

VIRGINIA OFFICE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (VOSAP) COLLABORATIVE
NOVEMBER 2, 2016 - 9:00 -11:00 A.M.
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
1220 BANK STREET, RICHMOND, VA 23219

VOSAP Collaborative Members in attendance:

Ann Childress, Dept. of Social Services (DSS)
Jennifer Farinholt, Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)
Marty Kilgore, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY)
Christopher Linton, Virginia ABC
SFC Douglas Perry, Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce
Jessica Lambertson, Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
Abby Pendleton, Virginia ABC
Anya Shaffer, Dept. of Health (VDH)
Jessica Smith, Dept. of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Vivian Stith-Williams, Dept. of Education (DOE)*via teleconference
LTC William X Taylor, Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Commander
Gail Taylor, Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS)
Sarah Westphal, Virginia State Police/YOVASO

VOSAP Collaborative Members not present:

Kim G. Brown, TurnKey KB & Associates LLC
Mark Buff, Dept. of Fire Programs
Mary King, Virginia State Police/YOVASO
Jodi Manz, Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary of Health & Human Resources
Laurel Marks, Dept. of Criminal Justice Services
Art Mayer, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Donna Michaelis, Dept. of Criminal Justice Services

Key: [Meeting Summary attachments and hyperlinks are noted in blue.](#)

Welcome and introductions

We opened by introducing ourselves. New Collaborative members include: DMV's Impaired Driving Coordinator Jessica Lambertson, Virginia ABC's FDA Coordinator Chris Linton, Virginia ABC Education and Prevention Coordinator Abby Pendleton.

Review of August 12, 2016 Meeting Summary

There were no changes to the August 12, 2016 Meeting Summary.

Tobacco Retailer Verifications and Assessments in Virginia presentation by DBHDS Behavioral Health Wellness Consultant Colleen Hughes, CSAPC

Colleen shared a presentation and materials the CSBs are using to conduct tobacco retailer "ground truthing" and education. She explained that this system was necessary because the list (from Dun & Bradstreet) they previously provided to Virginia ABC to conduct compliance checks in accordance with Synar requirements was dramatically insufficient. She demonstrated some of the capabilities of the Counter Tools system including the policy tool. She said we could also use this system and import alcohol retailer information, health disparities, etc. Colleen said CSB staff also are collecting data on whether there are language and cultural barriers. She said the checks used to be for cigarettes only but based on input from the CSBs they have expanded to dip, cigarillos and vapor products.

Gail shared that Colleen has been asked to present at two national conferences and SAMHSA is looking into replicating Virginia's model nationwide. Marty and others were very excited to receive this information and are considering how this system can be used for potential joint projects. This work is very important as 90% of adult smokers first started smoking when they were younger than 18. While Virginia has enjoyed a decrease in underage smoking, there are very concerning trends with e-cigarette use. Gail shared that some of the local research indicated parents are purchasing flavors/e-juice for their kids. The fines for retailers are still relatively low. In Puerto Rico the first sale of tobacco to an underage individual results in a \$5,000 fine! (For background, in 2015 the retailer violation rate was 10.4%. The goal is to reach 8% or less by 2018.)

Partnership for Success Grant Update and Epidemiological Data/Workgroup Report from Gail Taylor

Gail reviewed that the VOSAP Collaborative serves as the Advisory Committee for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Partnership for Success (PFS) Grant administered through DBHDS' Office of Behavioral Health Wellness. One of the requirements of the grant is to have a State Epidemiological Workgroup (SOEW) that meets as needed. The Virginia SOEW has been sustained for two years. A subset of the Virginia SOEW is the PFS SOEW. The PFS SOEW is seeing that a target population is adults 65 and older. The PFS grant requires work on 18-25 year olds, so multiple populations will need to be addressed. Another observation: as of July 1, 2016 prescribers are required to enroll in the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). Unfortunately, of those that have enrolled only 50 percent have activated and are using their accounts. Gail noted that the [Virginia Social Indicator dashboard](#) is available to all users and DMV has recently joined the SOEW.

VOSAP Annual Report

Abby distributed the draft of the 2016 VOSAP Annual Report agency summaries. Jennifer noted:

- with the exception typo corrections and minor style changes to try to keep everything consistent, the summary is verbatim from the respective submissions
- the submissions should represent the *entire agency* (As an example, Jennifer shared that she realized that in prior years she didn't include the underage buyer compliance checks executed by the Bureau of Law Enforcement; that information will be added to the report this year.)
- in an effort to modernize the report, Jennifer asked for submissions of photos or graphics to be used in a collage title page for the agency summaries

Jennifer thanked everyone for their assistance and timely submissions.

VDH News and Updates

Anya shared that VDH received a grant to present a series of in-person trainings for health providers. They are also in a learning collaborative for telemedicine. This is a new area for VDH.

Also, there is an allocation in the Governor's budget to support campus-based suicide prevention. This initiative is led from the Campus Suicide Prevention Center of Virginia based at JMU. Strategic planning support will be provided to a selected group of campuses. The importance of linking services has become a focus area including: Campus Security/Police, Academic Affairs, Student Health, Mental Health, Substance Abuse Treatment, etc. Jane R. Wiggins, Ph.D. is the Program Director for the Campus Suicide Prevention Center of Virginia.

DCJS News and Updates

Jessica invited everyone to the upcoming [School Climate Conference](#) for K-12 on November 29-30 including the dedicated resource hour when all participants visit tables to pick up tools and resources. She also mentioned

that DCJS hosts a series of School Resource Officer/Administrator trainings and they recently lost their trainer. She asked if anyone had ideas for a general instructor who keeps abreast of youth substance prevention/use/abuse to provide training four times per year. DCJS is very interested in any partnership opportunities and ideas for providing hands on training to school staff in the school environment. Also, DCJS hosts a [Statewide School Safety and Security Conference Call Series](#) with about 60 of the 130 school divisions represented. The calls are the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Jessica invited us to participate.

