vermont. In the middle of February, ADAP received permission to issue an RFP for a competitive grant that is level funded in the amount of \$800,000.00 dollars. Only Local Education Agencies (LEA) can apply for this grant and are eligible to apply for up to \$40,000.00 dollars. The scoring will be based on some indicators of need, readiness, strength of the program, and the size of the LEA. Information regarding this grant can be found on the VDH website under Substance Abuse Programs. See following link. <http://healthvermont.gov/adap/adap.aspx>.

### Budget Planning Update

Nothing Mentioned

### Legislative Concerns

Ignition Interlocking System - The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has been to the House Judiciary regarding some changes to the Ignition Interlocking System statute. The committee is in favor of using of the device and expanding its use through amending it in legislation. The committee will be forming a bill to bring forth to legislation sometime at the beginning of March 2012. All of the devices require a camera to be installed into the car, to ensure that when a driver is looking to start their car they will need to blow into the device and a picture will be taken of the driver, if it blows alcoholic numbers at or above .02 the car will not start. Currently, the DMV has issued approximately 120 or more Ignition Interlock Devices in the State of Vermont.

Starting March 1, 2012 if a driver has received a second DWI and their BAC was at or above .16 then the next time they are caught, their BAC could be as low as .02 and it will be considered a criminal third offence.

Expanding Liquor Licenses - In 2011, the Legislature decided to expand who can receive a liquor license, i.e. Art Galleries and Book Stores. In the last year there still has not been a definition as to what an Art Gallery or Book Store is considered. Now in 2012, the Legislature is now looking at allowing Jewelry Stores to receive a liquor license.

## **IV. New Business**

### Special Guests: Dr. Phil Brown, VP for Medical Affairs, Central Vermont Medical Center

Dr. Phil Brown came to Vermont in 1992 and took a position at Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC) as an ER Doctor. Prior to coming to Vermont he was an ER Director in New Hampshire. He originally came to Vermont as a Staff Physician in clinical medicine. Within 2 years he was back into the role as an ER Director at CVMC, up until 3 years ago when he took the position of VP for Medical Affairs. He has a great deal of experience in Substance Abuse and is an advocate of the Vermont Prescription Monitoring Program. There are two programs that he is currently working on bringing to CVMC and FAHC, one is the Blueprint for Health and the other is Evaluation of Chronic Pain by developing a Electronic Medical Record (EMR) that can be communicate between hospitals EMR's in the State of Vermont.

## V. Old Business

### Council Membership Vacancies: One Vacancy Remains, Sarah Scrodin's Request; VCAN Rep.

Sarah Scrodin would like to request to have Mekayla Wyzel come in her place. Sarah will be submitting her resignation and suggesting Mekayla to the Governor's Office.

VCAN is still in the process of finding someone to attend the VADAAC meetings.

### Strategic Prevention Enhancement Grant – Update

The Strategic Prevention Enhancement Grant planning process has a lot of changes in terms of prevention resources and strategies towards moving forward. The Center for Health and Learning will be conducting the needs assessment and the logistics regarding the process. Each Council Member and provider networks in the state will be receiving a request to participate in an electronic survey, with a cover letter from Barbara Cimaglio. There will be a round of direct interviews with David O'Brien as the Chair of the Council, a Legislator, and members from the Green Mountain Care Board.

The planning will occur in two parts – 2 hour webinar to frame up basic information and the status of where we are and one face to face planning session with a tentative date of 04/16/12. After the webinar and planning session a draft work plan will be developed and posted on the [www.healthyvermont.gov](http://www.healthyvermont.gov) (Substance Abuse) website.

At the meeting in January, the Council asked about a Steering committee. Willa Farrell contacted Marcia LaPlante and said she would be willing to be the point person for the Council.

The end game regarding this grant is to have a new look at the prevention infrastructure and some guidance on our work priorities for the next 5 years. It is designed to help look at decreasing prevention resources and how do we most need to target the use of our Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant, which is our most stable source of funding and move forward from there. ADAP Prevention would also like to look at how we can partner differently with our treatment providers, recovery centers, and the medical community. This will also help provide some additional support to updating our state epidemiological profile and to be able to look at our data collection system.

### Concerns about Marijuana: Update on Distribution Centers, Re-classification

Nothing Mentioned

### Getting a Physician on the Council

Nothing Mentioned

## VI. Future Guests

- Director Craig Jones, Blueprint for Health Director
- Brian Remer, U Matter
- Tom Salmon, Drinking and Driving Laws
- Physician to Talk About Requirements

## VII. Member Reports/Announcements

### Steve Waldo

See Handout 2 – (*Alcoholic Beverages are Food*)

The product Whipsy (whip cream with alcohol) contains 13.5 percent alcohol and was found at a local store in Southern Vermont. With the alcohol content below 16 percent the product could be found not only at a liquor store, but at any grocery store in the state.

<http://microliquor.com/wine-infused-whipped-cream-whipsy/>

### Patty McCarthy Metcalf

Recovery Day at the State House is March 16, 2012

The Vermont Drug and Alcohol and Coalition have come up with a topic for a conference on March 29, 2012 at the Capitol Plaza and more discussion will happen during this afternoons meeting.