

Vermont Drug & Alcohol Coalition
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2008
@ the State House, Montpelier

Mission Statement: The Vermont Drug and Alcohol Coalition exist to continually improve access to quality prevention, intervention, treatment, enforcement, and recovery services and programs for all Vermonters.

Present: Debby Haskins, Dawn Jorgensen, David O'Brien, Patty McCarthy, Ken Libertoff, Kim Martin, Joan Lenes, Carol Rose, Dick Powell, and Barbara Cimaglio.

(Jeanice Garfield has tendered her resignation; and she turned over all paperwork to Debby.) In light of our recent vacancy and the need for an administrative person to help with our work we have hired Buffy Root: two-boys@comcast.net, she will be paid \$20.00 per hour, will send out minutes, be responsible for all Treasury duties, and help us with Alcohol Awareness Month. Welcome aboard Buffy.

**** We met at the State House so that Rep. Joan Lenes could join us, and thanks Joan for reserving a table in the cafeteria.**

Rep. Lenes: Joan handed out a report on the prison population that her committee is looking at. (This will be sent via a separate attachment, once I get it scanned.)

S. 231- Lowering the Drinking Age:

Alcohol Awareness Month: April 2008: The Association of Student Assistance Professionals of Vermont, along with Friends of Recovery, and New Directions of Central Vermont will host an evening panel at the State House, April 10th, from 4-6 pm. Several key legislators will be invited to facilitate round table discussions about underage drinking. We will open the evening with a panel, followed by our Town Meeting, and end with pizza. We will personally invite: Anne Pugh, Mitzi Johnson, Harry Chinn, Doug Racine, Jane Kitchell, Tom Koch, Mike Fisher, Joan Lenes, David Potter, Dick Sears and Anne Donahue. We will be inviting each town to join us with a similar night, or discussion on Underage Drinking. We ask that each community send their information to Buffy @ two-boys@comcast.net so that we can list the information on our web site.

Legislative Update, Ken Libertoff Ken talked about the Governor's budget and that there will be a DETER VI, which is also attached. He also expressed his concern that if more treatment was needed in communities (due to less incarcerated) that agencies would not be able to provide them, due to lack of providers.

Future Meetings: Meeting Dates: Feb. 27th 1-3 pm @ the Pavilion, 4th floor, March 26th @ DLC, April 23 rd @ Pavilion 1-3 pm, May 28, June 25th

Dates to Remember:

<p>April is National Alcohol Awareness Month March 27th – Social Norms Marketing- ASAP sponsored March 28th – Recovery Day at the State House. May 2008 Legislative Day</p>
