

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council
Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date / Location:		April 17,2023 Teams			
Committee Members					
	Alison Karimi (DCF Agency Support)	x	Giovanna Mozzo	x	Robert Kanehl
x	Allison Fulton	x	Ingrid Gillespie		Robert Lawlor
	Andrew Lyon	x	Jennifer Sussman	x	Sarju Shah (DMHAS Agency Support)
	Anna Gasinski	x	Judith Stonger	x	Scott Szalkiewicz
	Carleen Zambetti		Kristi Olds	x	Shobha Thangada
x	Colleen Violette		Nancy Kingwood	x	Surita Rao
	Daniel Tobin		Nathaniel Rickles	x	Tom Fulton
x	Deborah Lake		Rebecca Allen		Tom Russo
	Don Maletto		Rodrick Marriott		
Supporting Leadership & Other Participants					
x	Diana Shaw (DCP)		Stephanie Welch (DMHAS)	x	Jack King (Presenter)
x	Samantha Allard (DCP)	x	Kelly Edwards (DMHAS)	x	Alyson Codner (DPH)
x	Ramona Anderson (DCP)		Kelly Leppard (DMHAS)	x	Austin Terreri (Presenter)
x	Karonesa Logan (DCP)	x	Kris Robles (DCF)	x	Reem Hadid
x	Steven Wolf (DCP)	x	Alison Wiser	x	Kayla Champagne
	Allison Sullivan (DPH)	x	Cynthia Petronia-Vazquez	x	Sharon Greaves
x	Seth Baker (DPH)	x	Allyson Nadeau	x	Erica Previti
	Robin-Tousey Ayers (DPH)	x	Lauren Kittle		
		x	Wendy Mill		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS / DECISIONS
<p>Welcome</p> <p>Review of Minutes</p>	<p>The meeting began at 1:23p.m.</p> <p>Approval of meeting minutes from last meeting. Bob Kanehl motioned to approve the minutes; Judy Stonger seconded.</p>	<p>Minutes Approved</p>
<p>DPH Cannabis Health Statistics</p>	<p>Jack King, MPH, Epidemiologist in Community, Family Health and Prevention Section of DPH</p> <p>Jack King presented on 2023 CT Cannabis Health Statistics. Public Act 21-1 Section 146 mandates DPH to establish a program for cannabis public health surveillance and directs DPH to be the source of cannabis data and statistics on cannabis related illness, adverse events, injury, pregnancy outcomes, childhood poisonings, adult and youth use and cannabis related emergency room and urgent care mental health visits.</p> <p>DPH is in the process of identifying and/or collecting cannabis related data from the following sources: EPICENTER, DCP, crash data, FARS (fatal motor vehicle), death data, poison control data; and as well as other sources.</p> <p>Information points from the presentation include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021 was a strange year was different and saw dips in a lot of behavior. 	<p>Jack King Jack.King@ct.gov</p> <p>Alyson Codner Alyson.codner@ct.gov</p> <p>Stephanie Poulin Stephanie.poulin@ct.gov</p> <p>For more information: Cannabis Health Statistics (ct.gov)</p> <p>Presentation Attached</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeing a trend that those using cannabis before the age of 13 decreased over time. In 2005 it was 8.5% and in 2021 was 2.4% • Edible usage/ingestion has increased. • Risk perception has decreased in the 18–25-year-old age group. • Initiation of cannabis use in older adults (26+) is on the rise. • 2016 – 2017 – There was a 13 ½ percent increase in overall cannabis related ED visits and is expected to go up. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A very large increase among those ages 0-9 – 42 cannabis related hospitalizations in 2021 compared to zero cases in 2016. ○ Rates increased by 85% among ages 10-14 ○ 125% among ages 60-64 and ○ 218% among those aged 65 plus. • Males are at a higher rate than females much higher in 2016 -139 percent higher; however, it shrunk by 65% in 2021. • Non-Hispanic Black the most; non-Hispanic Asian less • Young adults had the most adverse health events – lowest perceived risk of use 	
<p>PreventionCorps: Impact on Prevention Workforce</p>	<p>Austin Terreri, Program Director for Prevention Corps: VISTA, NCCC, State/National</p> <p>Austin provided an overview of AmeriCorps and its provision to improve lives and foster civic engagement. There are three branches of AmeriCorps – VISTA, NCCC, and State/National.</p> <p>Prevention Corps falls under the state/national category and concentrates on community health and education. With a mission to provide proactive community-focused solutions in opioid education, awareness, and stigma reduction. However, an underline goal is to build capacity at the local levels so that organizations have the ability to do more ‘boots on the ground’ prevention work.</p> <p>Members serve 8-10-month service placements from either November-August or February- September. These are either 900 hours or 1200 hours placements.</p> <p>Serving members receive a living stipend and will receive the Segal Education Award, similar to a scholarship to pay off federal student loan debt or current education.</p> <p>Placement can also count as an internship depending on the requirements of the school.</p> <p>Coaching plays a big part in professional development providing the tools needed when entering the professional workforce from program staff & site supervisors. AmeriCorps members have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained as naloxone trainers • Attend SPF workshops • Become certified QPR gatekeepers and MHFA <p>Members also receive professional development trainings – for example the opioid epidemic, professional etiquette, public</p>	<p>Austin Terreri austin@ryasap.org</p>

