

VIRGINIA OFFICE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (VOSAP) COLLABORATIVE  
FEBRUARY 19, 2016 - 9:00 -11:00 A.M.  
PATRICK HENRY BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 1 (1013)  
1111 EAST BROAD STREET, RICHMOND VA 23219

**VOSAP Collaborative Members in attendance:**

Kim G. Brown, TurnKey KB & Associates LLC  
Ann Childress, Dept. of Social Services  
Jennifer Farinholt, Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)  
Marty Kilgore, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth  
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\*\*  
Gail Taylor, Dept. of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services  
Sarah Westphal, Virginia State Police/YOVASO\*  
Lisa Wooten, Dept. of Health (VDH)

**VOSAP Collaborative Members not present:**

LTC William X Taylor, Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Commander  
Vivian Stith-Williams, Dept. of Education  
Butch Letteer, Dept. of Motor Vehicles  
Mark Buff, Dept. of Fire Programs  
\*Other VSP/YOVASO representative is Mary King  
\*\*Other DCJS representatives include and Shellie Mackenzie

**Key: Passages in red are action items that require follow-up.**

**Welcome**

We opened by introducing ourselves. Jennifer thanked Jodi and Gail for their assistance coordinating the use of the Patrick Henry Building conference room.

**Brief Review of 2015 and Participant Updates**

The VOSAP Collaborative is now also serving as the Advisory Committee for the SAMHSA Partnership for Success Grant. We are pleased to welcome Kim Brown and Jodi Manz as permanent participants.

Jennifer shared updates regarding VOSAP Collaborative representatives:

- Marisa Harris (formerly Food and Drug Administration [FDA] Tobacco Coordinator at ABC) accepted a position with another agency. Once her position is filled, we will invite the new FDA Tobacco Coordinator to participate as we want to be sure that we are focusing attention on tobacco prevention.
- Tracey Jenkins, (formerly DCJS) is now with the Department of Corrections. Laurel will represent DCJS' Division of Programs and Services, when available, until the vacant position is filled.
- Heather Board has taken on new responsibilities and Lisa will now be representing VDH.
- JoAnn Burkholder has taken on new responsibilities and Vivian will represent DOE.
- At the National Guard, Jon Chapman has moved on and LTC William Taylor is the new Counterdrug Task Force Commander.

Jennifer noted there was no Meeting Summary to review as the last quarter communication focused on the completion of the 2015 VOSAP Annual Report. Jennifer thanked everyone for their submissions.

### **Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse Next Steps**

Jodi shared the progress of numerous bills presented during the General Assembly session focusing on providers, the Prescription Monitoring Program, medically assisted treatment and mandatory education for prescribers. Of particular note:

**House Bill 829** Identifies certain prescribers and requires relevant continuing education. The threshold shall be determined by the Board of Medicine in consultation with the Prescription Monitoring Program. The bill also directs the Board of Medicine to require prescribers identified by the Director of the Department of Health Professions to complete two hours of continuing education in each biennium on topics related to pain management, the responsible prescribing of covered substances, and the diagnosis and management of addiction.

**House Bill 293** Requires a prescriber to obtain information from the Prescription Monitoring Program at the time of initiating a new course of treatment that includes the prescribing of opioids anticipated to last more than 14 consecutive days.

**House Bill 657**, which requires the Department of Health Professions, in consultation with an advisory committee, to come up with criteria to identify unusual patterns of prescribing and dispensing of certain covered substances. That information then can be provided to the department's enforcement division for investigation and action.

**Senate Bill 287**, which shortened the time allowed for pharmacies and other dispensers to report to the Prescription Monitoring Program from seven days to 24 hours or the next business day, whichever comes later. It also allows consulting physicians to access the database and clarifies that the monitoring program report can be part of a patient's medical record.

**House Bill 1044** and **Senate Bill 491**, which allows physicians and pharmacists employed by Virginia Medicaid managed care organizations to request information about specific patients from the Prescription Monitoring Program under certain circumstances.

**Senate Bill 556** Removes certain restrictions on licensure of providers who provide treatment for persons with opiate addiction using opioid replacements that have been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of opioid addiction. Such restrictions include the proximity of the provider to a school and community notice requirements.

Jodi mentioned that the Medical Society of Virginia was active and supportive of this legislation. Other initiatives underway include discussions with VCU and other higher ed. institutions to include addiction education in the revisions of the BSW and MSW curricula. Special Policy Advisor to the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health Dr. Carole Pratt has taken over much of this work.

