

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: 8/24/2020
Start Time: 1:00 pm
End Time: 3:10 pm

Council Attendees

Mark those present with an "X"

Name		Organization and Role		Name		Organization and Role	
	Mark Levine	Health Department, Co-Chair			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		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	
	Kimberley Diemond	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		X	Auburn Watersong	Agency of Human Services	
X	Skylar Genest	Dept. of Liquor and Lottery		X	Erica Gibson	University of Vermont Medical Center	

Non-Council Attendees

Name		Organization		Name		Organization	
X	David Englander	VDH Policy		X	Rhonda Williams	VDH – Tobacco Control Program	
X	Brendan Atwood	VDH Policy		X	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	VDH – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs	


#	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 July minute review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few remaining tasks from July meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review Prevention 101 Training(s) to ensure resiliency is discussed in training ○ Make edits to Universal Afterschool Recommendations and send final version to SMPC • July minutes were approved. • Quorum was determined.
2	1:10-1:30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Updates to SMPC Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this point, VDH has not heard of any movement on the Chief Prevention Officer position. VDH Policy will ensure priorities identified by the SMPC are discussed with the general assembly during the 2021 legislative session. • Daisy Berbeco has joined the SMPC to fill the position of an individual from mental health identified by the SMPC this winter. • Tim Trevithick has resigned from his position on the SMPC as he has taken a new job. Tim will send Nicole suggestions of Student Assistant Professionals (SAPs) who could fill this role for the SMPC's Executive Committee's consideration, following the process of all identified SMPC members.
3	1:25-3:10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	SMPC Recommendations related to S. 54	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Englander provided an overview of the process of recommendations from the SMPC to move to the legislature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Act 82 is written in a way that embeds the SMPC within the Department of Health; the SMPC is not an independent Council as was seen in previous Council's or Committees (example: Vermont Tobacco Evaluation and Review Board). With that, policy recommendations from the SMPC must move through the same process as all policy recommendations from VDH. ○ The SMPC would vote on the recommendations to put forth ○ The SMPC recommendations would be reviewed by VDH Policy and the VDH Commissioner. ○ If the VDH Policy Team or VDH Health Commissioner had any questions, suggested edits or concerns, they would come back to the SMPC to clarify. This clarification could be completed with the Executive Committee if agreed upon by the full SMPC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the concerns were not addressed by the SMPC to overcome the stated concerns from VDH, the report could continue through the process with the note of those concerns. ○ From VDH, the policy recommendations report would move to the Agency of Human Services (AHS) for the AHS Secretary to review. If the AHS Secretary had questions, they would reach out to VDH for clarification. If VDH did not have that clarification, they would reach out to the SMPC Executive Committee for that clarification. ○ From the AHS Secretary's office, the recommendations would move to the general assembly. ○ This process would take a minimum of 2 weeks. ○ As Act 82 is written, the expectation is that these recommendations would come in the form of the annual report, but recommendations outside of the annual report are welcomed.

- The review process detailed above is the same process the annual report is reviewed. The proposed timeline for writing the annual report can be found on the SMPC webpage for the August 24th meeting materials (www.healthvermont.gov/smpc) and in this PDF:



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- Recommendation from David Englander to ensure the annual report is provided before December 1st to ensure there is time to receive feedback from the AHS Secretary if needed. Substance Misuse Prevention Manager will adjust accordingly.
- It was expressed by SMPC members that they were not provided clarification of this required process or timeline prior to begging the process of developing the recommendations; having this information could have impacted their timeline or workplan.
 - It was requested that moving forward a VDH staff member be included on each working group to help make a direct connection to any VDH process the SMPC would need to follow.
 - A suggestion was made by a SMPC member to have the SMPC write a memo to VDH to note that this review process is interfering with the SMPC to make policy recommendations.
 - David Englander offered to note to the AHS Secretary that the speed, and timing, in which the Conference Committee for S. 54 is working is a concern for the SMPC in their ability to provide recommendations on S. 54, noting that the SMPC was expecting that work on S. 54 would not have picked up until August 25th when the special session was slated to begin. He was asked by the co-chair to do so.
- The SMPC Discussed whether to vote on the recommendations the workgroup had developed and sent to the Council for review, to integrate the S. 54 recommendations into the 2021 annual report in hopes that S. 54 does not move forward.
 - It was noted that there are some key discrepancies between the House and the Senate, with a few points that would prevent each side coming to an agreement; specifically the House amendment includes a point around individuals being pulled over if observed not using their seatbelt.
 - Deputy Commissioner Herrick noted that Departments are requested to provide legislative priorities to the Governor’s Office by mid-October each year.
 - It was recommended therefore, that in future years the SMPC decide on their recommendations prior to October to ensure that those are taken into account when the Department of Health formulates their priorities.
 - There was a question on whether the SMPC not providing recommendations related to S. 54 would be taken poorly by the general assembly as in Act 82 it is noted that the SMPC was developed to ensure prevention is at the forefront of policy decisions.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was noted that S. 54 existed before the SMPC and the SMPC was not asked specifically for recommendations from the general assembly on S. 54. ○ A move was made for a three-pronged approach to be taken: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vote on the recommendations even if the VDH review may be outside of the timeline for the bill itself in this special session ▪ Ensure the annual report provides generalized recommendations on alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis that could cover any recommendations that come up during the legislative session in relation to these substances to ensure the annual report can be used to guide policy making ▪ If S. 54 does pass, the SMPC should include how the 30% of revenue earmarked for prevention be used in the 2021 annual report. ○ There was a question on whether the SMPC should vote on whether or not S. 54 should be pass to contextualize the recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Given that S. 54 has moved to both chambers, it was decided that the SMPC should move forward on voting on the recommendations as a whole. • The draft recommendations can be found on the SMPC webpage for the August 24th meeting materials (www.healthvermont.gov/smpc): <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>8.24.2020 SMPC Meeting Materials.pdf</p> </div> • The SMPC voted to approve the recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 13 voted in favor ○ 0 voted opposed ○ 12 members were absent at the time of voting • The Substance Misuse Prevention Manager will work with VDH Policy on the report for the recommendations. • The SMPC decided to discuss next steps with recommendations and the annual report when the SMPC meets in September.
4	3:10	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next SMPC meeting is on September 21st from 1:00-3:00 using Microsoft Teams

Action Item Log			
#	Action Item	Due Date	Staff Responsible

1	Review Prevention 101 Training(s) to ensure resiliency is discussed in training	9/21/2020	Nicole Rau Mitiguy (NRM), Auburn Watersong with ADAP
2	Make edits to Universal Afterschool Recommendations and send final version to SMPC	9/21/2020	NRM
3	Make edits to S. 54 recommendations and move to VDH Policy for official review	ASAP	NRM
4	SMPC members to fill out survey to collect input on recommendations for the 2021 SMPC Annual Report	9/4/2020	SMPC Members
5	Add all SMPC members to the SMPC Sharepoint site	9/21/2020	NRM

NOT APPROVED - DRAFT