

VIRGINIA OFFICE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (VOSAP)

FEBRUARY 12, 2014 - 1-5 P.M.

VIRGINIA ABC 2901 HERMITAGE ROAD, RICHMOND VA

VOSAP Collaborative Members in attendance:

Ann Childress, Dept. Social Services
Art Mayer, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Butch Letteer, Dept. of Motor Vehicles
Donna Michaelis, Dept. of Criminal Justice Services
Gail Taylor, Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
Jennifer Farinholt, ABC Education and Prevention Coordinator
Joe Cannon, Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Law Enforcement, Special Projects & Training
Jo Ann Burkholder, Dept. of Education
Katie Weeks, ABC Education and Prevention Section Manager
Lisa Wooten, Dept. of Health
Marty Kilgore, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
Michelle Schmitt, VCU Center for School Community Collaboration

VOSAP Collaborative Members not present:

Gene Ayers, Virginia State Police/D.A.R.E.
Heather Board, Dept. of Health
Mark Buff, Dept. of Fire Programs
LTC Neal Edmonds, Counterdrug Task Force Virginia National Guard
Shellie MacKenzie, DCJS
Tracey Jenkins, DCJS

Key: Passages in red are potential VOSAP projects/goals raised during our meeting.

Welcome and introductions

Jennifer opened the meeting at 1:10 p.m. She shared that Neal would probably not attend the meeting due to the state of emergency declaration (winter storm Pax). Heather also had a last-minute schedule change so Lisa joined us to represent DOH. Lastly, Butch will now represent DMV in lieu of Dwight Jenkins.

VOSAP Dropbox and website

Jennifer noted that almost everyone has joined the VOSAP Dropbox folder. She said she's still learning how it works and welcomes any questions and/or suggestions. There is a new "Upcoming events" subfolder. VOSAP Collaborative members are encouraged to share flyers or registration packets for additional promotion via the Collaborative and, space permitting, the VOSAP website.

The VOSAP website will be updated in the next few weeks. The "SAVVY" tab will be replaced with "News and Events." The "Recognition" tab will retain the basic content from the SAVVY Schools and Communities Recognition Program. **(Jennifer, Jo Ann and Michelle agreed it would be great if VOSAP can continue a program to recognize those who do good work.)** Moving forward the website will be updated quarterly. Jennifer will solicit content for these updates, however, members are encouraged to submit information at any time.

Old Business/approval of Meeting Summary and MOA

Collaborative members approved the December 17, 2013 Meeting Summary and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). (Copies of each are in the VOSAP Dropbox folder.) In lieu of collecting actual or electronic signatures, the MOA will be sent with a transmittal email from the ABC Board to agency heads with Collaborative members copied. Similar to Michelle's letter regarding the May 12th prevention conference, agency heads will

be asked to respond via email affirming their support for VOSAP. This documentation will be maintained at ABC.

Agency/member snapshots to help identify gaps VOSAP might fill

Each attendee shared information including: programming, training, grant opportunities, research projects and data collection. **(Note: Due to the volume of information shared, the following is not all-inclusive. Please email additional information you'd like added in the body of the summary or as an attachment.)**

DCJS (presented by Donna): See Attachment #1

Donna noted almost all conferences are done in conjunction with a sister agency or other partner. **She suggested VOSAP provide information on the website: what parents, teachers, etc. can do to prevent substance abuse. Also, provide up-to-date information about trends and resources for people planning events.**

DJJ (presented by Art):

DJJ facilities are downsizing because the intake population is dropping. Art works in the Central Office and oversees sex offender and substance abuse treatment programming in the facilities. Approximately ninety percent of the committed population are referred to substance abuse treatment programming (88%). Court Service Units access substance abuse treatment resources through varying community providers.

Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (presented by Marty):

VFHY addresses tobacco prevention and obesity but is now also focused on “the total child.” VFHY supports 20 Healthy Community Action Teams. The Virginia Youth Survey is conducted jointly with DOH. They also do a survey of grantees and ask what their training needs are. The majority of tobacco prevention grants are through the schools. The VFHY media campaign reaches kids through social media.

