

Connecticut Alcohol and Drug Policy Council

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 17, 2021
VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL
10:00am-12:00pm

1. Co-Chairs' Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
Acting DMHAS Commissioner Nancy Navarretta
DCF Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes
2. Review and Approval of Minutes Council (5 min)
3. a. DMHAS and DCF SUD/ODU Legislative Update (Focus on Adult Use Cannabis and Role of ADPC) (10 min)
Mary Kate Mason, DMHAS and Vinny Russo, DCF

Sec. 65. (Effective from passage) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council, jointly with the Departments of Public Health, Mental Health and Addiction Services and Children and Families, shall make recommendations to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, the judiciary and finance, revenue and bonding regarding (1) efforts to promote public health, science-based harm reduction, mitigate misuse and the risk of addiction to cannabis and the effective treatment of addiction to cannabis with a particular focus on individuals under twenty-one years of age; (2) the collection and reporting of data to allow for epidemiological surveillance and review of cannabis consumption and the impacts thereof in the state; (3) impacts of cannabis legalization on the education, mental health and social and emotional health of individuals under twenty-one years of age; and (4) any further measures the state should take to prevent usage of cannabis by individuals under twenty-one years of age, including, but not limited to, product restrictions and prevention campaigns.
- b. Safe Storage PSA https://youtu.be/sa3ifqpt2_c
Vanessa Dorantes, DCF Commissioner (5 min)
4. Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations (RBHAO): Priority Reports (20 min)
Carol Meredith, DMHAS Director of Prevention
Jennifer Sussman, UConn Health's Department of Public Health Sciences
5. DMHAS/DCF Collaborations: Addressing the Needs of Women and Families affected by Substance Use (20 min)
Shelly Nolan, DMHAS
Kris Robles, DCF
6. Sub-committee Reports (Updates and/or Recommendations) - Please provide a brief overview of your current work.
 - a. Prevention, Screening and Early Intervention (10 min)
J. Stonger, A. Fulton
 - b. Treatment (10 min)
C. Allen, M. Skinner
 - c. Recovery (10 min)
J. Chadukiewicz, S. Ember
 - d. Criminal Justice (10 min)
S. Violette, B. Lanza, K. Farrell
7. Other Business Council (15 min)

Next meeting: October 19, 2021, Location: TBD

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