

Vermont Drug and Alcohol Coalition

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

March 24, 2010 Minutes

Present: David O'Brien, Christine Peterson, Kim Martin, Pat Martin
Patty McCarthy sends regrets
By phone –none

Action Steps:

- Christine will check with George about the comprehensive list
- Christine will check with Mary regarding Franklin County attending a VDAC meeting
- Christine will talk to Patty about revisiting survey
- Kim will email 2011 card room date to member list
- Kim will put together a synopsis of survey responses for next meeting
- Contact Barbara Postman from Vermont Children's Forum or Kid's Vermont to help with having a presence at state house days
- Mark will talk to Joey Donovan, Patty will talk to Virginia about beer tax (carried over from Jan.)

Review and approve minutes from January 2010 meeting: (February meeting cancelled) Minutes from last meeting were reviewed. David motioned to approve and Pat seconds. Minutes accepted as written.

Treasurer's report: Christine reported that there is \$2055.09 in budget. Jim received \$226 for website and legislative tracking work. \$100 came in for membership.

Membership report: We had one new member join last month.

Old Business: Reviewed January Action Steps and need to follow up with a few of those for next meeting.

Summer meeting schedule: Discussed summer meetings, traditionally VDAC meets just once during the summer. Need to table this item for next meeting when more members are present.

ADAP Funds for next year: Barbara Cigmaglio spoke to Patty and Christine earlier in the month. The conversation was around VDAC having a strong presence in 2011 session and how ADAP can help us accomplish our goals and bring visibility and awareness to the continuum of care. Barbara asked VDAC to come up with deliverables and some areas of focus for next year. We spent some time at the meeting talking about our potential priorities. Underage drinking and the MDLA will always be a priority. David feels that sustainability for all our areas, prevention, treatment, enforcement, mental health and recovery is important. David talked about the proposed budget cuts and how it will affect mental health and substance abuse. Pat is concerned about access to treatment, currently there are no vacancies in facilities. He also expressed concern about the misuse and over-prescribed use of suboxone. Vermont is spending money on this. There is nothing in place to review doctors or programs prescribing this drug. Decriminalizing marijuana may also be closer next year and the group discussed the need to partner with public safety and corrections around this issue. We should take positions on certain issues, have a high profile, be more cohesive and have deliverables ie. Recovery Day, Prevention Day etc. We discussed strategies on how to get more people to come to VDAC meetings. Kim will include an RSVP to the emails to possibly generate a larger group.

Next meeting: April 28th, 12:30 - 2:30PM at the Pavilion, Montpelier, 4th floor

May 26th 12:30 - 2:30PM at the Pavilion, Montpelier, 4th floor

June 23rd 12:30 - 2:30PM at DLC

July 21st 12:30 - 2:30PM at DLC

August 25th 12:30 - 2:30PM at DLC

September 22nd 12:30 - 2:30PM at DLC

October 27th 12:30 - 2:30PM at DLC

November/December combined meeting TBA

Adjourned 2:00

Respectfully submitted: Kim Martin