Opioid Coordination Council
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... the work continues ...

• **S. 146:** Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council

• **Prevention Initiatives and Committee**

• **Underway**
  • Recovery coaching
  • Recovery residences
  • Employer toolkit
  • Community-based collaboratives
“... to lead and strengthen Vermont’s response to the opioid crisis by ensuring full interagency and intra-agency coordination between state and local governments in the areas of prevention, treatment, recovery and law enforcement activities.”
What We Did ...

• Insights:
  • Can’t silo substances
  • meet people where they are

• 21 OCC meetings since May 2017

• 26 Committee meetings focused on prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery and enforcement

• Reports:
  • 2018 and 2019 Recommended Strategies
  • 2017 – 2018 Strategic Action and Progress Report
  • 2018 Safe Injection Facilities
1. Workforce Development
Streamlined the LADC

2. Recovery Housing (agencies, depts, regional & statewide non-profits)
Recovery Residence Report

3. Employment in Recovery
Employment consultants in 12 RCs & additional treatment providers

4. Recovery-Friendly Workplaces
Employment Toolkit

5. Transportation
AHS & VTrans inter-agency working group

6. Sharps Disposal Tool Kit
Web-based resource tool

7. Non-pharmacological pain management & SUD treatment
Exploratory roundtable with complementary providers

8. Syringe Services Working Group
$1M tobacco funds to expand SSPs statewide
Additional Outcomes ...

• Drug Disposal Taskforce

• New community-based initiatives:
  • PITR in Newport (Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, Recovery)
  • ProjectCARE in Brattleboro (Community Approach to Recovery & Engagement);

• VT Department of Libraries partnership
What’s Worked for the OCC ...

- Big table, many perspectives
- Multi-sector, multi-discipline lenses
- Stories: personal, lived experiences
- Building relationships (connection)
- New approaches to addressing challenges
- Collaboration!
What’s Next ... for a Future Council

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AND ... 
• All substances
• Focus on prevention
“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead
Thank You!
More OCC Information ...

OCC reports, meetings, resources:

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