

**Vermont Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Advisory Council**

Department of Liquor Control
13 Green Mountain Drive
Montpelier, Vermont

Wednesday, April 25, 2012
10:00AM – 12:00PM

I. Welcome and Introductions

Welcome

Welcome everyone

Introductions

Chauncey Leise
David O'Brien
Steve Waldo
Barbara Cimaglio
Andy Snyder
Patrick Martin
Joy Mitchell
Trudee Ettliger
John Flannigan
Mike Hogan

Regrets

Mitch Barron
Colleen Gorun
Patty McCarthy Metcalf
Mark Ames
Lisa Anne Atwood
Willa Farrell

II. Approval of Minutes: February 22, 2012

February 22nd Minutes – Minutes approved with the following changes:

John Flannigan was not in attendance and sent regrets.

III. Deputy Commissioner Report: Barbara Cimaglio

Program Updates

At the Federal level, the Senate has recommended to award \$10M to the EUDL program. The House has eliminated it. So, it will be awhile before we have any clarity about the future of the state grants program. As you know, these funds are what Vermont uses to support the START program.

The State budget is moving through the process. The Governor's budget basically level funds addiction prevention and treatment. There are additional resources for methadone treatment for Chittenden County. The House version of the budget added additional funds for residential treatment; the Senate version adds additional funds for residential treatment and recovery centers.

The legislation that VDH/ADAP is following closely is H745, the Prescription Monitoring bill, and H.627, the Opiate Treatment bill. These both enhance the systems and give VDH additional oversight for both systems. The controversial issue in H745 is additional access to prescription records for drug diversion investigators (DPS). This provision is in the Senate version of the bill, but not in the House version. There will likely be a conference committee to resolve the differences.

A list of the recently funded community grantees was requested. This list is attached.

Vermont recently received a Federal grant to participate in the "Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale" Policy Academy. This is a SAMHSA initiative to help states develop their co-occurring recovery support systems. Twelve Vermont representatives will be attending; they are from mental health and substance abuse state and local agencies, including recovery services.

The Administration is sponsoring a series of listening sessions about the Green Mountain Care benefits package. These are opportunities around the state for the public to give feedback about the covered benefits. Barbara encouraged people to share this opportunity with their community partners. The dates and locations are listed at: www.hcr.vermont.gov

IV. New Business

Special Presentation: Trudee Ettlinger: Public Health Messaging About the Dangers of Prenatal Drinking & the Council's Potential Role

See attached handout.

Trudee reviewed the state of the problem and the costs. Approximately 1:1000 babies are born with FAS (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) and 3:1000 with FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders). Approximately 30% of the incarcerated population suffer from FASD according to national statistics. In Vermont, more educated women are more likely to drink during pregnancy. This is opposite what we might expect.

Trudee recommends that the Council support "point of purchase" advisory posters warning of the risks of drinking during pregnancy.

Discussion pointed out the challenges of more signage; this would need legislation or other authorization vehicle.

VDH is doing a review of its strategies and will be enhancing its efforts in prevention/education. UVM group is planning an education seminar focused on the medical community.

The Council suggested that VDH and other stakeholders come together to develop a more integrated strategy and consider whether legislative action would be advised. The group should look at multiple interventions in multiple sectors.

Recommend a Presentation on Vermont Prescription Monitoring System (VPMS) for next month.

Barbara was asked to invite Meika Zilberberg to the meeting to give an overview and highlight what the changes will be from the new legislation.

Strategic Planning

David asked the membership to think about the strategic opportunities for the coming year that the Council should focus on. This will be a discussion item for the next meeting.

V. Old Business

Council Membership Vacancies

David is planning to submit his resignation to the Governor. He asked that the members continue to think about new representatives. He asked Barbara to check in with the Governor's Office about the person that Sarah Scrodin recommended. Her name is Michaela Wisell. Several of the members knew of her family and thought she would be a good representative. She is a health educator at Sarah's school.

Andy offered to check with the NEA to see if they have any suggestions for a representative if we need one from education.

Marijuana Distribution Centers

There was a question about marijuana distribution centers and what the status is of implementation. John Flannigan suggested that people check the proposed rule on the website: www.vcic.vermont.gov. There is a report on the website that explains what is taking place. There has been no action for Federal reclassification of marijuana from a Schedule I substance.

David asked John to report back on these topics at the next meeting so that the Council can stay informed.

Public Inebriate Lodging

There was a question about lodging of public inebriates in DOC facilities. The legislature is recommending extending the date to June 2013 when PIPs could no longer be lodged at DOC facilities. There are few other secure lodging options. The Council would like an update at the next meeting on what is happening with the public inebriate services.

VI. Member Reports/Announcements

DOE Update

Andy reported that the Department of Ed will become a State agency and probably move to Barre in 2013. The role of the State Board of Ed will change.

DLC Update

There was a bill to allow jewelry stores to sell alcohol; it is not going forward per Steve Waldo. There is continued concern about K2 or synthetic marijuana “knock-offs” being sold. Merchants are struggling with how to know what to do.

DPS Update

It has been a fairly quiet session. John had no additional updates.

DMV Update

S.244 is on track to pass; this bill makes changes to the diversion law to intervene earlier for Driving with License Suspended.

H.768, the Ignition Interlock Bill passed; this allows people who refuse to take a breathalyzer test to apply for restricted license and use of the Interlock device. There are other interventions for high risk offenders.

There is discussion of a possible DUI Court in the future; there was a state group that went to a training. There is interest in pursuing this.

VT Council on Problem Gambling

Joy Mitchell reported that Alan Yandow, Director of the VT Lottery is retiring; she isn't sure about his replacement yet. Joy also reported on the successful Problem Gambling Conference that she organized. She brought in several national speakers to talk about approaches to working with problem gamblers. She stressed the need for more attention to this issue.

Barbara suggested that it would be good to discuss problem gambling with Tom Salmon when he attends. In his role as Auditor, he has been handling the local embezzling issues and some are clearly related to gambling issues.

VII. Future Guests

- Director Craig Jones, Blueprint for Health Director
- Brian Remer, U Matter
- Tom Salmon, Drinking and Driving Laws
- Physician to Talk About Requirements