

Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council November Meeting Minutes

Mtg. Facilitator: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Mtg. Recorder: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Mtg. Time Keeper: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Where: Microsoft Teams meeting
Date: 11/16/2020
Start Time: 1:00 pm
End Time: 3:00 pm

Council Attendees
Mark those present with an "X"

	Name	Organization and Role		Name	Organization and Role
X	Kelly Dougherty	Health Department, Co-Chair		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		Courtney Farrell	Lund
X	Chris Herrick	Dept. of Public Safety, Executive Committee Member	X	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	X	Maryann Morris	The Collaborative
	Moses Delane	Youth Representative		Christina Nolan	U.S. Attorney
X	Kimberley Diamond	Big Brother Big Sister		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
X	Skyler Genest	Dept. of Liquor and Lottery		Erica Gibson	University of Vermont Medical Center

#	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 October minute review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting for December will be moved to December 14th from December 21st. • Edits needed to October minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Let's Grow Vermont needs to be changed to Let's grow Kids ○ Clarification on the impact marketing with tobacco on children's engagement in use

2	1:10-1:25	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	SMPC Workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October minutes with identified edits passed • There have been a multiple versions of the logic model • Thank you to Amy Brewer, Auburn Waterson, Maryann Morris, Stephen Von Sitas and Cindy Hayford for significant edits on this logic model • This logic model reflects the language in Act 82 and demonstrates the work that the SMPC can do on behalf of prevention in Vermont. • The bulk of activities were put under the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewing ○ Recommending ○ Developing ○ Advising • These have been reflected in the performance measures that are included in the SMPC 2021 Annual Report. • The logic model has a slight language tweak from Act 82 which references “prevention programming” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The work of prevention is larger than programs and includes environmental strategies, policy work, and communication campaigns ○ The language in the logic model has been adjusted to prevention initiatives or environmental strategies ○ Environment strategies look at where families work, live, and play and work on promoting health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is language from the prevention field. If SMPC Members need additional information on this, a future meeting agenda item can be going into depth on environmental strategies as related to substance use prevention. • The Prevention Inventory was a launching point to start this reviewing process. From this initial review process the SMPC will be able to make recommendations. • Many themes came up in the logic model development process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Subcommittee work is necessary to move work forward as this Council is as large as it is. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The SMPC has had success in subcommittee work through the Cannabis Workgroup and the workgroup for the 2021 Annual Report ▪ Subcommittee work could become more systematized for the SMPC moving forward ○ Funding was a theme, and language around this in annual report ○ Elevating the work of inequality ○ Question on the intention from Act 82 “Review existing youth programming... to determine a foundation of connection and support of all VT children and youth” as this was difficult to include as an outcome. ○ What are the timeframes (short-term and long-term) for the SMPC and this work ○ Evaluation is not explicit throughout the language, such as how would evaluation inform our work around recommendations. ○ Lack of Chief Prevention Officer and how this work gets distributed across VDH and the SMPC.
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3	1:25-2:10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	SMPC Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Council previously decided to keep the recommendations generalized in a way that if any legislation would come up for alcohol, cannabis, or tobacco the recommendations would be applicable. ● Alcohol: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion to include an increase on alcohol sales tax, which has not been done in a number of years. This could be an important source of funding for prevention services. ● Across Substance Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion to start the recommendation section with parity across substances. ○ Suggestion to include the revenue of all substances to fund prevention work. ○ Suggestion to examine if there needs to be a tax increase for all substances at a regular interval. ○ Act 82 does have language around any new tax for any substance would go to substance use prevention services, however, a designated fund was not created for this.

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5	2:55-3:00	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next SMPC meeting is on December 14th from 1:00-3:00 using Microsoft Teams • The SMPC will receive instructions on how to vote and move forward with the Annual Report given the timeline for this work.

Action Item Log			
#	Action Item	Due Date	Staff Responsible
1	Rebecca Brookes will add a report on the SharePoint on how advertising for young children on substances increases their likelihood of engaging in substance use.	11/16/2020	SMPC Members
2	Meet to discuss workplan creation.	12/14/2020	Kelly Dougherty, Melanie Sheehan, and Nicole Rau Mitiguy
3	Review SMPC Annual Reports and provide edits.	11/30/2020	SMPC Members
4	Submit SMPC Annual Report to VDH Policy	12/1/2020	Nicole Rau Mitiguy
5	Vote on the annual report recommendations.	11/30/2020	SMPC Members

Minutes approved on 12/14/2020.