

Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council May 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/23/2022 Time: 1-3 pm	Mtg. Facilitator: Nicole Rau Mtg. Recorder: Trina Crockett Where: Microsoft Teams
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	Name	Organization and Role
x	Mark Levine, MD	Department of Health, Chair
x	Melanie Sheehan	Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center, Vice Chair
x	Daniel French	Agency of Education, Executive Committee Member
	Mourning Fox	Department of Public Safety, Executive Committee Member
x	Monica Hutt	Agency of Administration, Executive Committee Member
x	Amy Brewer	Northwestern Medical Center, Member
	Rebecca Brookes	Upstream Social Marketing, Member
x	Moses Delane	Youth Representative (18-25 year old), Member
x	Kimberley Diamond	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Vermont, Member
	Skyler Dryden	Youth Representative (<18), Member
x	Alex Figueroa	United Counseling Services, Member
x	Kheya Ganguly	Department of Mental Health, Member
	Skyler Genest	Department of Liquor and Lottery, Member
x	Charles Gurney	Departments of Disability, Aging and Independent Living and Health, Member
x	Cindy Hayford	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Member
x	Maryann Morris	The Collaborative, Member
x	Kat Patterson	Cathedral Square, Member
	Scott Pavek	City of Burlington, Member
x	Janet Potter	Hartford Middle and High School, Member
	Jillian Rinehart, M.D.	UVM Children's Hospital, , Member
x	John Searles, Ph.D.	Department of Health (Retired) , Member
x	Stephen Von Sitas	Vermont Judiciary, Member

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Welcome, Introductions, Health Department Updates, and Quorum Determination	Mark Levine, MD		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pandemic had an impact on our work around substance use and misuse. VDH is in the process of updating this Substance Use in COVID-19 Data Brief. • During this time there are additional opportunities for funding sources to support prevention activities, including the settlement funds from the national opioid settlements. While these funds are being allocated from the opioid settlement, they will be able to be used for prevention activities for all substances at risk of misuse. • VDH is still monitoring stimulants, which is feared to be the next growing epidemic; an increasing concern is individuals believing they are purchasing and using a stimulant such as cocaine or methamphetamine to learn that it was also laced with fentanyl.
Review and Approve March 2022 Minutes	Nicole Rau Mitiguy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved
Tobacco Control Program Strategic Plan	Melissa Chapman, Professional Data Analysts		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Presentation
Legislative Session Updates and Discussion	Monica Hutt		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Presentation • H.505 Act relating to the creation of the Drug Use Standards Advisory Board within the Vermont Sentencing Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Passed by legislation, vetoed by Governor on 5/19/22. ○ Goal was to prevent and reduce criminalization of personal drug use. This would have created a Drug Use Standards Advisory Board to set a benchmark of what is considered personal use dosage and personal use supply for every regulated and unregulated drug. ○ Governor Memo on H. 505 • H.548 Act relating to miscellaneous cannabis establishment procedures, did not move forward with legislation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This would have eliminated the cap on THC level • H.46 which is now Act 115 is an act relating to miscellaneous VDH programs. This changes the name of the division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP) to

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			<p>Division of Substance Use Programs; changes the Deputy for ADAP to a Deputy for VDH; codifies the requirement for Drug Disposal Kiosks in pharmacies with 10 or more businesses in the entire US; enables VDH to share de-identified data with other child fatality review teams; allows the Chief Medical Examiner to report to federal prosecutors as well as in other states; establishes a working group on Services for Individuals with Eating Disorders within the Department of Mental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.711 which is now Act 118 is an act relating to the creation of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee and the Opioid Abatement Special Fund. This was signed by Governor on 5/16/22; Supported and chaired by VDH, with the first meeting to be held before June 30, 2022 • Bills passed legislature, but not to Governor for action yet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H.728 - Act relating to opioid overdose response services ○ S.188 - Act relating to regulating licensed small cannabis cultivation as farming • The budget had funding dedicated to prevention, treatment and recovery for substance use. The substance use prevention funding is \$3 million; this funding will continue to be in the budget, until the cannabis excise tax is able to support the full amount. This funding is designed to go to prevention coalitions across the state. • There was also funding earmarked for a pilot employment program as a partnership between HireAbility (previously Voc Rehab) and two recovery centers. • Additionally there is a pilot happening in Johnson at Jenna's House to support housing and employment for individuals in recovery. • There is also an additional \$1 million to address vaping prevention • There is additional funding for rate increases for the clinical treatment providers in the budget, as well as residential beds, recovery housing, and sobering beds. • The bill focused on restriction of sale of flavored tobacco did not move forward during this biennium. • The SMPC acknowledged that it would be helpful to speak with the division directors of ADAP and Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (HPDP) and Monica Hutt as the Chief Prevention Officer to capture some of the thoughts or questions that came up during the legislative session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request for the Policy Subcommittee to discuss this feedback with these individuals during their June meeting

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Overview of COVID Recovery Planning Across State Programs	Secretary French		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Presentation • Additional information on the Education Recovery and Revitalization Work • The Agency of Human Services is also in the process of conducting a similar recovery plan development, much of which is looking to address social determinants of health, which intersects squarely with the education recovery plan outline. • With the recovery funding for education, every school district will be required to have a plan which will go through a grant application process for the Agency of Education to ensure the plan is in alignment with the federal funding allowable expenses and required activities. This will not be a competitive funding process. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An important consideration with these funds is that the recovery process will take time, but these funds are one time. It will be important for these funds to be used to enhance current support structures to ensure they are sustainable. • To support the overall education recovery and support structure for students in schools as it intersects with the work of the SMPC, it was suggested by an SMPC member for the council to consider exploring a recommendation related to standard baseline qualifications for Student Assistant Professionals throughout the state to ensure equity for students, and potentially developing a mentoring system for SAPs to support ongoing development and support for these individuals. • The SMPC could support and inform the steering committee focused on the recovery effort to enhance the connection between academic recovery and substance use prevention efforts.
Public Comment	Nicole Rau Mitiguy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth Shrader • Cindy Seivwright • Rhonda Williams

Next Steps or Assigned Tasks		
Task	Responsible	Due Date
Invite Cindy Seivwright and Julie Ariel to the June Policy Subcommittee meeting	Nicole Rau	6/20/2022

Minutes approved July 25, 2022.