# 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

**RECOMMEND:** Best practices to reduce demand for substances & address gaps in services / populations; Strategies to integrate programming across state and partnerships

PROPOSE: Changes to state laws, rules, policies, and programs to address redundancy and eliminate barriers to coordinating prevention w/ State gov.

Assist in the development of a Media campaign for prevention & plan to host 2 public comment sessions

ADVISE: Governor, General Assembly, and Community Programs (in best practice)

Examination of promising practices for prevention

Identify and coordinate initiatives across State government and community stakeholder groups

Inventory of substance misuse prevention programs in the state

Draft annual report on findings including recommendations for legislative action

Coordinate 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 VT'ers 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

Increased % of : MS/HS students who feel they matter to community MS/HS students who perceive harm in substance use

Decreased % of : VT'ers age 12+ using any substances at risk for abuse VT'ers age 18-25 using any substances at risk for abuse

# 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

# Themes identified in Logic Model Creation:

- Subcommittee work is necessary, Council too large to move significant tasks quickly. Monthly subcommittee work, follow up with full Council bimonthly or quarterly. Subcommittee theme suggestions:
  - ~ Evaluation (missing language in Act 82)
  - ~ School-based initiatives (professionals working with school aged children to tackle outcomes related to this demographic) including Community-based initiatives
  - ~ Policy / Legislative / Funding
  - ~ Reducing inequities
  - ~ Tobacco Cessation & Media Committees were a part of VTERB
  - ~ Organize by focus area: "youth programming" & "older adult programming" Each identify 1) best practices and evidence based initiatives; 2) identify gaps & barriers
- Funding for prevention remains a concern (How will a % of tax revenue fund prevention initiatives?)
- How do we elevate work of inequality? Align our work with the SHIP, Healthy VT'ers, TCP, etc.?
- Unclear about what is meant in Act 82 (pg. 9) "Review existing youth programming... to determine a
  foundation of connection and support for all VT children and youth" (an expectation, how do we word it as
  an outcome?)
- What are the timeframes for each outcome section short, intermediate, long?
- Evaluation is hinted throughout but not explicit. Example: evaluation would inform our review and changes to state laws, rules, policies, and programming. Does it exist? Have these things been evaluated?
- How will work of CPO be distributed across VDH and the full Council?