

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.*
May 25, 2011 Minutes

Present: David O'Brien, Christine Peterson, Patty McCarthy, Pat Martin, Barbara Cimaglio, Christine Lloyd-Newbury, Scott Warner.

Note--- new call in phone number----(800) 747-5150 code 2296103

VDAC Future:

Barbara spoke about the important role that ADAP sees for VDAC going forward. It is the only group in the state that seeks to unite the Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, Enforcement and Recovery Communities. ADAP could offer support for an event or speaker. The Health Department is running under a reduced budget so the amount they could contribute to our efforts would be small. She suggests that we come up with one or two focal points that cross the sectors. Medical marijuana and the growing acceptance of drugs in our culture is a concern for Vermont communities and VDAC could be a uniting force to address that.

We continued the conversation about next steps for VDAC in light of the loss of the chair. David suggested that VDAC keep a list serve for members like the CAPT to keep people informed about current issues. Patty mentioned that we may be able to incorporate a blog onto the VDAC site where people could have discussions. Patty suggested that this could be a good fit for Rita and her work with the VADIC clearinghouse. She suggested we consider having a contract with VAMH for upkeep of a listserv the website and planning for one event with a major speaker that ADAP would support. Rita could devote 5-10 hours on this per month and her work would take the place of what Kim is doing. VDAC must also decide whether or not to retain Jim Bellino's services in sending legislative updates.

At the next meeting (June 22nd) following the membership drive, members will come to decision about deliverables for such a contract, how frequently to meet and steering committee members. Current members are strongly encouraged to weigh in.

Next meeting: June 22, 12:30 - 2:30pm at the DLC