

Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

01/26/2022

- Meeting opened at 09:01a
- Members
 - Meeting was entirely remote via Teams
 - Stephanie Busch, Mark McDonough, Barb Neal, Trevor Whipple, Clarke Collins, Emily Wilson, Emma Harrington, Mathew Engels, Kate Lamphere, Cindy Lack, Prescott Nadeau, Lori Gurney, Vicki Fielding. Guest: Bobby Arnell
 - Absent – Seth Loomis, Gene Perkins, Aaron Cochran, Dean Shatney, Bill Elwell, Lance Burnham, Mourning Fox, Karim Champman, LeonardHoward, Samantha Sweet
- Review and discussion of survey results. Stephanie Busch presented a brief PowerPoint summarizing the data. PowerPoint attached
 - Survey was closed on 1/15/22
 - 136 agencies responded
 - ~25% of all first response agencies in Vermont responded. Fire and EMS were the least responsive with 20% and 16% response rate respectively
 - Important to note that barriers to access were described as:
 - Financial
 - Resources are piecemeal
 - Sectors are overlooked in their need for behavioral health
 - Agencies are unaware of the need
 - Multiple people on the commission recommended creating a page on the Department of Health website that summarizes the findings and describes the work of the commission. Also suggested to have a link to the survey on that page so we can continue to collect data
- Barb Neal presented an update to the report and shared a draft framework
- Meeting minutes for 1/4/22 were adopted
 - Motion by: Trevor Whipple
 - Second by: Barb Neal
 - Unanimously accepted
- Next meeting date TBD
- Meeting concluded at 10:02a