Michelle noted all school staff, including counselors, need training to identify substance abuse issues across the continuum.

DOH (presented by Lisa):

Lisa works in the DOH's Injury Prevention division. They are currently developing a work plan. For initiatives related to substance abuse, DOH is working to address increases in prescription drug poisonings and pregnant mothers under the influence. Currently, DOH is planning four regional trainings— “Best Practices in Responsible Opioid Prescribing and Dispensing: A Healthcare Provider Training.”

Gail asked about epidemiological (EPI) data collected at DOH. Lisa said she would help identify points of contact at DOH. **The Collaborative agreed a goal for the future is to identify/catalog/evaluate available EPI data and help coalitions access this data more easily.**

DSS (presented by Ann):

The DSS mission addresses poverty, abuse and neglect. It's a large agency with 14 divisions and program areas. DSS does not have any programs that specifically address SA prevention, however, related information is built into training as it relates to strengthening families. Ann supervises funding/grants for safe and healthy families.

Ann recommended VOSAP more actively engage communities and non-profits.

DBHDS (presented by Gail):

Agency has approximately \$14 million this year, federal funds through SAMHSA, for substance abuse prevention including the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant and the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG). DBHDS also funds 40 Community Services Boards (CSBs). DBHDS is undergoing several paradigm shifts: i.) from previously creating individual and population level change to NOW> creating community level change; ii.) from concentrating on prevention ages 12-17 to

NOW> working across the lifespan; iii.) from a focus on evidence-based programs to now programs, practices and strategies; iv.) from substance abuse prevention only to NOW>mental health promotion integrated with substance abuse prevention; v.) traditionally Virginia has done universal prevention NOW>selected and indicated; vi.) rebranding from “prevention” to NOW> “wellness.”

DBHDS works with Joe/ABC on Synar compliance—which requires states to have laws in place prohibiting the sale and distribution of tobacco products to persons under 18 and to enforce those laws effectively.

Gail recently hired a new team member. Colleen Hughes is a Prevention Consultant who previously worked in North Carolina. Also, Marfel Barnett is the Data Coordinator.

DMV (presented by Butch):

Butch is with the Virginia Highway Safety Office at DMV. His program emphasis area is: alcohol. All projects funded through his office are through federal grant funds. They are more on the apprehension side than prevention but there are numerous initiatives underway including mobile apps dealing with impaired/distracted driving. (We discussed that increasing perception of risk of being apprehended IS prevention.) DMV is an excellent source of data. It’s broken down by cities and counties including crash facts (related to alcohol, occupant protection, speed). Butch said they are now also collecting information on pedestrians.

Butch also shared insights from the article *Alcohol paradox: Drop in weekend drinking and driving doesn't bring drop in fatal crashes involving alcohol* <http://www.iijhs.org/iijhs/sr/statusreport/article/48/10/1>. We had a short conversation about increases in DUI crashes in the morning and the danger of intoxicated drivers on motor scooters. Often people who are convicted of DUIs start driving scooters because they are not classified as motor vehicles so drivers do not need licenses.

Center for School-Community Collaboration (presented by Michelle):

The Center for School-Community Collaboration (CSCC) is located in the School of Education within Virginia Commonwealth University. The CSCC provides oversight and guidance for the Virginia SPF-SIG program. In coordination with the SPF-SIG Advisory Council, CSCC is planning a general prevention conference “Wellness: Reframing Prevention” on May 12, 2014.