Last May, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced an opportunity for states to receive more funding but Virginia must boost substance use disorder service availability and reimbursement rates. (Shortly after our meeting Jodi reported: "we were happy to see that both the House and Senate left the Substance Use Disorders benefit to the Medicaid program in the budget. We are certainly excited to see that.")

She also provided a link to the letter that Governor Shumlin of Vermont posted a few weeks ago in response to the Super Bowl ad for “opiate induced constipation.”

<http://governor.vermont.gov/node/2623?platform=hootsuite>

Jodi also shared information about a new prevention non-profit: Chip Carroll is the Executive Director for a group called “I Wish I Never Started.” She encouraged anyone interested in prevention to connect with Chip. Jodi said they have a fabulous Board put together and are very excited about this work and potential partnerships. [Chipcarroll2@gmail.com](mailto:Chipcarroll2@gmail.com)

### **Group Discussion Regarding Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse**

Donna said that she would like to deliver information on this topic for K-12. DCJS used to do a lot with drug information for School Resource Officers but D.A.R.E. has dropped off and they are eager to do more. Donna said they are seeing increased attendance at the DCJS Virginia School and Campus Safety Training Forum, and other conferences like Strengthening Connections: Fostering a Positive School Climate co-presented with DOE and DBHDS, from school administrators and school counselors. Donna said they had 850 at the School and Campus Safety Forum last year and expect about 1,000 participants this year.

Lisa suggested a few resources including: [Generation Rx](#) from The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy (which includes educational materials for people of all ages) and a toolkit from the National Association of School Nurses [Smart Moves Smart Choices](#).

Jodi, Donna and Gail talked about the best way to reach school students. Donna said DCJS can help with this as they host 125 trainings per year but they need something that’s relevant, research-based and provides tools officers can use. Gail said a community approach is effective and schools must be part of community coalitions.

### **Partnership for Success Grant Advisory Committee Role and Epidemiological Data/Workgroup Report**

Gail provided an overview of the Partnerships for Success (PFS) grant/cooperative agreement from SAMHSA. The award is \$8+ million over five years. One of the requirements of the grant is to have an Advisory Council. The VOSAP Collaborative is the Advisory Council for the PFS grant. To fulfill this role Gail will bring information to the group as we arrive at decision points, we will provide feedback. The state will collect data on prescription drug, heroin AND underage drinking. (This was a bit of a surprise that underage drinking data collection is required—but we all agreed it will benefit the Commonwealth to have additional data.)

The data is so important that a State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEOW) is also a requirement. The current Social Indicator Study is a subset of the SEOW that will provide more local data.

A third part is an Evidence-Based Workgroup. The former PPAC will perform a dual role. The PPAC will ensure that we use best practices. Virginia Tech’s [Kerry Redican, PhD, MSPH, MPH](#) will chair this group.

Gail introduced Kim who will oversee the grantees (CSBs: Blue Ridge, Chesterfield, Cumberland Mountain, Danville/Pittsylvania, Dickenson, Highlands, New River Valley, Norfolk, Northwestern, Piedmont, Planning District One, and Richmond) and make sure that they all stay on track by following the Strategic Prevention Framework steps. Kim noted that the grants have been awarded to the CSBs, versus the prior cycle when the coalitions were the grantees. Of course, the CSBs will work with the coalitions. Also, this grant only allows environmental approaches—no programs. The grant is also addressing health disparities. OMNI Institute is the evaluator.

We shared some examples of Rx drug abuse we know of through our families and communities. Gail said DBHDS did a social media study. Pharma parties are a reality; parents are selling their kids medicine. Ann noted the importance of educating older adults, real estate agents to prevent theft of Rx drugs.

Jennifer noted that we could all benefit from having a centrally updated community coalition list. She worked with CCoVA to get some updates **but will send what she has to Kim for additions**. (Virginia ABC recently announced the next cycle of [Alcohol Education and Prevention Grants](#) and wants to be sure the announcement reaches all coalitions. The application due date is April 25, 2016 by 5 p.m.)

