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July: Brainstorm current + future state

Articulate how the SMPC carries out its legislative duties (current + desired action)

October: Develop an implementation plan

Develop annual workplan (activities for 2027)

Develop process for using and communicating about indicator and performance measure data

September: Define SMPC strategies and measurement

Formalize SMPC key strategies (across all duties)

Update indicators and performance measures

Legislative powers and duties

1. Reviewing and making recommendations on best practices to assist communities and schools to significantly reduce the demand for substances through prevention and education.
2. Reviewing substance misuse prevention program evaluations and making specific recommendations for modification based on the results, including recommendations to address gaps in both services and populations served;
3. Reviewing existing State laws, rules, policies, and programs and proposing changes to eliminate redundancy and to eliminate barriers experienced by communities and schools in coordinating preventative action with State government;
4. Reviewing existing community-based youth programming, including recreation, municipal programs, parent-child center programs, and afterschool and year-round programs, to determine a foundation of connection and support for all Vermont children and youth;
5. Reviewing community-based programs for older Vermonters for the purpose of identifying gaps in services, including geographic disparities, eliminating barriers, and coordinating prevention services;
6. Recommending strategies to integrate substance misuse prevention programming across the State, including between State agencies and in public-private partnerships;
7. Development of a statewide media campaign for substance misuse prevention; and
8. Holding a minimum of two public meetings to receive public input and advice for setting program priorities for substances at risk of misuse.

Legislative duty	How does the SMPC do this?	What should the SMPC do differently?
1. Review and recommend best practices to help communities and schools reduce the demand for substances through prevention and education.		Greater focus on tobacco and alcohol use prevention
2. Review substance misuse prevention program evaluations and recommend modification based on the results, including recs to address gaps in services and populations served.	Inventory recently completed evaluations and link to results in annual reports	Better use of data to communicate how the State uses its prevention dollars and their impact
3. Review existing State laws, rules, policies, and programs and propose changes to eliminate redundancy and barriers experienced by communities and schools in coordinating preventative action with State government.	Make policy recommendations in the annual report to address known gaps	Systematize the process by which the SMPC provides advice and guidance to VPLOs and other recipients of SMPF funding Strengthen bi-directional feedback between SMPC and VDH on policy proposals/outcomes

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4. Review existing community-based youth programming, (recreation, municipal programs, parent-child center programs, afterschool and year-round programs) to determine a foundation of connection and support for all children and youth.		Agree on what types of programs are reviewed (e.g., only state funded?)
5. Review community-based programs for older Vermonters for the purpose of identifying gaps in services, including geographic disparities, eliminating barriers, and coordinating prevention services.		Agree on what types of programs are reviewed (e.g., only state funded?)

Legislative duty	How does the SMPC do this?	What should the SMPC do differently?
6. Recommend strategies to integrate substance misuse prevention programming across the State , including between State agencies and in public-private partnerships.		Clear process for how, when, and on what the OSAC “consults” SMPC
7. Develop a statewide media campaign for substance misuse prevention		Recommend in the next annual report that we remove this duty.
8. Hold a minimum of 2 public meetings to receive public input and advice for setting program priorities for substances at risk of misuse.		