DOE (presented by Jo Ann):

Safe Schools Information Resource (SSIR) is a Web-based reporting tool that allows users to display school-safety data at the state, division and school levels. DOE continually looks at conditions for learning to promote a good school climate. In 2013, issued comprehensive manual “Student Assistance Programming: Creating Positive Conditions for Learning.” Dewey Cornell, Ph.D., Professor of Education at the Curry School of Education and Youth-Nex Center to Promote Effective Youth Development, UVA, does extensive analysis. A missing piece is> *what can we do with this information?*

Within the Division of Instruction, Vanessa Wigand is the principal specialist for health, physical and driver education, Office of Science and Health Education. **The standards of learning for these areas are currently under review. (This may present an opportunity to strengthen/augment items related to substance abuse prevention.)**

Jo Ann noted that she still receives calls for the After Prom party planning publication “Celebrate Life”—even though it’s been six years since it was posted on the DOE website or received any promotion. The limousine association also was very involved and helped conduct a Safe Prom/Graduation Season kick-off event held in conjunction with a limo parade. Katie mentioned these parties were very popular when she went through YADAPP as a student. **We’d like to explore the best way to capitalize on interest in after-prom parties while promoting a lasting impact/infusing solid prevention practices. (measurable outcomes, etc.)**

ABC (presented by Katie and Joe):

Katie announced the upcoming rollout of a new ABC grants program. Previously ABC used OJJDP funds for Community Coalition and Operation Undergrad grant programs. ABC no longer has OJJDP funds. (For more information about ABC's Education and Prevention Section programs, a PowerPoint is in the VOSAP Dropbox folder from 12/17/13.)

Joe stated that Enforcement is conducting alcohol underage buyer compliance checks year round throughout the Commonwealth partially funded through the DMV Highway Safety Office FY 14 grant. Plans are to apply for the FY 15 Highway Safety grant in order to sustain the program. (ABC previously used OJJDP funds for these visits.) Joe also shared the FDA launched its first-ever national public education campaign to prevent youth tobacco use entitled, "The Real Cost." Please check out the link below for more information.

<http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/OfficeofMedicalProductsandTobacco/AbouttheCenterforTobaccoProducts/PublicEducationCampaigns/TheRealCostCampaign/ucm20041242.htm>

There are two tobacco initiatives that take place annually within the Bureau of Law Enforcement: Synar and FDA. The SYNAR project has continued with funding through DBHDS. This program is conducted during the months of June – August each year with the retailers list provided by DBHDS. The FDA project is coordinated through the Center for Tobacco Products and the Virginia FDA Program Coordinator is Marisa Harris. Special Agents within the Bureau of Law Enforcement are commissioned as FDA Inspectors to conduct Underage Buy Compliance Checks and Advertising and Labeling Inspections. No state enforcement actions take place during this program and the FDA handles all of the enforcement efforts through their administrative process.

Gail mentioned Lead & Seed, an evidence-based program, has a similar model to YADAPP. Lead & Seed is a youth empowered, environmental approach to preventing and reducing alcohol, tobacco and drugs in a community.

Identification of goals for 2014/solicitation for volunteers to work on subcommittees

By late afternoon snow was falling in much of Central Virginia. Most Collaborative members had to leave before we fine-tuned goals and solicited for volunteers to work on subcommittees to further explore:

1. EPI data coordination (Gail, Michelle, Jo Ann, DOH representative?)
2. Recognize schools and communities for outstanding efforts to prevent substance abuse
Jo Ann, Michelle, Jennifer
3. Explore reinvigorating after-prom/graduation parties including possible mini-grants (Jennifer, Jo Ann)
4. Enhanced communication among VOSAP Collaborative members (achieved through website, Dropbox, meetings, etc.) (Jennifer)
5. Maintain updated lists of community coalitions, faith-based groups, PTAs, professional organizations for school counselors, nurses, etc. These lists will be available to all VOSAP Collaborative members.
Jennifer (will follow up on Michelle's suggestion to add a "Sign me up for updates" box on the VOSAP website.)
6. Explore opportunities to reach newly-licensed drivers (possibly draft a publication for presentation when judges issue driver's licenses).
7. Research standards of learning related to health, physical and driver education to determine if VOSAP can suggest enhancements.
8. ~~Provide drug information for parents and educators~~ (This was tabled because SPF SIG may receive approval to create 10-15 online training segments. Michelle will keep us updated.)

Jennifer will issue a request for input regarding goals and subcommittee volunteers.

