

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council
Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date/ Location:	Monday, May 16th, 1:30PM-3:30PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Participants in Attendance	<p>In Attendance: Carol Meredith, Jane Ungemack, Alison Wiser, Judy Stonger, Tom Fulton, Allison Fulton, Shobha Thangada, Sarju Shah, Carleen Zambetti, Scott Szalkiewicz, Ingrid Gillespie, Robert Kanehl, Deborah Lake, Diana Shaw, Scott Newgass, Andrew Lyon, Giovanna Mozzo, Nathaniel Rickles, Surita Rao, Mary Mason, Rodrick Marriott, Samantha Allard, Tom Russo</p> <p>Guests: Ramona Anderson, Wes Antonucci, Karonessa Logan, Wendy Mill</p>	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS / DECISIONS
Welcome /Review of Minutes	<p>The meeting began at 1:30</p> <p>Approval of meeting minutes from last meeting.</p>	Minutes Approved
1. Vote on new member	<p>Don Maleto – CEO of Alliance Boys and Girls Clubs of CT, he is an advocate of youth that attend clubs, coordinates state events.</p> <p>APPROVED, Don Maleto was voted in as a new member.</p>	
2. Prevention related legislation	<p>Mary Kate Mason provided an update on prevention related legislation that recently passed.</p> <p>House Bill 5001:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of 988, the new suicide prevention hotline. • Creates a non-lapsing fund for 988, DHMAS will have access to funds to support 988. • Requires that 988 be on middle school, high school and college student IDs, and that it be publicized with a media campaign. <p>House Bill 5419:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBHAOs, makes changes in language and structure of the state advisory board. • New language around what needs to be implemented and how • Includes language making it mandatory for people ask for ID when selling tobacco products • There is language related to vaping in this bill as well. <p>OPM will reconstitute the Tobacco Health Trust Fund: bill is to establish funding; OPM will look to legislation for guidance as to who the members will be and what the process is.</p> <p>5044 Governor’s bill creates an advisory group to oversee money coming into the state related to Opioid litigation. Advisory group needs to be set up by October.</p> <p>House Bill 5430:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A discussion of alternative pain management must happen with patients. • Introduction of mobile methadone to increase access to MAT. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires DHMAS to report on harm reduction strategies being implemented in communities. • Legalizes the use of fentanyl test strips. <p>Senate Bill 2 includes many education related mental health interventions, this group may want to ask someone from education to present on this.</p> <p>HB 5329: <i>has not been signed yet</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bans out of state billboards. • Includes more language around gifting of Cannabis. • Prohibition of the cannabis leaf in advertising • Increases distance from certain locations like schools and places of worship from 500ft to 1500 ft • Lifted the cap of micro retailers and retailers allowed, was 1 per 50,000 population. • Form more information on this bill: https://cga.ct.gov/2022/FC/PDF/2022HB-05329-R000672-FC.PDF <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-session budget adjustment: Looking at Psilocybin (the psychedelic substance in mushrooms) and MDMA for use in mental health treatment. • Not currently legal for use. • May go forward as a research program in the state. • DHMAS, DCP and DPH are concerned about the potential loosening of laws related to these substances. • The FDA is working on this and there is work being done on the federal level as well. • A Yale research study on the effectiveness and safety. https://portal.ct.gov/DMHAS/Newsworthy/News-Items/Psilocybin-Study-Workgroup • This is much different from medical marijuana and would not be set up as a take home medicine, more comparable to ketamine therapy. • Current research needs to have more diversity in their applicant pool in order to apply the results to a larger population. <p>Question: What is currently done in regards to non-fatal overdoses that come into the ER, are they discharged with a referral, is there follow-up?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allison answered that Waterbury put a team together for overdose response. They are receiving referrals from hospitals directly and other sources, and following up with that individual within 24hours, and for a time period following the event. They also have foot patrol in high overdose areas, the program is looking promising. 	
<p>3. New Chairperson Discussion</p>	<p>This committee is looking for a new co-chair to work with Allison Fulton. Please reach out to Judy or Allison if you are interested. The position includes: working with DHMAS and DCF to set the agenda, establishing the meeting, facilitating and review of the minutes.</p>	

	<p>Plan to vote on the new co-chair before the next meeting, members will receive an email.</p> <p>Try to balance agencies interests, and focus is alcohol and drug prevention. Allison currently represents the adult side so ideally we would want a co-chair that represents youth and families.</p>	
<p>4. Workgroup Updates</p>	<p>Cannabis Workgroup –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Media Awareness campaign – vendor walked us through media mix, the workgroup provided them a list of subject matter experts so the vendor can do focus groups. They will be reporting back to us at June Meeting. • Cannabis Policy – looked at placement and access and public health and safety. Some areas with recommendations included; employee age range, employee education and training, restriction on location of retailers and operations. • Next workgroup meeting we will hear recommendations for Cannabis policy related to Products & Potency and Promotions & Advertising. <p>Media and Stigma workgroup –</p> <p>Since the last meeting, this group is in the process of finalizing a speaker/presenter database on a variety of topics with experts for the media to utilize. Representation from people in recovery, family members, youth and professionals. Will be sending out a survey monkey for folks to submit their information to be considered. Christie Knowles is going to work on an education piece for training on how to speak to the media.</p>	
<p>5. Other/Member updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National prevention week is a SAMSA initiative celebrated the 2nd week of May. • Rod – Outpatient treatment program data will be incorporated into the PDMP as early as June. With hopes that this data can be used to reduce stigma around getting treatment. The restrictions on this data is high, no access by law enforcement, only available to pharmacists and practitioners prescribing. This medication is expensed daily or in short supplies, the data can get overwhelming to look at and may crowd the program, therefore it will only display the most recent dispense. • Shobha asked for a presentation on MAT/MOUD programs in CT. Would like to see aggregate data on individuals on methadone/buprenorphine with a breakdown of time-frame. How much progress has been made in enrolling people into treatment programs? 	
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:27</p> <p>Next Prevention Subcommittee Meeting: Monday, June 20, 2022 1:30 – 3:30pm</p> <p>Next Full ADPC Meeting: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:00am-12:00pm</p>	