

# Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council Meeting Minutes

Department of Liquor Control  
13 Green Mountain Drive  
Montpelier, Vermont  
Wednesday, January 25, 2017  
10:00AM – 12:00PM

Present:

## **Appointed Members:**

Barbara Cimaglio  
Kreig Pinkham  
Lori Augustyniak  
Teresa Randall (designee for Tom Anderson)

## **Associate Members**

Peter Espenshade  
Robert Uerz

## **Staff**

Marcia LaPlante

### **I. Welcome and Approval of minutes: Peter Espenshade**

Approval of minutes: December 6, 2016 minutes approved.

### **II. Overview of Changes in Leadership at the State Level**

Barbara Cimaglio shared updates on new appointments made at the Agency of Human Services:

**Martha Maksym**, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Human Services

**Melissa Bailey**, Commissioner of Mental Health.

**Mark A. Levine, M.D.**, Commissioner of Health.

**Lisa Menard**, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Corrections

**Ken Schatz** - Commissioner of the Department for Children and Families

**Monica Hutt** - Commissioner of the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

**Cory Gustafson**, Commissioner of the Department of Vermont Health Access

**Jolinda LaClair** - Director of Drug Abuse Prevention.

Her background was the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Food & Markets, she has extensive experience in community development. As Director of Drug Abuse Prevention, she will oversee the Governor's Opiate Coordination Council and work with communities across Vermont to implement drug prevention strategies. Jolinda will be invited to the next VADAC meeting.

**Barbara Cimaglio** will be continuing as Deputy Commissioner of Alcohol and Drug Programs until her retirement in June.

Teresa Randall reported that the Dept. of Public Safety is committed to stronger collaboration with Corrections, Health, and Mental Health on alcohol and drug issues, and on helping offenders get into treatment more easily. She anticipates that the Drug Task Force will be more visible in the media going forward.

Bob Uerz shared that the Secretary of Education is working with the Board of Education and they have forwarded a list of names to the Governor. The Agency of Education is looking at a bill to raise the age to 21 to purchase tobacco products. February 3<sup>rd</sup> is OVX Annual Rally Day at the Statehouse, students to talk directly to officials on issues related to tobacco.

February 15 is Prevention Day and Recovery Day at the State House, 9am – 2pm.

Kreig Pinkham shared a policy change to increase the age of youthful offender status. The Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs is considering recommendations on how to align juvenile justice system practices with adolescent brain research, consistent with this policy.

Barbara Cimaglio reported that Funds are included in the Governor's budget to support the new St. Albans Hub. BARRT is renovating the location for possible opening in March. Treatment providers will receive a 2% increase. The Governor has identified an increase the number of treatment professionals specializing in addictions treatment as a priority. The State Colleges will convene a summit with providers to discuss possible solutions. The Governor also would like to prioritize work with children whose parents have substance abuse disorders, and identify strategies to better work with this population. Vermont will be applying for a federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century CURES Act grant for \$ two million over two years, to enhance opioid use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery.

### **III. Council Leadership, Structure and Priorities**

Lori Augustyniak was elected as Council Chairperson for a two-year term. The Council also approved a plan to develop operating guidelines. Lori Augustyniak will prepare a draft with assistance from Kreig Pinkham. Barbara Cimaglio will also confer with the VDH legal office about how guidelines are developed with other advisory councils. There was discussion about whether there should be expectations for member attendance and participation in Council meetings, similar to the guidance of the Children and Family Council for Prevention Programs.

There is a vacant seat on the Council for a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. Individuals interested in serving as an appointee should apply by submitting a Gubernatorial Appointment Application to Rachel Feldman. An announcement will be sent to Council members. In addition, Barbara Cimaglio will reach out to the new Commissioners to confirm their designees to the Council.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering to be Vice Chairmen of the Council please notify Lori Augustyniak.

Lori intends to reach out to Jolinda LaClair and Secretary Gobeille, asking “How can we be helpful?” If Director LaClair is unable to attend a scheduled Council meeting, Lori will schedule a conversation with her. Teresa Randall, Bob Uerz and Kreig Pinkham volunteered to represent the Council in this conversation.

#### **IV. Logistics and Next steps: Lori Augustyniak**

Lori Augustyniak will draft operating guidelines for review at next meeting.

A biennial Council calendar will be developed including key dates for release of performance data, Council reporting deadlines and other items.

ADAP staff will research available conference room space in central Vermont that meet the Council’s needs logistical needs, including the Waterbury State Office Building, VAMHAR’s conference room, National Life conference room, The Pavilion at the State House.

Lori would like to create standard agenda and is seeking input on what Council members want to see included. Please email Lori with any ideas [preventionworks@fairpoint.net](mailto:preventionworks@fairpoint.net).

#### **Next meeting:**

Wednesday, February 22 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Department of Liquor Control

Minutes submitted by Liz Sanderson and Marcia LaPlante

#### 2017 Council Meeting Dates

March 22  
April 26  
May 24  
June 28  
July 26  
August 23  
September 27  
October 25  
December 6