

Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council December Meeting Minutes

Mtg. Facilitator: Melanie Sheehan
Mtg. Recorder: Nicole Rau Mitiguy
Mtg. Time Keeper: Nicole Rau Mitiguy
Where: Skype meeting
Date: 6/15/2020
Start Time: 1:00 pm
End Time: 2:40 pm

Council Attendees




Mark those present with an "X"

Name		Organization and Role		Name		Organization and Role	
X	Mark Levine, MD	Health Department, Co-Chair			Skylar Dryden	Youth Representative	
X	Melanie Sheehan	Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, Co-Chair			Peter Espenshade	Recovery Vermont	
X	Daniel French	Agency of Education, Executive Committee Member			Courtney Farrell	Lund	
	Chris Herrick	Dept. of Public Safety, Executive Committee Member		X	Clay Gilbert	Rutland Mental Health, Evergreen Recovery Center	
X	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			Maryann Morris	The Collaborative	
	Moses Delane	Youth Representative			Christina Nolan	U.S. Attorney	
X	Kimberley Diemond	Big Brother Big Sister			Eileen Peltier	Downstreet Housing	
X	John Searles, Ph.D.	Retired, Dept. of Health			Tim Trevithick	Champlain Valley Union High School	
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	Robert Flewelling	PIRE		X	Rhonda Williams	VDH – Tobacco Control Program	
X	Vanessa Berman	PIRE		X	Kelly Dougherty	Deputy Commissioner, VDH	
X	Amy Livingston	PIRE		X	Julie Arel	Division Director, VDH	
X	Hilary Fannin	VDH - ADAP					

#	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Levine: While VDH responds to COVID-19, we continue to prioritize work such as the Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council.
2	1:10-1:40	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	March Meeting Evaluation results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March minutes were approved.
3	1:30-2:30	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	RPP Grantee - Hilary Fannin, Substance Abuse Prevention Manager, ADAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Prevention Partnership (RPP) grant takes a statewide approach to prevention. While the SMPC is fairly new, prevention work happening statewide is not a new initiative. • RPP will come to a close in 2020, and a full evaluation for the project will be provided by PIRE • The goals of the RPP are based on prevention best practices and statewide approaches • Policy and Systems and Community level strategies are required strategies for the grantees as these can have a greater impact at a population level • There are lead agencies organizing work at a local level by working within their communities to have representation from 12 community sectors to gather data and effect change using RPP funding and other community initiatives. • RPP grantees work with process and outcome evaluations to ensure they are working toward their goals and make course corrections and celebrate successes along the way. • RPP grantees also work with grantees funded by VDH's tobacco program, an example of which was conducting the Vermont Local Opinion Leader Survey • PFS 2020 is a federal grant focused on prevention. The application was due in March and at the time of this meeting, VDH was still awaiting if VDH was awarded this grant. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VDH continues to strive for a consistent source of prevention funding for the state as the majority of prevention funding in Vermont is federal. ○ If VDH does not receive the PFS 2020 funding – what happens to prevention funding in our state? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADAP is examining other federal funding opportunities that VDH is working with those to work on projects ▪ Individual coalitions and organizations have been applying for the PFS 2020 grant and Drug Free Communities; there is the opportunity that local coalitions will receive federal funding ▪ ADAP utilizes ADAP's block grant to support the prevention infrastructure; that will continue ▪ VDH ADAP will try to adjust current funding to meet Vermont's prevention needs. With COVID, things are unknown so the pathway is not clear

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4	2:30-2:45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Prevention Inventory Update – Amy Livingston, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contract with the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation is for six months (May-October) to complete the prevention inventory outlined in Act 82. The prevention inventory will provided a base for the SMPC to ground recommendations related to the prevention system in Vermont to the legislature in the 2021 session. The work for the prevention inventory will be happening in four phases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1: Interviewing stakeholders to develop a list of programs to include in the inventory (May-June) Phase 2: Obtaining information from identified programs through online survey (July-August) Phase 3: Data analysis (September) Phase 4: Final report (October) Measures included in the prevention inventory were defined by a workgroup of SMPC members.  Prevention Inventory Oversight for SMPC_€
5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Recommendations Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicole will send out the final recommendations for Universal Afterschool Engagement Replicating the process used to develop the Universal Afterschool Engagement recommendations, a recommendation was made that the first step toward developing recommendations related to S. 54 (tax and regulate system for cannabis) was to have an expert panel provide information to the SMPC to then develop recommendations from the information shared. What do we need as a Council to ensure we are prepared putting together recommendations for the Cannabis Tax and Regulate? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup seems to make sense to report out to the group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who would be part of the workgroup? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melanie (Chair) John Searles Amy Brewer Skyler Genest The workgroup will meet initially will discuss current literature and put together a presentation for the full SMPC The Opioid Coordination Council and the Marijuana Advisory Commission have started recommendations on this topic. An additional starting point could be the Marijuana Health Impact Assessment which has been updated

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per VDH Policy team, the VT Legislature will be closing at the end of June, and returning in August to approve a budget for quarters 2-4 of the state fiscal year. It is not yet indicated that the legislature will take up bill S.54 in the August session. If it does not, January would mark a new biennium, meaning a new bill would need to be drafted related to cannabis tax and regulate for any movement to be made. • If this does not pass this session, it was proposed that the SMPC makes recommendations that laws and rules are consistent across three substances: tobacco, alcohol, and cannabis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use this opportunity for standards for all three substances in legislation to draw attention to the discrepancies between the different laws to allow for better protection for youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some of these recommendations are also noted in the initial HIA ▪ This aligns with the core goal of the SMPC in trying to make recommendations across all substances in relation to prevention • What recommendations have members already researched and want flagged for consideration? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns that Prevention was outnumbered significantly on the Control Board in S. 54 ○ Many of the lessons learned from other states include the recommendation that cannabis industry representation should not be part of the Control Boards, though in the current version of S. 54, they were included. • Ask for the VDH Policy Team to keep us updated on how the August session progresses. • Would the group be comfortable with having VDH Policy Team meeting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Concerns that we may not have time if they are currently meeting ○ The current understanding is that the Legislature is not taking it up this session or in August, which would allow for time to meet with the VDH Policy Team.
6	2:45-3:00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Decision	Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inform <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision	Next Steps and Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send any edits or recommendations on the Logic Model to Melanie Sheehan for review and inclusion.

Action Item Log			
#	Action Item	Due Date	Staff Responsible
1	Send out the RPP Presentation and info from the VT Parent Survey and YAS	7/15/2020	Nicole Rau Mitiguy (NRM)
2	Send out SharePoint Invitations with a library of resources	7/15/2020	NRM
3	Let Melanie know if you would like to become part of the SMPC Cannabis Workgroup	6/19/2020	SMPC Members

4	SharePoint site for the Workgroup.	6/19/2020	NRM
5	Send out Universal Afterschool Engagement recommendations for review and approval	7/15/2020	NRM
6	Reach out to VDH Policy Team for discussion around S.54 and how to make recommendations to the legislature	7/20/2020	Kelly Dougherty

Minutes approved by Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council on July 20, 2020.