

VIRGINIA OFFICE FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (VOSAP) COLLABORATIVE
NOVEMBER 7, 2017 - 10:00 A.M. -NOON
DMV CENTRAL OFFICE,

VOSAP Collaborative Members in attendance:

Kim G. Brown, TurnKey KB & Associates LLC
Jennifer Farinholt, Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)
Monica Jackson, DCJS
Jessica Lambertson, Dept. of Motor Vehicles
Jodi Manz, Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary of Health & Human Resources
Art Mayer, Dept. of Juvenile Justice
Donna Michaelis, DCJS
Gail Taylor, DBHDS
Sarah Westphal, Virginia State Police/YOVASO
Melissa Wood, Virginia ABC

VOSAP Collaborative Members not present:

Mark Buff, Dept. of Fire Programs
JoAnn Burkholder, DOE
James Christian, Dept. of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS)
Marty Kilgore, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (VFHY)
Mary King, Virginia State Police/YOVASO
Abby Pendleton, Virginia ABC
SFC Douglas Perry, Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Taskforce
Anya Shaffer, VDH
Christopher Spain, Dept. of Social Services
LTC William X Taylor, Virginia National Guard Counterdrug Task Force Commander

Welcome and introductions

We opened by introducing ourselves. Melissa Wood joined the Collaborative; she is the new FDA Tobacco Coordinator at Virginia ABC. Officer Cara Jacobs, Roanoke County Police Department and Officer Greg Benton, Roanoke City Police Department were our guest speakers.

Review of August 24, 2017 Meeting Summary

There were no changes to the August 24, 2017 Meeting Summary.

Virginia's Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program

Officer Cara Jacobs, Roanoke County Police Department, Officer Greg Benton, Roanoke City Police Department and DMV's State Impaired Driving Coordinator & State DRE Coordinator Jessica Lambertson shared a presentation "Virginia's Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program," led discussion and answered questions. The Los Angeles Police Department started the DRE program in the 70s. In California there are currently about 1,600 DREs. Virginia previously had a DRE program (in fact, was one of the first states to adopt a program in 1989 and the program was strong and active) but it declined to just a few DREs. Since Jess started in her position she's built to 18 (or 19) DREs. The program is very important because drug impaired driving is on the rise. DREs determine: 1. Is the subject impaired? (Rule out alcohol.), 2. Medical condition or injury?, then provide 3. Opinion of the DRE. DREs use a 12 step process to determine impairment from seven categories of drugs (CNS Depressant, CNS Stimulant, Hallucinogen, Dissociative Anesthetic, Narcotic Analgesic, Inhalant or Cannabis).

Donna said 20 years ago DREs taught school nurses and administrators about what to watch for with impairment in the school setting. Jess said NHTSA is very strict about how DREs are utilized but they are interested in using DREs collaboratively. It is expensive and time consuming to get DRE-certified. DCJS may be able to help with grants to support additional law enforcement officers receiving the training to become DREs (or support overtime necessary for some agencies when officers are unavailable for weeks due to training). Jodi said there is an effort to provide additional support to the Department of Forensic Science to have enough analysts to speed up the turnaround time on lab samples. Kim said it would be great for DREs, and other officers, to have information to direct people to needed services.

Partnership for Success Grant Advisory Committee Role and State Epidemiological Workgroup Report from Gail Taylor and Kim Brown

The State Epidemiological Workgroup meets on December 8. PFS Grantees will begin implementing strategies in June incorporating their knowledge of health disparities.

Developed by SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies, Virginia was chosen to pilot the Intersection Between Substance Misuse Prevention and Recovery Approaches training. Two trainings have occurred for approximately 30 prevention, treatment, and recovery staff and volunteers from the Partnerships for Success grantee coalitions. In order to provide the curriculum statewide and ensure its sustainability, Virginia requested, and received, approval for a Training of Trainers (TOT) opportunity. Eleven TOTs were trained. Intersection Between Substance Misuse Prevention and Recovery Approaches training events will begin in January 2018. Initially, DBHDS will provide training in each of the five regions. Kim is the contact for additional information. Jennifer mentioned that from informal conversations she's had, there is tremendous interest in this training.

Governor's Taskforce on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse Updates from Jodi Manz, Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary of Health & Human Resources

Final meeting will take place December 11 from 2 – 3:30 pm at the Richmond Public Library's Main Branch. This will be an opportunity to hear about current initiatives and next steps to address the overdose epidemic in Virginia. The meeting will be followed by a short reception with state leadership that will end at 4:15. Information is being passed on to the Governor-Elect's transition team.

Legislation will allow all synthetic opioids to be defined as illegal based on formulation not name. Also working with Department of Corrections to address high-risk with re-entry after incarceration. Over 10% of overdose deaths occurred when individuals were on probation or parole. Substance Abuse and Addiction Recovery Alliance (SAARA) of Virginia's new Executive Director is Paige Bullen, it is expected she will be a very strong advocate voice. Jodi encouraged Collaborative members to connect with SAARA.

DCJS News and Updates

Donna said the Center for School and Campus Safety needs to provide drug training across the board. They have had difficulty identifying *local* trainers. They have some great resources but it gets very expensive to fly people in. Donna is hopeful that the DRE program could act as a training resource in the future.

DCJS hosting 2017 Strengthening Connections School Climate Forum in Richmond on November 27-28, a new session invites attendees to complete a personality profile that will help individuals to understand their particular biases; DCJS also launching a series of trainings about trauma-informed practices for law enforcement and provided disability awareness training.

Monica shared that all DCJS Racial and Ethnic Disparity trainings are registered to capacity, tweaks will continue to address the particular audiences/issues.

YOVASO News and Updates

Sarah shared that she is moving on to a new position with a non-profit organization on November 21.

YOVASO wrapped up their Save Your Tailgate campaign and is gearing up for the Steer Into the New Year campaign. They are getting a lot of requests for the SCAN Ed interactive program that works with iPads and scannable QR codes that pop up with traffic safety videos and facts. Sarah also mentioned they are experiencing a lot of turnover with the YOVASO club advisors and are working on incentives of continuing professional development and DCJS credits to encourage advisor longevity.

Virginia ABC News and Updates/VOSAP Collaborative

Jennifer said ABC will work on drafting a best practice guide for impairment goggles. Also, periodically people contact VOSAP asking about publications previously published by GOSAP. In particular, a request was received from a city fire department for *Prevention Comes First: Parent guide to Personal Safety for Youth*. Topics covered in this guide were: fire safety, internet safety, driving safety, bullying, gangs, inhalant use prevention and underage drinking. Jennifer responded to the inquirer with the link to Virginia ABC's resources for underage drinking prevention, the link to DOE's Health Smart website and the link to VFHY's tobacco prevention fact sheets and resources for parents. To be prepared in the future, Jennifer will send a request to identify prevention resources available from each agency.

Jennifer shared a few Facebook posts, notably the image below.



A series of these types of messages, to be promoted by all VOSAP Collaborative agencies, is a goal for the coming year.

VOSAP Annual Report

Agency submissions were not received in time to produce a complete draft for the meeting. (A draft was shared on November 22.)

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Farinholt
VOSAP Facilitator