

Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council

Department of Liquor Control
13 Green Mountain Drive
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, March 26, 2014
10:00AM – 12:00PM

I. Welcome and introductions:

Welcome:

Welcome everyone

Introductions

Rebecca Fenn
Chauncey Liese
Patrick Martin
Jennifer Wall-Howard
Mark Weikert
Marcus Hass
Mitch Barron
Barbara Cimaglio
John Gramuglia
Steve Waldo
Lori Augustyniak
Andy Snyder

Regrets

Mark Depman
Mark Ames
Rita Johnson
Amanda Folmer
Todd Bauman
Willa Farrell
Mike Hogan
Greg Nagurney
Joy Mitchell
Matthew Birmingham
Marcia LaPlante

II. Approval of the Minutes: February 26, 2014

Minutes from February 26, 2014 approved with no edits/corrections.

III. ADAP Report – Barbara Cimaglio

- Senator Leahy was in Rutland 3/17 with Representative Welch for a field hearing around opiate abuse. Testimony was given by the US attorney, the Rutland police chief, Commissioner Chen, the Boys and Girls Club of Burlington, and state police Colonel. Testimony spanned from law enforcement to prevention, treatment, and recovery. There was a focus on adolescents.
- There will be a Governor's Forum in June to bring community leaders together in community groups to learn about what is going on in the State (in terms of the opiate epidemic), and offer a chance for people to learn about new things, collaborate, and connect with each other. Right now the focus is on opiates, but other substances (i.e. alcohol and marijuana) should not be forgotten.
 - Consider what we want to promote when discussing who should be involved in the forum. Prevention is important but so is promotion.

AOE noted that they monitored what was going on in Rutland County and they have a lack of resources to address the problem.

- Continuing to go through the budget process. The house has passed the budget; it is now in the senate.
- Senate Health and Welfare is taking testimony next week so they can better understand treatment in VT from a whole systems perspective.
- S.295 Bill (pre-trial services) has crossed over to the house. This bill will allow state's attorneys to go through risks and needs process and allow them to offer diversion if offenders meet certain criteria.
- Coordinated School Health Initiatives: the focus at AOE is in changing the school climate through PBIS (positive behavior supports). There is a work group in place lead by Breana Holmes, and including representation from AOE and VDH. There is an agreement to continue working together.
 - VDH is focusing on the following 8 components: health education, health services, physical education, mental health and social services, nutrition, healthy and safe environment, family involvement, and staff wellness.
 - A report was submitted around substance abuse and coordinate school health and can be found here: <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/reports/2014ExternalReports/296271.pdf>
 - Funding is a limiting factor

IV. Prevention & Education

- Prevention Works: conversations around legalization of marijuana should include more than taxation (highway safety, substance abuse treatment, prevention etc.), having all the information on the table can help foster a more informed decisions.

- Outreach to legislators is going well. Discussions included requiring more education, increasing dispensary buffer zones, and requiring a public hearing prior to opening a dispensary.
 - Lori will send Prevention Works guiding principles to council members
- Health in all policies movement is progressing. This would propose requiring a health impact analysis of legislation prior to any bill passing.
- Prevention Works has been working on legislative briefs around marijuana use. Important topics include: why is marijuana use not safer than alcohol, and would the state really make money from legalizing marijuana. It is important to get the right information out there.
- There is a bill in the house H712 – act relating to a non-criminal approach to drug abuse.
- Jay Peak Ad controversy. Coordinated effort got this ad removed.

V. Treatment & Intervention

- SBIRT Initiatives: guest – Win Turner (11:00-11:50)

If you're interested in participating on any SBIRT councils, please contact Erin O'Keefe at ADAP, Erin.OKeefe@state.vt.us

Some examples of SBIRT and how it fits into the medical visit can be seen here: <http://www.bu.edu/bniart/sbirt-in-health-care/sbirt-educational-materials/sbirt-videos/>

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 23, 2014 from 10-12