SMPC Workgroup Discussion

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Recommendation results:

Issues to address across all substances:

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<td>To fulfill legislative intent of Act 82, Section 1 (3), create a formal mechanism in the State budget for the appropriation of a percentage of alcohol, cannabis and tobacco sale revenues to be directed for the purposes of funding prevention.</td>
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<td>Restrict the flavors of cannabis, and nicotine products</td>
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<td>Allow local control of sales licenses including disapproval, place and manner of sale</td>
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<td>Enact price floors on tobacco products</td>
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<td>Ban discounting practices including coupons</td>
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<td>Increase the membership of the Cannabis Control Board to also include individuals with expertise in the following areas: Youth Development, Public Health Marketing, and Research, Tobacco Control, Health, Pediatrics, Addictions, At least one member of the SMPC.</td>
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<td>Add a statutory requirement that at all times, a sitting member of the Cannabis Control Board as defined by the proposed addition of Title 7 V.S.A. Chapter 31 § 842(c) of “well-qualified” has an epidemiological or similar public health background. This requirement would be codified ideally by further defining “well-qualified” in the proposed Title 7 V.S.A. Chapter 31 § 842(c) as well as in the proposed Title 7 V.S.A. Chapter 31 § 843(c).</td>
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SMPC Workplan Discussion
Decisions made in our November 2020 meeting:

• We would proceed with having a standard set of workgroups, noting that addition workgroups could be formed ad hoc if needed.

• These workgroups would be moving our logic model into action, building on the work that began in the 2020 calendar year.

• We will identify cross-cutting issues to be addressed by each workgroup.
Decisions to be made or discussed today:

• 2021 timeline

• Workgroups

• Cross-cutting priorities
Proposed timeline for 2021 – backwards:

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**Logic Model: ACT 82, relating to substance misuse prevention**

### Strategies/Inputs/Activities

- REVIEW: Best practices, prevention initiatives, environmental strategies & program evaluations for youth & older adults; existing state laws, rules, policies, programs
- PROPOSE: Changes to state laws, rules, policies, and programs to address redundancy and eliminate barriers to coordinating prevention w/ State gov.
- ADVISE: Governor, General Assembly, and Community Programs (in best practice)
- EXAMINE: Promising practices for prevention
- IDENTIFY: Initiatives across State government and community stakeholder groups
- INVENTORY: Substance misuse prevention programs in the state
- DRAFT: Annual report on findings including recommendations for legislative action
- COORDINATE: Coordination of the work of the SMPC Council and planning of regional prevention efforts

### Short-term Outputs/Outcomes

- Evidence-based/informed prevention initiatives and environmental strategies are advanced in the State
- Coordination of prevention action in State Government is improved by reducing redundancy and barriers to coordination
- Statewide prevention initiatives are aligned with VT State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP), Healthy VTers 2030, & State Tobacco Control Program plan
- Foundation of connection and support for all VT Children and youth is determined.
- Gaps in services, geographic disparities, health disparities, & barriers are identified and addressed.
- Population prevention measures are at the forefront of all policy decisions.
- A portion of tax revenue directed and provided for funding for prevention initiatives (per legislative intent)
- Increased protective factors, resilience, and feelings of connectedness across all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic conditions (shared mission with other stakeholders in the state)
- Decreased risk factors for substance use in VT across all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic conditions

### Intermediate Outcomes

- Improved prevention policies, initiatives, and environments
- Prevention efforts are consolidated and coordinated across State Government
- Social and environmental factors ensure opportunities for action, engagement, and connectedness
- Effective prevention programs are available and sustainably funded across VT communities and schools
- Increased efficiency and collaboration of prevention efforts across all state, public, and private entities
- Effective prevention programs are consolidated and coordinated across State Government
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### Long-term Outcomes

- Improved health outcomes for all Vermonters
- Improved well-being
- Reduced inequities across all populations (distribution of risk is equal across all populations - no more higher risk groups)
- VT Prevention approaches are Holistic, Sustainable, Scalable, and Equitable
- Increased % of MS/HS students who feel they matter to community
- Increased % of MS/HS students who perceive harm in substance use
- Increased % of VT’ers age 12+ using any substances at risk for abuse
- Decreased % of VT’ers age 18-25 using any substances at risk for abuse
And forwards this time:

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SMPC workgroup formations:

- Evaluation
- School-based and community-based initiatives
- Policy, legislative and funding
- Reducing inequities
- Tobacco
- Media

- Prevention Practices
  - Review best practices, prevention initiatives, environmental strategies & program evaluations
- Policy
  - Review existing (and upcoming) state laws, rules, policies, programs
- Public Prevention Campaign
  - Assist in the development of a Media campaign for prevention
- Inequities

- Cross-cutting issues: evaluation, funding, equity

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Each workgroup will finalize a workplan as developed by the Executive Committee.

**Goal: Coordination of prevention action in State Government is improved by reducing redundancy and barriers to coordination**

**Activity:** Review current best practices, prevention initiatives, environmental strategies & program evaluations to identify potential areas of duplication.

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<td>Review Prevention Inventory report and data to identify current Vermont prevention initiatives</td>
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Next steps:

- Finalize workgroup plan and identify workgroup members
- Identify workgroup meeting methodology (schedule, format, etc.)
- Develop draft workplans and identify feedback process
Thank you!

Let’s stay in touch.

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