

Alcohol and Drug Policy Council
Prevention Subcommittee

Meeting Summary

Meeting Date/Location:	Monday, January 11 th , 2021, 1:30PM-3:30PM, Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Participants in Attendance	<p>In Attendance: Carol Meredith, Judith Stonger, Allison Fulton, Carmen James, Deborah Lake, Nathaniel Rickles, Ramona Anderson, Scott Newgass, Scott Szalkiewicz, Shobha Thangada, Kristi Olds, Tom Russo, Dr. Surita Rao, Ingrid Gillespie, Andrew Lyon, Robert Lawlor, Thomas Fulton</p> <p>Guests: Anna Gasinski</p>	
TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS / DECISIONS
1. Welcome & Introductions	The Teams meeting was convened and began with introductions. Anna Gasinski will be a standing member.	
2. Review of Minutes	The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.	Minutes were approved.
3. Membership and Meeting Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members reviewed the membership roster and discussed gaps. Group discussed how to thank members and agreed to a yearly thank you letter that also asks about interest in continuing on the subcommittee. If a proxy will be sent to the meeting, the member is responsible for alerting the co-chairs and also providing the proxy with the agenda and meeting invitation. If a member does not attend the meeting three times without notice, this will be discussed with the member and the membership could be revoked. Length of co-chair assignments was discussed. Members were reminded that co-chairs need to represent both DMHAS and DCF programs and interests. 	<p>Membership to be updated yearly. New member suggestions should be sent to Carol or co-chairs.</p> <p>Allison has a template for a thank you letter and will share with Carol to adapt for this workgroup.</p> <p>This is currently a broader conversation including other subcommittees. An update will be sought out.</p>
4. Tracking Sheet Review/ Policy Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group reviewed and discussed each item from the recommendations tracking sheet. The Scope of Pain training was discussed. Bobby Lawlor will follow up with Boston University on this training. The question was posed about when the information on tracking sheet gets updated, and items added or removed. More than 100 organizations have integrated the CMPRS with their EMR. Individual providers and regional networks to follow. Utilization is high. There was legislation for higher institution to have policies around naloxone. The Healthy Campus Initiative will check on implementation and if campuses need support from this group. The school naloxone survey was disseminated in November 2018. It will be reviewed, revised and disseminated again. 	<p>Need to get guidance from the state staff team on how to add/remove items from the track sheet.</p> <p>Members to review the survey before sending it out.</p>

<p>5. Other/Member Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potential legalization of marijuana and how it might impact the efforts of the prevention subcommittee including the recovery friendly workplace initiative was discussed. The legal age for marijuana use is expected to be 21 years old. • Ramona reported that the DPH is considering an educational initiative on the importance of patients using their medication as prescribed and not buying off the street because of the number of counterfeits. • The DCP was awarded a 2-year DOJ grant to provide education on counterfeit products. The DCP is also involved in proposed legislation to legalize marijuana and will provide updates to the group. <p>Workgroup Updates:</p> <p>The SEI/FASD policy workgroup is planning an April 2021 conference for medical providers. The workgroup continues to work with Mary Kate Mason from DMHAS on possible CT legislation as well as researching legislation from other states.</p> <p>The Media and Stigma workgroup continues to meet to determine the best ways to continue its work after the very successful 12/10/2020 forum. Kevin Nathan from NBC 30 reached out to a forum panelist for a follow-up story.</p>	<p>Additional updates to come regarding the progress in the legalization of marijuana.</p>
	<p><u>Next Monthly Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:</u> Monday, February 8th 1:30pm-3:30pm</p> <p><u>Next Full ADPC Meeting:</u> Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:00am-12:00pm</p>	