

## Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council March Meeting Minutes

<b>Mtg. Facilitator and Recorder:</b> Nicole Rau Mitiguy
<b>Where:</b> Microsoft Teams meeting
<b>Date:</b> 3/22/2021
<b>Start Time:</b> 1:00 pm
<b>End Time:</b> 2:00 pm

**Council Attendees**  
Mark those present with an "X"

Name		Organization and Role		Name		Organization and Role	
X	Kelly Dougherty	Health Department, Co-Chair		X	Skylar Dryden	Youth Representative	
X	Melanie Sheehan	Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, Co-Chair		X	Peter Espenshade	Recovery Vermont	
	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	
X	Monica Hutt	Office of Governor Phil Scott, Executive Committee Member			Cindy Hayford	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership	
X	Amy Brewer	Northwestern Medical Center			Roger Marcoux	Lamoille County Sherriff Department	
	Rebecca Brookes	Upstream Social Marketing		X	Maryann Morris	The Collaborative	
	Moses Delane	Youth Representative			Erica Gibson	University of Vermont Medical Center	
X	Kimberley Diamond	Big Brother Big Sister			David Allaire	City of Rutland	
	John Searles, Ph.D.	Retired, Dept. of Health		X	Daisy Berbeco	Vermont Department of Mental Health	
	Stephen Von Sitas	Regional Treatment Court		X	Janet Potter	Student Assistant Professional Hartford School District	
	Skyler Genest	Dept. of Liquor and Lottery					

#	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 January minute review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome to Monica Hutt, Chief Prevention Officer!</li> <li>January minutes pass as written.</li> </ul>

2	1:15-1:45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	S. 25 and SMPC recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reviewed <a href="#">analysis</a> provided by Chief Prevention Officer, Monica Hutt, comparing the previously approved SMPC recommendations with S. 25 and S. 164.</li> <li>• S. 25 is amending Act 164, speaking specifically to timing, addressing membership on the Advisory Committee, and diving into advertising for youth specifically, and discussing social equity and social justice of the law.</li> <li>• Monica previously submitted <a href="#">written testimony</a> of areas of concerns from Governor Phil Scott: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern about towns' ability to opt in</li> <li>• Enhanced advertising language</li> <li>• Protections to minimize the impact of vaping</li> <li>• Issues around accountability of that board to the Governor as they are appointed by the Governor but currently those individuals cannot be removed by the Governor in the current language</li> <li>• Request that the funding for substance misuse prevention work to go to the Department of Health rather than the General Assembly</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Concerns noted from the SMPC on current language in S. 25: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language change around opt in</li> <li>• Industry representative on the Cannabis Control Board; public health research indicates that having industry representation on boards and committees can negatively influence ensuring public health</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 13 members of the Cannabis Advisory Committee with the expertise in the following sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health</li> <li>• Secretary of Agriculture</li> <li>• Laboratory science or toxicology</li> <li>• Systemic social justice</li> <li>• Women and minority owned businesses</li> <li>• Substance misuse prevention</li> <li>• Expert on cannabis industry</li> <li>• Business management or regulatory compliance</li> <li>• Municipal issues</li> <li>• Public Safety</li> <li>• Criminal justice reform</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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3	1:50-2:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cynthia Seivwright, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs Division Director provided follow up from the January meeting</li> <li>• Supplement to the ADAP Block Grant updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Received ideas from the SMPC, and other committees and stakeholders on how this funding could be utilized in conjunction with our data, and Governor and Department of Health priorities.</li> <li>○ Notice of award was received on March 11<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ These funds will be separate from the normal Block Grant which funds infrastructure and programs for prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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4	2:00	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Adjourned	●

Action Item Log			
#	Action Item	Due Date	Staff Responsible
1	Move the cannabis report and additional letter to the legislature	TBD	Nicole Rau Mitiguy (NRM) Executive Committee VDH Policy
2	Once posted, the application for the second additional Block grant funding will be shared with the SMPC members	TBD	NRM
3	Ongoing subcommittee meetings	--	SMPC Members NRM

4	Complete meeting evaluation	4/1/2021	SMPC Members
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