	<p>speaking, resume/cover letter writing, interviews skills, financial planning, among other subjects.</p> <p>There has been 40 Prevention Corps AmeriCorps graduates- 10 currently serving.</p> <p>Trained over 3,300 individuals in naloxone use – coordinated 346 community education sessions and partnered with 327 pharmacies and prescribers.</p> <p>AmeriCorps are 3 year grant cycles currently in the middle of a 3-year grant. Ways to support AmeriCorps is by spreading the word and to continue engaging members that are serving near you and involving them in whatever you may need.</p>	
<p>Workgroup Updates</p>	<p><u>Naloxone Workgroup</u> The Naloxone workgroup is preparing recommendations and will share draft recommendations shortly. The timeline is to finalize recommendations by August 1st. Next meeting is on May 4th – all are welcome to join to writing the draft.</p> <p>Discussion/Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In PA, there was a RWF certified restaurant that had on overdose prevention kits including naloxone kit , fentanyl and xzaline test strips in the bathroom. It was also mentioned that the restaurant was recovery friendly themed. How do we get there? • Where does the cost of the naloxone stand? The FDA hosted a webinar the day after the approval announcement where there was over 1,000 were listening in. There is a fine line of making OTC Naloxone affordable while ensuring it is still profitable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prescribed OTC is not paid by insurance – what happens to those socioeconomically depressed? Sometimes it is covered and sometimes it is not. • The is also the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act – which ensures that all DEA controlled medication prescribers have a baseline knowledge of how to prevent addiction and how to identify, treat and manage patience who have a SUD. – this 8 hrs of training in addiction medicine is needed to renew your DEA license. • What are the successes to co-prescribe success stories. Who are the champions? <p><u>Media and Stigma Workgroup</u> Will continue to continue to host forums but will move to a yearly format. Believes their work for the ADPC= happy to move off the recommendations having been on the list for 3 years. While continuing to do the work, will likely move to a yearly forum.</p> <p><u>Cannabis Awareness and Education Campaign</u> has been doing great work, with the “Be In The Know Campaign” in association with</p>	<p>Contact: Judith Stronger jstonger@Wheelerclinic.org</p> <p>Share draft Naloxone workgroup recommendations.</p> <p>Recommend Media and Stigma workgroup recommendations marked as complete in the ADPC tracking documentation</p>

	<p>vendor O'Donnell Company who has provided outreach through paid sponsorship on all social media platforms and television.</p>	
<p>Future topics presentation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Eliminate Barriers for People to Get Naloxone. • Reducing the Stigma around Naloxone 	
<p>Other / Member updates</p>	<p>The drug take back week is underway with several different towns participating and sharing date. The Clearinghouse is also sharing dates as well. Take Back Day: Take Back Day (dea.gov)</p> <p>National Prevention week May 7th -13th</p>	
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm. Surita and Rob Kanehl</p> <p>National Prevention Week Event: May 13, 2023 @ The CT Science Center.</p> <p><u>Next Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:</u> Monday, April 17, 2023, 1:30 – 3:30pm</p> <p><u>Next Full ADPC Meeting:</u> Tuesday, May 15, 2023, 10:00 – 12:00pm</p>	