YOVASO News and Updates

Sarah shared that YOVASO had their middle school retreat on October 21 at Central Academy Middle School in Botetourt County. The theme for the retreat was “Operation YOVASO: Drive to Save Lives.” Students from Bedford Middle School, Staunton River Middle School, Forest Middle School, and Central Academy Middle School attended. Students learned the importance of being a safe passenger as well as pedestrian and bike safety and prepared students and sponsors to work in their peer-to-peer clubs to promote traffic safety. YOVASO has selected their Youth Advisory Council students and the group will meet in November. YOVASO clubs also participated in a Halloween safety campaign and a scan in program where kids use their phones to scan QR codes on a crashed car and receive safety facts and information. This is a more interactive forum and allows kids to use technology which is appealing and engaging to them.

DSS News and Updates

Ann shared that DSS is continuing to work on Virginia’s Handle with C.A.R.E. Initiative (Coordinating Access, Responding Effectively to Maternal Substance Use) an interagency effort to identify a coordinated, state level response to maternal substance use. The 2016 Home Visiting Consortium Conference will be held November 7 at the Hilton Richmond/Short Pump Hotel & Spa. Also Virginia received a grant to focus on child fatalities and linkages to substance abuse.

Ann also shared that she will be retiring soon. We offered our congratulations to Ann for her decades of service, working to protect children in the Commonwealth.

Virginia ABC News and Updates

Chris shared that the Bureau of Law Enforcement just completed the Synar tobacco compliance checks and will now focus on FDA checks. Abby shared that the agency will be launching free online training for sellers and servers of alcohol. The agency will continue to offer free in-person trainings led by special agents. Jennifer mentioned that she had been working to keep the community coalition listing up-to-date but it’s been a challenge. During the last SOEW meeting she asked about adding an overlay of the community coalitions so that people could see the existing coalitions and their territories. SAMHSA Prevention Fellow Layne T. Mitchell volunteered to take on this project.

Also, Abby and Jennifer attended the Governor’s Children’s Cabinet Stakeholders Meeting on October 24. The Children’s Cabinet is working on some of the same issues we’ve discussed at VOSAP Collaborative meetings including dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline and continuation of support to individuals who age out of the foster care system. We’ll explore if we can partner in the coming year. More information is [here](#).

Lastly, Jennifer mentioned that the Education and Prevention Section is going to work on enhancing its social media presence and will continue to share posts from the other agencies and organizations in the Collaborative. (Gail mentioned they have a Facebook page and Anya said VDH has a social media team that may be able to help.)

DMV News and Updates

Jessica is overseeing all impaired driving—this includes the four Ds: drunk, drugged, drowsy and distracted driving. DMV has the Drug Recognition Expert program ramping up. In November, eight officers will receive this extensive training and certification. DMV is also working with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on a DADSS program (Driver Alcohol Detection System for Safety) to assess and develop alcohol-detection technologies to prevent vehicles from being driven when a driver's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) exceeds the legal limit of 0.08 percent. More will be announced in December.

National Guard News and Updates

Doug mentioned that he has invited DMV and ABC local field agents to contact him to hook them up with local coalitions. He volunteered to work with programs on college campuses. He also mentioned the Roanoke HOPE initiative. Based off the Gloucester, Mass. Angel Initiative, the Roanoke HOPE initiative aims to help people who need substance abuse treatment to provide help directly and immediately (previous wait times have been up to three months). They've helped 48 people in just two months! Doug also said he talked to the economic development committee in the Piedmont area. There is interest in a drug court. This would provide jobs and help people get into treatment/recovery. Marty said the Tobacco Commission of Southside/Southwest Virginia may be a possible source/partner through health and wellness initiatives. Gail suggested contacting DBHDS' Mellie Randall as she is the policy lead for treatment.

Bill shared that VNG supported the Drug Take Back day by helping with free collection, transportation and disposal of 23,270 pounds of drugs from 75 communities!

VFHY News and Updates

Marty shared that the "other tobacco products" module they've been working on is almost ready for release. She will ask VFHY Public Affairs Manager Richard Foster to share this when it is available. RFPs for tobacco and obesity grants will be coming out soon. Weight of the State 2017—Bridging the Nutritional Divide will be April 3-4 at the Hilton Richmond Hotel at Short Pump. The conference showcases the latest approaches to increasing access to healthy foods, ending childhood hunger and creating healthier communities.

The Joint Commission on Health Care (JCHC) has been studying the possibility of expanding VFHY's mission. They will meet on November 9. Marty expects they will give permissive language without any dollars attached. Marge White will assist VFHY by finding and applying for grants that would fund expanded initiatives. (Update: JCHC's decision was to: "Introduce legislation to amend the Code of Virginia to expand the VFHY mission to include prevention of other substance use by youth." The report is [here](#) starting on page 40.)

DBHDS News and Updates

Gail shared that her office will pilot a training on the intersection between prevention and recovery. The Richmond PFS partner noted that we need more information from those impacted by the disease in order to be better preventers. Also, all PFS grantees have completed the needs assessment phase and all CSBs will complete their needs assessments by December. Gail's office is reworking the funding formula to target hotspots. The funding will be data-driven. Anya mentioned that it's really important to focus on capacity building because some of the higher burdened areas weren't ready to receive additional funds. Gail agreed and noted that all CSBs are working on building capacity and it's in their performance contract they must partner with a coalition.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Farinholt
VOSAP Facilitator