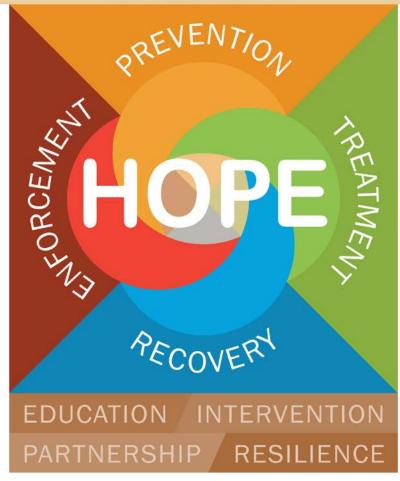
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COMMUNITY



# Opioid Coordination Council May 2019

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## Updates

- ... 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





### OCC's Mission

"... to lead and strengthen Vermont's response to the opioid crisis by ensuring full interagency and intraagency 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



#### **Outcomes: How Well We Did ...**

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

- Big table, many perspectives
- Multi-sector, multi-discipline lenses
- Stories: personal, lived experiences
- Building relationships (connection)
- New approaches to addressing challenges
- Collaboration!

#### AND ...

- All substances
- Focus on prevention





#### A Call to Action ...

Leadership.

Resources.

The will to listen and act.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

**Margaret Mead** 





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#### More OCC Information ...

OCC reports, meetings, resources:

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