

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

Date: May 20, 2024 Time: 1-3 PM	Mtg. Facilitator: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Mtg. Recorder: Nicole Rau Mitiguy Where: Microsoft Teams
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	Name	Organization and Role
X	Dr Mark Levine	Department of Health, Chair
X	Amy Brewer	Northwestern Medical Center, Vice Chair
X	Heather Bouchey	Agency of Education, Executive Committee Member
X	Mourning Fox	Department of Public Safety, Executive Committee Member
X	Monica Hutt	Agency of Administration, Executive Committee Member
X	Kimberley Diamond	Prevention Works, Member
X	Kheya Ganguly	Department of Mental Health, Member
X	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
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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Welcome, Introductions, and Quorum Determination	Dr Levine and Amy Brewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus and support of substance use prevention that this Council continues to be important in ensuring resources are allocated and secured for prevention services. For example, during the 2024 legislative session, the \$3 million allocated for prevention programming was not fully secured for the SFY25 budget until Senator Kitchell addressed it. • Senator Westman was also incredibly helpful in taking the time to understand how prevention funding was being utilized and help translate that for his colleagues as well. • Additional feedback heard from an SMPC member this session was the importance of Diversity and Equity to be embedded in all aspects of the SMPC work and highlight the work happening in community-based prevention work as well related to Diversity and Equity. • Thank you to Charlie Gurney during his last SMPC meeting before he retires for his wonderful work in supporting older Vermonters!
Review and Approve January and March 2024 Minutes	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2024 minutes approved as written • March 2024 minutes approved as written
Policy and Legislative Session Summary	Monica Hutt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recap of the bills that were passed this session at the time of the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ H. 72: an act related to harm reduction and criminal justice response to drug use. ○ H. 612: miscellaneous cannabis act ○ H. 877 ○ H. 847: an act relating to peer support providers and recovery support service specialist certifications ○ H 867: miscellaneous amendments to liquor and lottery ○ S. 114: an act relating to the establishment of the Psychedelic Therapy Advisory Working Group ○ S. 186: an act relating to the systemic evaluation of recovery residences and recovery communities
Department of Liquor and Lottery Compliance	Skyler Genest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed 2023 Tobacco Compliance Report: 2023DLLTobaccoComplianceReportFinal.pdf (vermont.gov) • Alcohol compliance is done utilizing the same process, and both retail (grocery store, liquor outlets, etc.) and on-site consumption (bars and restaurants) are reviewed through this process. • There is statutory compulsion to complete tobacco related compliance, there is no statutory

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Report Presentation		compulsion for alcohol or cannabis outlets.
Funding Report Out	Rhonda Williams, Tanya Wells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tobacco Control Program (TCP) received applications totally twice the amount of funding that they were able to award. • The funding is approximately \$740,000 each year, and 9 grantees were funded; this included different entities than were funded previously and expands the work to funding coalition and non-coalition work. • Part of the intention of this work was to coordinate with the Prevention Lead Organization Work happening to further compliment prevention infrastructure. •
Review and Discuss SMPC Goals and Performance Measures	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The following goals and performance measures were identified by the SMPC in 2019 and have not been readdressed: <p>Measurable Goals for Prevention Programming</p> <p>The Substance Misuse Prevention Oversight and Advisory Council identified the following three goals as necessary for effective substance misuse prevention statewide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase protective factors and build resilience and feelings of connectedness in Vermont communities, across all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic conditions. 2. Decrease risk factors for substance misuse in Vermont for individuals of all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic conditions. 3. Increase efficiency and collaboration on prevention efforts across all state, public, and private entities, through a consolidated and holistic approach to prevention that is sustainable, scalable, and equitable. <p>The SMPC utilizes the Performance Measures below to help measure these three goals.</p> <p>Performance Measures Demonstrating System Results</p> <p>The SMPC tracks the population outcome measures below using data from the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), and the Young Adult Survey (YAS) to inform the effectiveness of prevention programming statewide. The SMPC also utilizes</p>

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		<p>additional measures from these surveys to inform their review and recommendations about Vermont’s prevention system.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Percent of high school and middle school students who believe they matter to their community. (Measures Goal #1 and is measured through the Youth Risk Behavior Survey). 2. Percent of high school and middle school students who perceive harm in using substances (marijuana, alcohol, and tobacco). (Measures Goal # 1 and is measured through the Youth Risk Behavior Survey). 3. 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). 4. 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). 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). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback collected during the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goals are good in general but feel a bit dated without Health Equity being mentioned specifically ○ The SMPC should acknowledge the specific focus on subgroups of our population such as people of color with mentholated cigarette products, vaping products with cartoons on them, flavored products – it might be time to call out those pieces and be more specific in our goals and performance measures to better reflect those most impacted by substances ○ We have little to no measuring of our Goal 3 ○ Should we address more of the quality of prevention programming and not just the number of programs? ○ Our performance measures do not speak effectively to all ages; we need to be more specific in those related to age. ○ These performance measures reflect the broader prevention system as a whole but do not necessarily reflect the work of the SMPC specifically – should we adjust them? Do we need to review and address our logic model as part of that? ○ It may be important to call out the data we would like to see collected, if it isn’t currently

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		being collected comprehensively (such as more data on older Vermonters and substance use), into our recommendations
Public Comment	Nicole Rau Mitiguy	

Next Steps or Assigned Tasks		
Task	Responsible	Due Date
Subcommittees to continue discussion on Goals and Performance Measures and begin thinking about recommendations.	All	7/22/24