2014 meeting calendar

May 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m., location TBD

August 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m., location TBD

November 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m., location TBD

Agency/member updates (some are carried over from 12/17/13 meeting)

From Jennifer- ABC's spring College Tour events "A Different Kind of Buzz" are coming up.

- **March 22, 2014** at Tidewater Community College in Norfolk
- **April 4, 2014** at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale

Please see/like www.facebook.com/vacollegetour. Also registration packet is in VOSAP Dropbox under "Upcoming Events."

From Ann- Virginia's Child Abuse Prevention Conference is April 7, 2014. The theme is *Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect – Look Listen Respond*. Registration is open now! Please go to:

http://www.eventbrite.com/e/virginias-child-abuse-prevention-conference-tickets-10525517105?utm_source=Copy+of+2014+Conference+Invite+to+Register&utm_campaign=Conference+Invite&utm_medium=email (Registration packet will also be in "Upcoming Events" Dropbox folder.)

From Shellie- A few of the upcoming events:

- **Virginia Campus Safety and Violence Prevention Forum,** March 17-19, 2014 at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel in Portsmouth, VA
- **Threat Assessment Conference,** March 31-April 2 at the Double Tree by Hilton, Richmond, VA
- **2014 Virginia School and Campus Safety Conference** (August 4-6, 2014, Hampton Convention Center, Hampton, VA)

From Marty-

- **April 10-11, 2014:** National [Reduce Tobacco Use conference](#) 2014 at Sheraton Pentagon City in Arlington. Hosted by Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth and Prevention Connections. Speakers will include Dr. Tim McAfee, director of the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health, and Mitch Zeller, director of the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products.
- **May 5-11, 2014:** Screen-Free Week
- **July 1, 2014:** Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth begins funding 20 new childhood obesity prevention grantees statewide through VFHY's Healthy Communities Action Teams (HCAT) program. The 20 proposals that the VFHY Board of Trustees approved were recommended for funding using the Best Value rating approach for a total of \$1.2 million, the amount available for two years of grants (\$600,000 total each year). Individual awards will not exceed \$70,000 for the two years. The grant period is from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2016. Funded coalition-building activities will address systems, policy and environmental changes to reduce childhood obesity in Virginia.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Farinholt

VOSAP Facilitator

(Updated 3/5/14 with Art and Shellie's changes.)

Attachment #1 **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services**

Agency Mission and Vision

The mission of the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services is to provide leadership to improve the criminal justice system in Virginia's communities through effective training, partnerships, research, regulation, and support.

Our vision is to be the national leader and Virginia's premier criminal justice agency, creating dynamic system-wide solutions for public safety.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services:

- Houses the Virginia Center for School Safety
- conducts research and evaluation on criminal justice issues;
- develops short and long-term criminal justice plans;
- distributes federal and state funding to localities, state agencies and nonprofit organizations in the areas of law enforcement, prosecution, crime and delinquency prevention, juvenile justice, victims services, corrections and information systems;
- provides training, technical assistance and program development services to all segments of the criminal justice system;
- establishes and enforces minimum training standards for law enforcement, criminal justice and private security personnel; and
- licenses and regulates the private security industry in Virginia.

The agency's primary constituents are local and state criminal justice agencies and practitioners, private agencies, private security practitioners and businesses, and the public-at-large. Other constituents include local governments and state agencies, the federal government and advocacy groups/associations.

DCJS is unique in state government because of its system-wide perspective on criminal justice. While it directs programs and services to each component of the system, it has an overarching responsibility to view the system as a whole, to understand how changes in one part of criminal justice will affect other parts, and to work to assure that plans and programs are comprehensive.

The Department of Criminal Justice Services is one of 11 agencies within the Secretariat of Public Safety. The Criminal Justice Services Board is the Department's policy board. It is comprised of representatives from all aspects of the criminal justice system on both state and local levels of government, and most of its members are appointed by the Governor.

