

Subcommittee Recommendation to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council

Subcommittee Name: Treatment Sub-Committee				
Date of Initial Recommendation (should coincide with ADPC meeting date): February 16, 2021				
Detail Recommendation: "The Treatment and Recovery Support sub-committee recommends that the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council endorses a public health-oriented approach to the treatment of substance use disorder that is focused on harm reduction (as well as abstinence), and that the appropriate state agencies and their contractors implement such an approach." Is this a ____ short-term (less than 6 months) or long-term (more than 6 months) implementation initiative?				
Recommended Lead and Partnering Agencies: DMHAS, DCF, Beacon Health Options				
Implementation Plan				
Action Steps	Target Date	Actual Completion Date	Measure of Success	Notes/Updates
Conduct an informational session on harm reduction approaches for substance use disorder for the Alcohol and Drug Policy members	2/16/21		Completion of training and expanded knowledge of ADPC members about harm reduction approaches	
The sub-committee will examine existing guidance documents related to harm reduction approaches to treatment and DMHAS and DCF will disseminate, as appropriate.	6/1/21		Wide scale distribution of guidance documents related to harm reduction in treatment settings to appropriate DMHAS and DCF contractors.	
Conduct one or two virtual 2 hour training events for treatment providers and hospitals encouraging the use of harm reduction/risk reduction	6/1/21		Broad participation of treatment provider and hospital staff in trainings.	

Results of Council vote:

____ Proceed with Recommendation ____ Do not Proceed with Recommendation

Co-Chair Response: _____

Other Notes (as applicable):

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strategies to keep substance users engaged in services.				
DMHAS will sponsor a Harm Reduction Conference, Part 2, as a follow up to Part 1 held in October 2018.	6/1/22		A minimum of 250 participants and broad participation by a variety of service providers in the conference and documented positive satisfaction overall with the conference.	

Results of Council vote:

Proceed with Recommendation Do not Proceed with Recommendation

Co-Chair Response: _____

Other Notes (as applicable):