






Alcohol and Drug Policy Council


Prevention Subcommittee - 2025

Meeting Summary

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| Meeting Date / Location: | | January 27, 2025 | | | |
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| Committee Members | | | | | |
| X | Abigail Lieberman (Co-Chair) | X | Erica Previti | X | Pamela Mulready |
| X | Allison Fulton | | Giovanna Mozzo | X | Rodrick Marriott (des: Diana Shaw) |
| X | Andrew Lyon | | Ingrid Gillespie | X | Sarju Shah (DMHAS Agency Support) |
| | Anna Gasinski (des: Robert Lawlor) | X | Jennifer Sussman | | Scott Szalkiewicz |
| X | Carleen Zambetti | | Kate Bohannon | X | Shobha Thangada |
| X | Cathy Sisco | X | Keri Lloyd (DCF Agency Support) | X | Surita Rao |
| X | Deborah Lake (Co-Chair) | X | Nathaniel Rickles | X | Vanessa St. Clair |
| Other Representatives | | | | | |
| | Allison Sullivan (DPH) | X | Kathy Hart | X | Samantha Forbes (Amplify, Inc) |
| X | Allyson Nadeau (Amplify, Inc.) | X | Kelly Edwards (DMHAS) | X | Sara Moriarty (DPH) |
| X | Christine Hauser (CHDI) | | Kelly Leppard (DMHAS) | X | Sarah Messier-Smith (DMHAS) |
| X | Denique Weidema-Lewis (DMHAS) | X | Kris Robles (DCF) | X | Stephanie Welch (DMHAS) |
| X | Diana Shaw (DCP) | X | Paul McNeil (NEHIDTA) | X | Steven Wolf (DCP) |
| X | Jeanette Goyzueta (GPP) | X | Ramona Anderson (DMHAS) | X | Tom Fulton (DMHAS) |
| X | Jessica Parmelee | | Samantha Allard (DCP) | X | Wendy Mill (GPP) |
| X | Karonesa Logan (DCP) | X | Kelly Sinko | X | Chandra Persuad |

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION | ACTIONS / DECISIONS |
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| Welcome & Review of Minutes | The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. A motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made by Jennifer Sussman; seconded by Cathy Sisco. | Minutes for December approved. |
| OSAC Updates | <p>Sarah Messier-Smith provided an update. Recommendations continue to come in through OSAC and OSAC is always accepting recommendations (OSAC@ct.gov). Reviewed current funding received and amount associated with passed recommendations. Anticipate additional funds from Purdue Pharma.</p> <p>Recently passed recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SafeSpot Overdose Hotline Expansion to CT (Boston Hospital) 24/7 operations with emergency response activation if the individual becomes unresponsive. Need to go through the contracting process but anticipate that the operations will be running quickly. Will hire CT-based operators and will establish a CT number. - Supportive Housing - for individual s with OUD who are experiencing homelessness. Includes housing voucher, client supports and trauma-informed wraparound case management services. Approved for 4 years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Implementation timeline TBD - Harm Reduction Centers - continuing operations of 3 existing centers whose previous block grant funding expired; enhancing one center and creating a new center in Bridgeport. Approved for 3 years. |  Opioid Settlement Overview and Appro |
| Legislative Updates | Kelly Sinko provided an update and introduced Chandra Persaud, Legislative Program Manager. This year's session goes from 1/8/25 to 6/4/25. The Governor releases the biennial proposed budget on 2/5/25. Emerging themes which often includes ideas for proposals. Collaboration with the AG on topics including ENDS - defining synthetic nicotine (not currently in statutes). |  2025_01 Legislative Updates DMHAS Pre |

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| | <p>Four concepts were raised by DMHAS for proposal. A public hearing is next, date TBD. Plan to do a bigger bill next year to update recovery-friendly language on a larger scale. Definition of Opioid Drug points to a reference that no longer exists so need to point it to an existing definition; shouldn't impact current practices.</p> | |
| DCP Adult Use Cannabis | <p>Presentation by Diana Shaw, MPH. Three categories of THC products. Public Act 23-79 introduced high-THC hemp products (cannabis). Public Act 24-76 created Moderate-THC Hemp Products and Infused Beverages. High-THC products should <i>only</i> be sold in a licensed dispensary facility, hybrid retailer or retailer. A red flag for an unlicensed facility is if they do not request identification upon entry. http://ct.gov/cannabis - can check existing facilities with active licenses (33 retailers currently and 7 with provisional licenses working towards licensure; 29 hybrid retailers with 7 provisional license; 1 dispensary facility.</p> <p>As of 1/1/25, only licensed establishments or individuals registered as moderate-THC hemp product vendors may sell these products. Application requirements reviewed. Must be 21+ to purchase these products. Products classified as Total THC Per Container value between at least 0.5mg and less than 5mg. These products cannot contain synthetic cannabinoids. Packaging and marketing requirements reviewed.</p> <p>Effective 7/1/24 regulation on infused beverages began; updated regulation began on 10/1/24 including potency, packaging/labeling, and retailer requirements including package stores with an endorsement to sell (additional cost). If you see approved cannabis products being sold outside of registered facilities, this should be reported to Drug Control. Looking at Certificate of Analysis can assist in determining total THC in the product. Flower looks at % of THC. For other products, look at the total mg of THC.</p> <p>DCP only has authority over licensed facilities. Law enforcement assists in other issues (e.g. unlicensed facilities). DCP also licenses package stores and E-cigarette/ENDS dealers http://elicense.ct.gov to look up licensed retailers (useful prefixes for these types of vendors include ECD, LIP, CSV and CSM; helpful suffix - TIB). The license lookup for package stores includes notation for if they hold an endorsement for selling THC infused beverages.</p> |  DCP Adult Use Cannabis ADPC Sub |
| Prevention Recommendations Overview and Next Steps | <p>Two OSAC Recommendations were reviewed (see attachments):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mobile Outreach put forward by Wheeler Clinic <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Comment: Budget may want to consider cost of living adjustments for identified staff. b. Comment: Could see academic detailing connected to this project. 2. Fatherhood Initiative put forward by DSS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Question: how many fathers are thought to be left unserved by the current gap in case managers? <i>Unknown, Tony may have more information.</i> b. Question: has DCF Fatherhood Director been included in this recommendation? Any thoughts on partnering as DCF has contracts with similar providers? <i>Unknown, DCF will inquire internally about knowledge.</i> c. Comment: Budget may want to consider cost of living adjustments for identified staff. <p>Voting from Committee Members.</p> |  OSAC Recommendation M  OSAC Recommendation D |
| Other/Member Updates | <p>Save the Dates!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference - 5/8/25 - 5/11-5/17/25 - SAMHSA National Prevention Week - 5/17/25 - Statewide Prevention Week Event at Danbury Fair (mall) | |

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| | - 2 nd Annual Prevention Summit 2025 - 9/9/2025 | |
| Meeting Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m. | |
| Upcoming Meetings | No February Meeting - Presidents Day <u>Next Prevention Subcommittee Meeting:</u> Monday, March 17, 2025, 1:30 – 3:30pm. <u>Next Full ADPC Meeting:</u> Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm |  2025%20ADPC%20Prevention%20Subco |