


Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council December Meeting Minutes

Mtg. Facilitator: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Mtg. Recorder: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Mtg. Time Keeper: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Where: Microsoft Teams meeting
Date: 12/14/2020
Start Time: 1:00 pm
End Time: 3:00 pm

Council Attendees Mark those present with an "X"
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	Name	Organization and Role		Name	Organization and Role
	Kelly Dougherty	Health Department, Co-Chair		Skylar Dryden	Youth Representative
X	Melanie Sheehan	Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, Co-Chair	X	Peter Espenshade	Recovery Vermont
X	Daniel French	Agency of Education, Executive Committee Member	X	Courtney Farrell	Lund
X	Chris Herrick	Dept. of Public Safety, Executive Committee Member		Clay Gilbert	Rutland Mental Health, Evergreen Recovery Center
	David Allaire	City of Rutland	X	Cindy Hayford	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership
X	Amy Brewer	Northwestern Medical Center		Roger Marcoux	Lamoille County Sherriff Department
X	Rebecca Brookes	Upstream Social Marketing		Maryann Morris	The Collaborative
	Moses Delane	Youth Representative	X	Kevin Doyle	Assistant U.S. Attorney
X	Kimberley Diamond	Big Brother Big Sister	X	Eileen Peltier	Downstreet Housing
X	John Searles, Ph.D.	Retired, Dept. of Health	X	Daisy Berbeco	Vermont Department of Mental Health
X	Stephen Von Sitas	Regional Treatment Court		Auburn Watersong	Agency of Human Services
	Skylar Genest	Dept. of Liquor and Lottery	X	Erica Gibson	University of Vermont Medical Center


Non-Council Attendees					
	Name	Organization		Name	Organization
X	Amy Livingston	PIRE	X	Rhonda Williams	VDH – Tobacco Control Program
X	Cindy Seivwright	VDH – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs	X	Lori Uerz	VDH – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs
X	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	VDH – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs	X	Marisa Bolognese	PreventionWorks!

#	Time Allotted (Optional)	Type of Topic	Agenda Item (Topic/Objective)	Notes
1	1:00-1:10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Welcome, Introductions, and November minute review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edit to November minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes refer to alcohol sales tax, which should be changed to alcohol excise tax November minutes pass with that edit All November tasks were completed
2	1:15-1:30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	SMPC Annual Report Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report was submitted to VDH Policy for review prior to being sent to the Agency of Human Services for their review before submission to the General Assembly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VDH Policy has minor edits, mostly focused on grammar and clarification of sentences. Nicole Rau Mitiguy (NRM) is meeting with VDH Policy on 12/15 to do a final review before sending the report to AHS by 12/17. Once the report is sent to AHS, NRM will send the report to the SMPC for their records. All recommendations passed. Reviewed the vote count – 17 of the current 23 SMPC members voted: <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>12.14.2020 Meeting Materials.pdf</p> </div>
3	1:30-2:40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Subcommittees and Workplans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In our November meeting, the SMPC decided to identify workgroups with the intention of moving our logic model into action. The SMPC agreed that it would identify cross-cutting issues to be addressed by each workgroup. Timeline: A proposal to the SMPC is an interim report to be developed and submitted to the Department of Health to help inform their legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1: January – April Review data, laws, policies, and other applicable sources to inform phase 2 Phase 2: May – July -- Develop recommendations for full Council consideration Phase 3: July – September -- Develop a report to VDH outlining the proposed recommendations from the SMPC for the next legislative session Phase 4: October – mid-November -- Finalize recommendations and utilizing the interim report to VDH, develop and submit the SMPC Annual Report Each workgroup would bring back summary of information and draft recommendations to ensure the entire Council has enough information and knowledge they would need to make an informed decision An interim report to VDH would allow an opportunity for the Council priorities to be considered by VDH as they prepare their priorities for the next legislative session, which could maximize the impact of the Council's recommendations. This would also provide an opportunity for VDH to provide feedback or

				<p>information to the Council on what they might be prioritizing in the upcoming session to inform the Council's recommendations in the annual report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are also multiple folks from State Agencies and Departments as part of the SMPC, which could allow for the interim report to be shared with multiple agencies and departments for consideration as they prepare for the next legislative session. • What is the process for Phase 3? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This would be a lighter version of what the SMPC legislative report would look like. There is room to identify of what should be included in a report to VDH. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To help ensure the SMPC is aware of any strategic prevention goals of VDH to inform the work of the SMPC, Kelly Dougherty and VDH Policy can ensure this information is shared regularly with the SMPC • The technical pieces of all of this work would fall under the Substance Misuse Prevention Manager's responsibilities (per Act 82) • From our November discussion, the following were called out as proposed workgroups: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evaluation 2. School-based and community-based initiatives 3. Policy, legislative and Funding 4. Reducing inequities 5. Tobacco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was decided in December to remove this as a standalone workgroup; in our November meeting it was suggested to have this as a standalone workgroup as a suggested way to continue the work of the VT Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board work as this the SMPC replaces VTERB per Act 82. 6. Media • Proposed workgroups from the Substance Misuse Prevention Manager <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prevention Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A request was made to include language to call-out community and school-based prevention initiatives as a way to highlight the SMPC's desire to look at both community and school based prevention work. ▪ A request was made to include language as recovery supports as a mechanism for prevention. 2. Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request to add language to include reviewing upcoming legislation, not just current. 3. Media 4. Inequities*
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4	2:40-2:55	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Update from Prevention Works! on Cannabis Work	 VT Act 164 Fact Sheet 1201020 Updated V2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of a subgrant with The Collaborative, Prevention Works has completed work to review Act 164 as it passed into law, and identify key areas for prevention work. Prevention Works is available to provide a presentation and discussion with groups who are interested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If interested, individuals can reach out to coordinator.pwvt@gmail.com
5	2:55-3:00	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A survey will be sent to garner feedback on the SMPC meeting times for the 2021 calendar year.

Action Item Log			
#	Action Item	Due Date	Staff Responsible
1	Update language per discussion for the workgroups.	1/22/2021	Nicole Rau Mitiguy (NRM)
2	Review proposed language for the workgroups to be prepared to vote and decide who will be part of which workgroup.	1/25/2021	SMPC Members
3	Clarify the language of Act 82 around the number of meetings the SMPC must have (6).	1/25/2021	NRM and VDH Policy
4	Develop a timeline for the supplemental cannabis report to the legislature.	2/15/2021	Executive Committee

Approved on January 25, 2021.