

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council
Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date/Location:	Monday, July 19 th , 1:30PM-3:30PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Participants in Attendance	<p>In Attendance: A. Lyon, A. Gasinski, A. Fulton, C. Zambetti, C. Meredith, D. Lake, J. Ungemack, J. Stonger, K. Olds, N. Kingwood, N. Rickles, R. Anderson, R. Marriott, S. Newgass, S. Rao, S. Szalkiewicz, S. Thangada, T. Fulton, T. Russo</p> <p>New Members: Alison Wiser, Bob Kaehl</p> <p>Guests: Bianca Irizarry, Ann Marie Cordisco, Christine Kuehlewind, Lynn Kelley</p>	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS / DECISIONS
1. Welcome /Review of Minutes	The meeting started at 1:33PM with introductions of new members and guests and a review and acceptance of the minutes.	Minutes were approved
2. Prevention Guiding Curriculum and Tools for School-based Opioid and Substance Misuse Prevention	<p>Ann Marie Cordisco and Bianca Irizarry from the State Education Resource Center (SERC) presented on the guiding curriculum developed in partnership with the Education Development Center. The document was changed from a curriculum to a guidance document to help guide school districts to best practices in prevention programs. The assessment tool guides in the selection of programs and a program list is used in conjunction with the guidance document.</p> <p>The guidance document has been piloted in the Torrington and Stratford school districts. Additionally, an online course with all of the tools and documents was launched in March 29 2021 for which all school personnel can register. SERC is also offering a two-year Spring 2021 – Fall 2022, opportunity for district/school to develop and implement an action plan for opioid and substance misuse prevention. SERC will provide coaching and technical assistance. The selection criteria for applicant school districts include a commitment to taking the online course; completion of an application for technical assistance by Aug 13; commitment to action planning and implementing 2 items on the action plan; and, participation in data collection. Districts will be eligible for a stipend of \$9000 in year 1 and \$2500 in year 2 to support implementation of action planning and associated costs.</p> <p>There were discussions on the difficulties presented by the pandemic, lessons learned, the granting of professional hours, measures of success, connecting this tool to existing statewide priorities and expanding to parochial and private schools.</p> <p>SERC is also doing a lunch and learn series on substance misuse, prevention, the pandemic and mental wellness.</p>	<p>PPT on this presentation is available.</p> <p>Any questions email Ann Marie Cordisco or Bianca Irizarry Cordisco@ctserc.org irizarry@ctserc.org</p>

<p>3. Cannabis Law Requirements for the ADPC Prevention Subcommittee</p>	<p>State agency members were asked to share plans for and progress of their required activities under the recently passed adult use cannabis legislation. For DMHAS there will be a series of media campaigns. They will also be putting together education programs for the field and setting up a secret shopper program, similar to what is done with tobacco/alcohol. The DCP is in the process of hiring staff to establish regulations around vendors. The DPH will be tracking marijuana related morbidity and mortality data. There were extensive discussions around the challenges of these requirements. Issues raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to ensure that there is some level of security of product when it reaches users • Medical vs Recreational will have different rules and laws • Targeting marijuana campaigns for various audiences and, • Ensuring that campaign messages are not stigmatizing. <p>The website with information continues to be expanded and is under the control of the governor’s office (www.CT.gov/cannabis). This will be the primary way of communicating information on the requirements of the legislation.</p>	<p>Please email Carol Meredith if interested in helping to work on Campaign and policies etc.</p>
<p>4. Workgroup & Member Updates</p>	<p><u>Workgroup update: Stigma and Media</u></p> <p>The workgroup is meeting the first week of August to talk about hosting a forum regarding media, stigma and substance use.</p> <p><u>Member Updates:</u></p> <p>Surita Rao – A committee of members and experts from Yale and UConn working on a paper regarding things to consider as marijuana becomes legal. Right now they are talking to government relations people at each university with regards to next step.</p> <p>There was a question on whether individuals under 18 can handle naloxone. This should not be a problem as long as the individual has been trained in how to use it.</p> <p>Thomas Russo – In place of recovery walk – doing a big event at Quassy, free recovery friendly environment, link with more information is at https://ccar.us/ccar-events/recovery-fest/.</p>	
	<p>The meeting ended at 3:30PM.</p> <p><u>Next Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:</u> Monday, August 16th 1:30 – 3:30pm</p> <p><u>Next Full ADPC Meeting:</u> Tuesday, August 17th 10:00am-12:00pm</p>	