

## Marijuana Education and Prevention Subcommittee meeting


**Date:** 5/31/2018




**Location and Time:** VDH, 2 p.m.

**Present:** Megan Trutor, Mark Levine, Sarah Gregorek, Dawn Poitras, Lori Uerz, John Searles, Mark Redmond, Guy Pearce, Jolinda LaClair, Rose Gowdey, Amy Minor, David Scherr, Ann Pugh

**Absent:** Jake Perkinson, Jill Reinhart

**Meeting Facilitator and Note Taker:** Sarah Gregorek

<b>Meeting Objectives:</b> Fourth meeting on the marijuana advisory commission, education and prevention subcommittee		
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
Holly Morehouse, Executive Director  Vermont Afterschool Inc, (statewide nonprofit)	Afterschool programs in Vermont building protective factors addressing opportunity gaps and supporting prevention efforts.  Focus on how youth spend their time after school (peak hours from 3 – 6 p.m.) and over the summer. Discussion of Iceland’s approach and Finland (every youth has a hobby/interest). Need for place and programs. Model of Alaska’s funding of activities from Marijuana Education, Treatment and Prevention Fund.	<b>Will review articles Holly presented and discuss at a future meeting. Attached below.</b>   H Morehouse Marijuana Commissi
2017 YRBS Report  John Searles	Alcohol and Drug Data  Tobacco use went down from 11 – 9% (better than Healthy Vermonters 2020)  Alcohol use past 30 days went up from 30 to 33%  Past 30-day marijuana use increased from 22 to 24% of special concern because THC potency is higher in current	<b><u>YRBS Report</u></b>  <b>We’ll send the full report to the subcommittee. Will work on discussion points after marijuana becomes legal 7/1. Perception of harm has gone down significantly. Frequency of use has gone down</b>

	<p>cannabis. Advocates of marijuana suggest that it's less dangerous than alcohol. It's not a substitute but a complement (use of both substances is increasing). Elevates the risk of youth driving.</p>	<p><b>(from 45% – 42%) but we'll keep an eye on this trend because nationally, it's going up.</b></p>
<p>Subcommittee team Update</p>	<p><u>School-based programs subcommittee</u> Dawn Submitted recommendations to Dr. Levine Request that programs are not part of the school staff ratio; the budget is for 5 years.</p> <p><u>Subcommittee dealing with potency and alternate delivery systems/edibles/infusibles</u> Guy Potency is much higher now than the cannabis in research studies. Cannabis home grow legislation has offered little opportunity to add labeling/education material to consumers. As it develops can we attach messages to their supplies to educate users? Testing for contaminants is very expensive. Would the state lab test? Nothing in the law asking for testing, it would be voluntary and could be incentivized. Should the state be developing cannabis potency and naming conventions resource for info?</p> <p><u>Community-based programs subcommittee</u> Lori Meeting again in June and July</p>	<p><b>Will review all proposals in detail at next meeting. Subcommittee members should come prepared to discuss. See documents below.</b></p> <p> SAP Grant Proposal 2018.pdf</p> <p> Marijuana Potency-Evaluation and Impl</p> <p> Community Based Program Subcommit</p>

	<p>Using Socioeconomic models/Health Impact Assessment recommendations</p> <p>Identified some strategies for policies and systems</p> <p>Need a public safety rep. Reach out to commissioner Anderson to find a rep for this subcommittee</p>	
Next Steps	<p>Hear from remaining subcommittees:</p> <p><u>Messaging subcommittee:</u> Megan Trutor, Nancy Erickson, Kathleen Horton</p> <p><u>Policy subcommittee:</u> Dr. Levine, Shayla Livingston, David Englander</p> <p><u>Research and surveillance</u> – will ask Ann Pugh plus provide VDH support.</p>	<p><b>What is the messaging to parents about alcohol and marijuana – Messaging subcommittee will focus on this.</b></p>
Next Meeting	<p>July 25, 1 – 2:30 p.m. at VDH</p>	