### **YOVASO Update and Upcoming**

Sarah shared that YOVASO is ramping up the Arrive Alive campaign. Arrive Alive focuses on spring and summer as the most dangerous period for young drivers as it includes the dangerous prom and graduation season. They are also working on their Summer Leadership Retreat which includes educational and motivational activities to prepare students, teachers, and school resource officers to work with peer-to-peer traffic safety and prevention clubs in the schools. Over the course of four days, the students and sponsors develop a comprehensive action plan for their prevention efforts for the upcoming school year. Also, they are trying to focus more on drugged driving this year. YOVASO currently has 99 high school and 33 middle school clubs—they try to increase each quarter. Donna said that she will follow up with ways that DCJS and YOVASO can collaborate in the future.

### **DSS Update and Upcoming**

Ann shared that the Child Abuse Prevention Conference is coming up on April 4. **Jennifer will have an exhibit table at the conference and would love to share materials from other agencies. She will follow-up with members**. Also, an upcoming issue of the [Virginia Child Protection Newsletter](#) will include information about substance exposed infants. The [Virginia Home Visiting Consortium](#) conference will be held on November 7, 2016.

### **VDH Update and Upcoming**

Working on online training to try to close gaps including training for school nurses, medical office staff, providers caring for pregnant women, mature adults (reduction of polypharmacy, and partnering with ABC, DMV and DARS to prevent older adult impaired driving and dangers associated with alcohol and medications.)

### **DCJS Update and Upcoming**

Laurel will be doing more trauma trainings, will also do a joint conference on Child Welfare. DCJS also is administering the [Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Scholarship Program](#). Under this program, eligible multi-disciplinary, public-sector teams from Virginia localities may receive a scholarship providing financial support for participation in intensive learning and certificate programs resulting in local system improvement projects. Eligible recipients are limited to public sector, multi-disciplinary teams from Virginia localities that have been accepted by the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform at Georgetown University into a 2016 certificate program or into a similar program offered elsewhere addressing: • Multi-system integration; • Diversion; • Reducing ethnic and racial disparities in juvenile justice; • Information sharing among systems/partners; or • School/justice practices and partnerships to address school-to-prison pipeline issues A final project approved and reviewed by the program, extending up to a year or more following on-site instruction, is a required component of a program in order for it to be determined eligible. Laurel said they really want people to take advantage of this opportunity!

Donna said DCJS is unearthing data. Lack of supervision is a huge risk indicator. They are working on getting more training for administrators. They conduct five Institutes per year with SROs and administrators. The

[School and Campus Safety Training Forum](#) is August 1-3, 2016 in Hampton. She welcomed ideas for training topics and said they are always looking for great speakers.

### **DJJ Update and Upcoming**

Art explained that DJJ doesn't really do prevention but work on providing re-entry skills. There is a lot changing at DJJ now. DJJ Director Andrew Block has been shifting to more rehabilitation. There's been a big emphasis on decreasing the number of kids in facilities to more community placement. They are fine tuning how to work with kids in more of an interpersonal style/community model.

Gail noted that while DJJ does not do as much "prevention" they are a crucial partner and have been instrumental to the SEOW. She said DJJ does an outstanding job collecting, analyzing and applying data for decision making.

### **VFHY Update and Upcoming**

Marty mentioned that VFHY has been working on a tobacco module with VCU. This will be a 20-minute module available to schools. It is almost done and they look forward to sharing it soon. They also have the 12<sup>th</sup> [Reduce Tobacco Use Conference](#) coming up on April 25-26, 2016 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington. Due in part to the proximity to D.C., this has become a national conference with some international attendees.

Marty briefly discussed the [24/7 campaign and Y Street](#). (24/7 is a youth-driven initiative to help schools become tobacco-free 24 hours a day, seven days a week. VFHY also launched a website, [247CampaignVA.com](#), which offers free online resources and materials that Virginia schools can use to adopt or promote 100 percent tobacco-free schools policies. Y Street, is VFHY's statewide volunteer group for high school students.) Thus far, 20 school divisions are 100% tobacco-free!

### **DBHDS Update and Upcoming**

Gail mentioned that the CSBs are doing environmental scan to get a good list of tobacco (and other tobacco product) retailers. DCJS gives this list to ABC for underage buyer tobacco checks. The results are used to calculate the states SYNAR compliance rate. We must stay below a certain rate or all federal funding for prevention could be in jeopardy. There is great concern regarding usage because youth are trying e-cigar

### **ABC Update and Upcoming**

**Jennifer will send an email with information about College Tour and grant opportunities.**

**Jennifer will send a meeting request for May meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Farinholt  
VOSAP Facilitator