



VIRGINIA OFFICE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE

Thursday, May 19
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

VOSAP Collaborative Member Agency representatives in attendance:

Jenn Nixon, Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control
Chris Young, Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control
Art Mayer, Department of Juvenile Justice
Cristi Cousins, MADD Virginia
Dani Almarode, Virginia Department of Education
Liz Zaunick, Virginia Department of Health
Melanie Stokes, Department of Motor Vehicles
Jill Russett, Community Coalitions of Virginia
Henry Harper, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
Betsy Bell, Department of Criminal Justice Services
Wayne Graves, Virginia National Guard

Also in attendance:

Anect Rivas, US Drug Enforcement Administration
Lauren Weaver, Virginia Department of Social Services

VOSAP Collaborative Member Agencies not in attendance:

Laurel Marks, Department of Criminal Justice Services
Gail Taylor, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
Fran Inge, Virginia Department of Social Services
Molly Jackson, Virginia State Police
Stephen Wade, Virginia Department of Social Services

Welcome and Introductions:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02a.m. The February 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Speaker: Betsy Bell, K-12 Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Programs Coordinator for Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety at Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, gave a presentation entitled "Handle with Care: Trauma Informed Communication System." The presentation gave an overview of the Handle With Care program, which allows communities to support trauma-sensitive support to children in their district. The PowerPoint presentation was sent out with these minutes.

DCJS News and Updates: Scheduled lots of substance use prevention sessions for end of summer for school staff as well as trauma informed discipline and suicide prevention for both schools and law enforcement. Focus on the Handle with Care program as presented in the speaking session during this meeting.

DOE News and Updates: Health curriculum framework was passed by the board and coming up 2022-2023 school year will be a year to get used to the framework update. They have had some school divisions reach out regarding the curriculum framework. Vanessa with DOE is focused on legislation that affect health which includes gambling prevention being included in resources for teachers. That falls under addictive behaviors under the health framework. DOE is working to implement programming requirements from bills that were passed regarding cannabis, vaping, tick-borne illnesses and personal safety. Current recruiting speakers for their Health & Physical Activity Institute July 11-13 at James Madison University, if anyone is interested in possibly speaking on a health related topic please reach out to Dani Almarode at danielle.almarode@doe.virginia.gov.

VDH News and Updates: Continuing work on prevention targeting across the lifespan. Continuing the ECHO series in partnership with UVA, VCU, and the Carilion Clinic. Completed master train the trainer in February targeting law enforcement. Comprehensive harm reduction work that includes funding Community Navigator positions at pilot sites across the state which helps with comprehensive screening linking folks to services.

DJJ News and Updates: Making good progress on grant from VFHY for prevention work. Vaping Program "Catch My Breath" and added a Grant Administrator, with some trainings and events coming up. They also have "In Depth", a program about smoking prevention, and smoking cessation "Not On Tobacco" program as well.

DMV News and Updates: Virginia has 53 Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) police officers, up from 21 in August 2020, more than doubling the number of DREs after legalization of recreational cannabis use was one of the Virginia's goals. Virginia State Police and DMV are collaborating on the current DRE course, which started this past May 16 and runs through Friday, May 27, with a week of certifications June 19 through 26 in Winston-Salem, N.C. This is a lot of time, effort and commitment for these 11 officers.

DSS News and Updates: Still working on monthly Recovery Ally Training, this allows for private trainings as well if requested. Peer mentor program is being created R3, <https://virginiasservice.virginia.gov/community-support/sud-ally-training-hub/>, looking for funding sources. If anyone has a suggestion on a funding source please reach out to Stephen Wade. Recovery Corps coming to Virginia, and they have a couple of positions available if anyone is interested, please visit this link: <https://www.minnesotarecoverycorps.org/virginia>. DMAS and DSS are offering a training series, first one is May 24 and will continue through the summer including covering topics such as Family and Substance Use Disorders and Alcohol and Cannabis Use Disorders.

VFHY: Offering Empowered Series, a series of webinars and trainings that they are continuing through July, visit their website at: <https://www.vfhy.org/marketing/unfazed/>, <https://www.unfazedva.com/>, <https://www.vfhy.org/events/>. Launched their Unfazed marketing campaign to focus on cannabis use prevention to teens including commercials, marketing to 13 – 17-year-old range. Prior to the launch of this campaign, they completed the largest cannabis use survey which shows that 71% ages 15-17 perceive that cannabis use twice a week proves no risk to their health, so VFHY is focusing on the health effects from cannabis use through the Unfazed program.

Virginia National Guard: Working with many state agencies and coalitions under drug prevention programs. Additionally, they are doing awareness work around human trafficking. Supporting officers for Law Enforcement Appreciation Week with Cookout with Cops, providing food to police departments around the area.

CCoVA: Trying to reframe how we discuss marijuana and cannabis; make sure to use language that youth respond to and understand. Focusing on strategic planning, hired a consultant and identified four focus areas. If anyone would like to be a part of the CCoVA weekly newsletter to share information or to get information, please contact Jill at: infoccova@gmail.com

Virginia ABC News and Updates: The Youth Education and Prevention Coordinator position is currently vacant and is open for applications on the Virginia ABC website. Our annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) kick off conference will be virtual this year. Dates are July 11 – 14th and registration ends on June 1.

VOSAP Updates

- Survey link for annual report has been emailed out to VOSAP Collaborative Members, please ensure that this survey is completed on behalf of your agency by July 15 so we can begin the process of creating the VOSAP FY22 Annual Report.
- The next VOSAP meeting will be held August 18, 2022
- FY23 Meeting Dates:
 - August 18, 2022
 - November 17, 2022
 - February 16, 2023
 - May 18, 2023

The meeting adjourned at 11:21am.

Respectfully submitted,

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