

**OCC Prevention Strategies Committee**  
**Thursday, April 26, 2018**  
**Meeting Notes**

Present: Stephanie Thompson (Chair), OCC member, HIDTA; Beth Keister, Agency of Education; Lori Uerz, ADAP/Dept. of Health; Jason Broughton, Dept. of Libraries; Judy Rex, Dept. for Children and Families; Charles Gurney, ADAP/DAIL; Sgt. Chuck Whitehead, Rutland City Police, Project VISION; Mariah Sanderson, Burlington Prevention Partnership; Bess O'Brien, Kingdom County Productions; Sarah Kleinman, UVM Extension, Project Prosper; Dawn Poitras, Student Assistance Professional-Barre, Marijuana Advisory Committee School-based working group; Melinda Lussier and Hal Porter, Northwest Medical Center; Grace Keller, Howard Center Safe Recovery; JoEllen Taralla, Center for Health & Learning; Diane Derby, Senator Leahy's office; Lori Augustyniak, PreventionWorks!; Cathy Nellis, Vermont-211; Mitch Barron, Centerpoint; Jane Helmstetter and Suzanne Legare-Belcher, AHS Field Directors; Roger Marcoux, Lamoille County Sheriff; Christina Nolan, VT US Attorney; Jackie Corbally, Burlington Police Dept., Janet Kahn, OCC Integrative Health Care Working Group.

Staff: Jolinda LaClair, Director of Drug Prevention Policy; Rose Gowdey, Community Engagement Liaison.

**Strategies Update**

- School-based/Community-based prevention (Lori Uerz, ADAP; Jolinda LaClair)
  - Federal funds support a large portion of Vermont prevention work. Some are demonstration funds. These dollars don't continue.
  - School-based funding to 20 supervisory unions. There are some required activities, some voluntary
  - Secretary Holcombe had said, If we don't unify community and school based programs at the community door, we will not be as successful as we could be.
  - Tobacco Prevention Coordinator position in Agency of Education has been retooled to include other substance use. New staff person is Beth Keister.
  - Recognition to Bob Uerz for his work in the earlier position, and collaboration with the OCC.
  - Lori described the "socio-Ecological Model" of community based prevention work – comprehensive, and addressing individuals, schools, businesses, etc.
  - RPP grant – 12 lead agencies, 34-36 sub-grantees. Statewide prevention.
  - 23 prevention coalitions
  - Community-based requires "boots on the ground" – regional structure, but local engagement. Evaluation is woven throughout.
  - Last year, \$2 million of STR community grant – 10 communities. Opioid summit and more.
  - Year 2 of CURES grant, includes drug disposal pilot year 2.
- Update from Sheriff Roger Marcoux
  - Drug Disposal
    - Event coming up this weekend (April 29)
    - They (Lamoille) collect from kiosks around the state monthly. Collected 3,500 lbs of drugs in five months. DEA estimates that 10% of the drugs received are opioids. This is a very rough estimate.
  - Youth Leadership Programs
    - 16 Lamoille youth went to Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) training in February – from HS seniors to middle school students, mix of students from low to higher risk levels. This is "demand reduction"
- Youth Engagement: Bess O'Brien
  - Working on a new project that aligns with past efforts, which include

- An original musical based on the lives of teens – the Voices Project – voices of those affected – staged and recorded – engaged youth deeply – 1,000 involved
  - Best practice: Ask the kids – what do you want/need
    - ACEs
    - Resilience
    - They want to act
  - Ready to collaborate
- Umatter: MaryEllen Tarallo: Statewide youth campaign with focuses on if you need help, or if you are in a position to help.
- ADAP/Lori Uerz:
  - Media campaigns
  - sharps disposal, syringe services, Parent UP
- Diane Derby: Senator Leahy’s office:
  - \$130 Million to rural communities will help eligible Vermont areas including Northeast Kingdom, Windham); additional grant information available
- Grace Keller: Safe Recovery Syringe Services (Howard Center) – Chittenden
  - Safe Recovery is major distributor of Narcan (estimate 70%)
  - Question: how many schools have Narcan on site?
- Dawn Poitras: Student Assistance Professional, Barre
  - Lost Community Coalition, and are now working with the Montpelier coalition
  - Need – research-based curricula – needs are different in different places
  - Recovery services for kids grades 5 – 12 (tobacco and beyond)
- Mitch Barron: Centerpoint
  - Need (and try to take) broader perspective/scope
    - Early intervention and identification
    - Secondary – screening and intervention
  - Access and engagement
    - Centerpoint in many different schools, 11 different funding sources. No such thing as “the funding”
    - Many schools use an integrated service model that integrates funding as well
    - Sometimes, grants make a “Frankenstein” – patching parts together – need focus on need
    - “Checkpoint” – is SBIRT (Screening/referral) for youth
    - Replicable, scalable, adaptable models
- Chuck Whitehead: Project Vision, Rutland
  - Began 2012
  - RutStat is the information-sharing between law enforcement and service providers
  - Street level social worker
  - Sent team to Boston in December re the Police-Assisted Recovery Initiative (PARI) model
    - Soft hand-off to a peer coach
  - Partnering: Rutland Mental Health, Peer Coach from Turning Point Center, and SBIRT at Medical center – plus the Project Vision team – not implemented yet, but preparing.
  - Considering a safe station

**Ideas for next meeting:**

- Heat map with drug trafficking
- Various community-based models
  - Toolkit for mentoring and resources to develop coalitions in new places

**Next Meeting: Thursday, May 24, 2018, 1:00 – 4:00 Waterbury**