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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.*

April 27, 2011 Minutes

Present: David O'Brien, Christine Peterson, Kim Martin, Patty McCarthy, Mark Ames, Christine Lloyd Newbury, Pat Martin, Floyd Nease

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

Action Steps:

- Kim will check where next meeting is scheduled
- Kim add next year's VDAC Day to minutes
- Mark will invite Barbara to come to next meeting

Review and approve minutes from March, 2011 meeting: March minutes were reviewed. Patty moves to approve minutes as written, David and Mark second. All in favor.

Treasurer's report: Kim reported that there is \$1,154 in budget.

Membership report: We have 18 members.

Legislative Day –April 19th:

Group discussed thoughts on Prevention Day. Patty saw a lot of legislators stop at the VDAC table in the card room, while Prevention Works presented in room 11. Cabot Coalition youth did a great job presenting to the senate and both Joan and Diane introduced the day in the house. Lots of people came outside to help make it a positive day.

Christine P. suggested that next time we should try to be more organized with presentations in the card room. Floyd suggested to schedule the day earlier in the session during the budget process. Christine L.N. felt the day went very well and will talk to Mariah about following up with Jason L. about marijuana decriminalization. Some discussion followed about marijuana decriminalization not being a black and white issue.

VDAC Future: Mark invited Barbara to this meeting but she was not available. Barbara supports coalition doing specific trainings or agendas. A proposal was written this fall but since then there has been no capacity or energy within VDAC to implement trainings. People have other responsibilities and roles within their organizations and little extra time to dedicate to VDAC. Coalition talked about history of VDAC, the mission statement, and importance of group as the hub between prevention, enforcement, treatment, intervention and recovery. It would be a shame to lose that capacity and might make sense to maintain ability to resurrect and come together as a single voice when needed for future issues. Floyd talked about health care reform and how VDAC can perhaps play a part. Mark thought that VDAC can serve as a vehicle for the Recovery, Resiliency Oriented System of Care trainings. Patty proposed that VDAC could meet two times a year, one in November outlining two or three issues to work on and then one after the legislative session starts, maybe in early March. Suggestion was made to have a group list serve to get information out to members on a regular basis. Perhaps VAMH can take the list serve function and membership maintenance.

Next meeting: May 27th, 12:30 - 2:30pm at the Department of Liquor Control conference room, Montpelier.

Adjourned 2:30

Respectfully submitted: Kim Martin