Examples of programming, training, grants and research are below:

A. Programming

The Department of Criminal Justice Services is organized under three functional Divisions and the Office of the Director:

Office of the Director is the location of Human Resources and the Criminal Justice Research Center. The Research Center compiles statistics, conducts research and evaluations, and reports on crime and criminal justice issues.

Division of Finance and Administration provides oversight and management of the agency's administrative functions including; Finance, Grants Administration, and Information Technology.

Division of Law Enforcement and Security Services provides oversight and management of law enforcement training rules, regulations, and grant programs directed toward law enforcement agencies. They also provide licensure and regulatory oversight of the Private Security, Bail Bond, and Locksmith industries.

Division of Programs and Services provides oversight and management of agency program areas and grants to Community Corrections and Pre-Trial Services, Victims Services, and Juvenile Services.

B. Training

Training to constituents is provided from both the Division of Law Enforcement (where the Virginia Center for School Safety resides) and the Division of Programs and Services. Examples of trainings from both of the divisions is listed below:

Division of Law Enforcement (where the Virginia Center for School Safety resides)	Division of Programs and Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Conferences:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Higher Education Conference (2.5 days annually March) ○ Threat Conference (2.5 days March 2014) ○ Gangs and Human Trafficking (4 days annually June) ○ K-12 School Safety Conference (2.5 days annually August) ○ Back to School Safety and Security (August 2014) ○ Crime Clinic (2.5 days, annually September/October) ○ School Admin/Adv SRO Bullying/Climate Forums (Two, 2 day, October 2014) • <i>Planned and/or Scheduled Trainings:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ASIST (Suicide Prevention), Alzheimer’s Awareness, Anti-Bullying, Autism Awareness, Campus Security Officers and School Security officer recertification, Child Abuse, Crime Prevention, Extremists and Hate Groups, Gangs and Human Trafficking, Interrogation and interviewing, Legal Issues, Interviewing and Interrogation, Leadership, School safety and crisis management, Sexual Assault Teams, Sovereign Citizens, Threat Assessment ○ Adult Sexual Misconduct, teens texting and driving, tobacco trafficking , IEDs and Bomb Threats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Conferences:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Statewide CASA Conference (Court Appointed Special Advocates) ○ Improving Investigation & Prosecution of Child Abuse Conference ○ Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Conference ○ 2nd Annual Human Trafficking Summit ○ CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) Conference ○ V-Stop • <i>Planned and/or Scheduled Trainings:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional trauma trainings (for those working with youth) ○ Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART) ○ Grants trainings ○ Basic victim assistance academy ○ Advanced victim assistance academy ○ Basic skills for local community corrections ○ M-OST/OST training for new local probation officers

C. Grant opportunities

Several grant opportunities exist within DCJS.

<http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants/>

D. Research projects/data collection

The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, Criminal Justice Research Center conducts studies, produces reports, and provides research and statistical assistance on a wide range of criminal justice issues. These services are provided to Virginia's state and local government agencies, academic institutions, citizens, and the federal government. The Research Center strives to continually improve understanding of criminal justice concerns and underlying factors, with the goal of delivering the best possible information to service providers and policy makers to aid in their decision-making. Activities of the Research Center include:

- Serves as Virginia's Statistical Analysis Center (SAC).
- Analyzes and reports crime statistics for state, regions and localities.
- Prepares annual forecasts of statewide local jail inmate populations.
- Prepares annual statistics required to determine allocations to localities for state law enforcement assistance ("599") funds.
- Responds to requests for crime statistics and data from state and local government, business and citizens.
- Provides research and data support to special commissions and other bodies established by Governor, Secretary of Public Safety and General Assembly.
- Designs, conducts and reports on evaluation studies of criminal justice programs and policies, including the:
 1. School safety audit report
 2. School safety climate report
 3. College Threat Assessment Study
 4. K-12 Threat assessment evaluation
 5. School Resource Officer evaluation study
- Makes recommendations for guiding and improving criminal justice programs and policies.
- Provides assistance to state and local agencies in performing evaluation tasks and establishing databases that are useful for evaluation research.

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