

**Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council (SMPC)  
July 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 22, 2024 Time: 1-3 PM	Mtg. Facilitator: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Mtg. Recorder: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Where: Microsoft Teams
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	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization and Role</b>
X	Dr Mark Levine	Department of Health, Chair
X	Amy Brewer	Northwestern Medical Center, Vice Chair
X	Mourning Fox	Department of Public Safety, Executive Committee Member
X	Monica Hutt	Agency of Administration, Executive Committee Member
X	Kimberley Diemond	Big Brothers Big Sisters, Member
X	Kheya Ganguly	Department of Mental Health, Member
X	Skyler Genest	Department of Liquor and Lottery, Member
X	Cindy Hayford	Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, Member
X	Maryann Morris	The Collaborative, Member
X	Kat Patterson	Cathedral Square, Member
X	Scott Pavek	City of Burlington, Member
X	Janet Potter	Hartford Middle and High School, Member
X	John Searles, Ph.D.	Department of Health (Retired), Member
X	Stephen Von Sitas	Vermont Judiciary, Member

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<b>Welcome, Introductions, and Quorum Determination</b>	Dr Levine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding was allocated from the Opioid Settlement funding to primary prevention along with harm reduction and clinical strategies.</li> </ul>
<b>Review and Approve May 2024 Minutes</b>	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May minutes passed as written.</li> </ul>
<b>Cannify</b>	James Pepper, Dr. Linda Klumpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The legislature has tasked the Cannabis Control Board in identifying a way for increasing reliable information to those who are interested in using cannabis, particularly those who also have chronic health conditions, to help make a safer choice. The intention of us being here today is to allow this group to look at Cannify more in depth, and to ensure it's not a surprise if the CCB recommends this it as part of our curriculum with retailers.</li> <li><a href="#">Presentation</a></li> </ul>
<b>SMPC Goals, Performance Measures, Logic Model and Report Outs from Committees</b>	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Policy:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The subcommittee focused its discussion on two suggested legislative recommendations:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parity for statutorily required alcohol and cannabis compliance checks with tobacco compliance checks.</li> <li>Ensuring there is a mechanism in place to ensure the 30% of the cannabis excise tax revue is allocated to the Health Department for prevention efforts in alignment with the original cannabis statute.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Prevention:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subcommittee focused on ensuring our performance measures were encompassing of all ages, and noted that there was not a specific call out of older Vermonters. We recommend consolidating Performance Measure 3 and 4 into one, and then break out the data by age in the report wherever possible:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percent of Vermonters aged 12 years old and older who used alcohol, marijuana, and/or tobacco in the last 30 days. (Measures Goal #2 and is measured through the National Survey on Drug Use and Health).</li> <li>Percent of Vermonters aged 18-24 who use alcohol, cannabis, tobacco, stimulants (prescription and illicit) and opioids (prescription and illicit). (Measures Goal #2 and is measured primarily through the Vermont Young Adult Survey).</li> <li>SMPC members present agreed with this adjustment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ One hurdle is there is often not robust or specific data collection focused on older Vermonters, there may need to be a recommendation to the Health Department to help this work be more specific and data informed.</li> <li>○ The subcommittee also talked about adjusting Performance Measure #5, rather than having the number of prevention initiatives and services available, being a little more specific such as the percentage of state revenue dedicated to substance use prevention.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Current Performance Measure #5: Number of prevention initiatives and services available and sustainably funded across Vermont’s communities and schools. (Measures Goal #3 and is measured through review of state and federal investments in prevention).</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Do we need to work on a common definition of prevention to include in our report?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A group of stakeholders came together, facilitated by the Division of Substance Use Programs, to begin crafting language to help better define prevention. That can be shared once a report is finalized.</li> <li>▪ Generally, it makes sense to the group to begin defining prevention/misuse prevention to help ground the legislature in this language.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Equity:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The subcommittee discussed working with the larger Health Equity Advisory Commission on identifying key equity recommendations in relation to substance use.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	None

Next Steps or Assigned Tasks		
Task	Responsible	Due Date
Subcommittees to continue discussion on Goals and Performance Measures and begin thinking about recommendations.	All	8/22/24
NRM, Monica Hutt, and John Searles to discuss engagement with the HEAC	NRM	9/16/24

Minutes approved on 1/27/2025.