

Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council Meeting Minutes

Department of Liquor Control
13 Green Mountain Drive
Montpelier, Vermont
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
10:00AM – 12:00PM

Present:

Appointed Members: Jolinda LaClair, Lori Augustyniak, Nissa Walke

Associate Members: Mitch Barron, Peter Espenshade, Robert Uerz

Staff: Marcia LaPlante & Tina Royer

Guests: David Englander & Rose Gowdey

I. Welcome and Approval of minutes

Approval of minutes

A motion to accept the March and April meeting minutes as written was made by Lori Augustyniak, and second by Jolinda LaClair. The motion passed to accept the minutes without revision.

II. Opiate Coordination Council Update – Jolinda LaClair & Rose Gowdey

Jolinda LaClair updated the Council on the Governor's Opioid Coordination Council (OCC). The OCC will work with the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council (VADAC) to help stay up to date with the work being done in the state. The council wants to ensure that the Agency of Education is involved. Jolinda reviewed the Council's mission statement, along with their goals which include: 1) Identify best practices for communities, 2) develop & adopt data driven performance measures and outcomes, 3) propose changes to existing laws, regulations, policies and programs, and propose changes to eliminate redundancy and break down barriers, 4) propose legislation to strengthen a statewide approach to fight opiate addiction and abuse, and finally, report out to the Governor on a quarterly basis. A website is currently being set up by the OCC that will provide updated information as to the progress of the council. The website will include "drivers for systemic improvement" and "pathways to effective change". Committees within the council have been developed and are currently researching and planning recommendations. Rose Gowdey provided information on each committee (Treatment & Recovery, Prevention & Enforcement, Affordability & Professional Development, and Licensure & Higher Education". The OCC will present the finding to the Governor by October 2017.

III. Legislative Update – David Englander

David gave an overview of the 2017 legislative session. He stated it was a quiet session regarding Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs. **S.127** changes the Total Abstinence program in that use of a regulated drug in accordance with a valid prescription will no longer disqualify an applicant from applying for reinstatement of driving privileges with the Impaired Driver Rehabilitation Program, unless the applicant used the regulated drug in a manner inconsistent with the prescription label. Language in H. 518 revises the date after which public inebriates will no longer be permitted to be detained in a correctional facility to legislative end point of July 1, 2021. S.16 regarding medical marijuana dispensaries expands the list of qualifying conditions to post-traumatic stress disorder, among other conditions.. David also gave an update on . Vermont Prescription Monitoring System and the new prescribing rule which takes effect July 1. We also data share with the prescription monitoring programs of neighboring states. Jolinda LaClair will follow up with David Englander regarding the monitoring of the VPMS system. David will return to the Committee to present on upcoming legislative initiatives in December.

IV. Council Discussion of Next Steps – Lori Augustyniak

There was some discussion about vacant Council seats and membership. Lori Augustyniak will each out to Dr. Freeman to determine if he would like to step down, or keep his seat.

V. Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs Update

Marcia LaPlante advised the Council that the search for a new Deputy Commissioner is commencing. She will update the Council, as new information is available.

Future Agenda Items

- Discuss VADAC retreat details. Have Sharon Behar come to the June meeting to discuss the July retreat.
- Wrap up from Barbara Cimaglio
- School Based Substance Abuse Services – schedule for August

Next Meeting:

June 28 – Waterbury State Office Complex (WSOC)