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Marijuana Ad-Hoc Committee (MAC)

Prevention Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Teleconference: 1-877-446-3255

Passcode: 1563326033

Catalpa Health Community Room – Treatment Center Building

444 North Westhill Blvd.

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Members Present: Chris Wardlow, Kathy Marty, Jane Birkholz, Kari Lerch, Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald, Kathy Asper, Danielle Luther, Dan Hinton, Karen Rucks, Sarah Johnson, Joe Muchka, Dr. Krista Lisdahl, Emanuel Scarbrough, Floyd Asonwha, Sarah Turner, Lilliam Pinero, Paula Brown, Doreen Eldred

Members on Phone: Dr. A.J. Ernst, Dr. David Galbis-Reig, John Mannydeeds, Daniel Scott

Excused: Catherine Kalina, Ronna Corliss, Scott Stokes, Brad Dunlap, Jason Weber

Staff: Paul Krupski and Raina Zwadzich

Welcome and Introductions

Chris Wardlow, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked Members and Staff for agreeing to participate on the Marijuana Ad-Hoc Committee (MAC). Chris requested Members to introduce themselves.

Brief Discussion of the Creation of the Marijuana Ad-Hoc Committee

Chris shared information about how the MAC workgroup came from the Prevention Committee, which is a subcommittee of the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA). The Prevention Committee has a long history of pulling together Ad-Hoc Committees on emerging or relevant topics in the substance abuse prevention field. Past Ad-Hoc Committees that were pulled together included, the Alcohol Culture and Environment (ACE), Controlled Substances Workgroup (CSW), and the 911 Good Samaritan Law. Recently the Heroin Workgroup just completed and published their strategies and solutions to Wisconsin's heroin epidemic in July 2014. In the past, all of these Ad-Hoc Committees were charged with providing a recommendation report to SCAODA regarding programming, strategies and services that could be implemented to prevent and reduce the harm associated with the Workgroups' drug or topic.

The recommendations that come from the MAC can request action at all the different levels within in the state, (local, municipal, county, tribe, statewide, etc.). The report's target audience is community prevention coalitions and local leaders in discussing marijuana at all different with different systems.

Scope of the Work

Chair requested Paul Krupski, Staff to MAC to discuss some 'housekeeping' issues. Paul stated by SCAODA's bylaws, Ad-Hoc Committees typical exist for a year, 12 months. Members were identified based on their work and/or interest around marijuana and we tried to have representation from the 12 sectors from across the state. Most of the Committee's work is typically completed in 9-10 months, and the last two months are spent creating, formatting and drafting the report. Paul requested as part of Members' participation in MAC is to contribute to the drafting and writing of the report. Paul will be working with Chris to have meeting dates available two months in advance to encourage attendance and participation. Future meetings will be 'agenda-driven' and will vary in time to accommodate the needs and requests of the Members.

The MAC's Charge was sent to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) Federal Project Officer for review and approval. The Federal Project Officer did not see any issues with the Charge and clarified that we are able to provide information and education about marijuana and its related topics. The Members discussed the differences between advocating, lobbying and sharing information/education. Paul asked Members to be aware of their funding and their time when participating in MAC and MAC activities. It is an individual's choice on how they participate in MAC and they will be identified as 'contributors' to the report. We want Members to be comfortable, transparent and informed with all these issues up front as we begin our work together. The Charge will be emailed to all Members for their review.

We are aware that not all the recommendations may have everyone's approval/agreement and we will state that in the report. This has happened in the past with reports like the "911 Good Samaritan". MAC Staff are not Members and will not be voting; they will assist the Chair and Members with resources and information to help inform them per their requests.

Recommendations are to be "big picture" and provide the ideal prevention, public health and safety approach and provide information in case other scenarios happen in regards to the regulation, legalization of marijuana.

Members had a discussion about the difference between lobbying and advocating. Chris passed around language on this issue from two different sources, the Drug Free Communities (DFC) Request for Proposal (RFP) and the Federal Substance Abuse Block Grant. Suggestion was made by a Member to include information in the report, maybe as an appendix about lobbying vs. advocating and how to use this information in the report with the same intent and integrity as it was written. Chris requested this be noted in the minutes, and it will be discussed when we start drafting the report. Research which will guide our recommendations and we don't have to worry about creating and identifying recommendations right now. Research and lessons learned from other states will help in the future with the formation of the recommendations.

It was agreed upon by the Chair and Members to share their thoughts, ideas about their personal, professional views on marijuana. Respect is to be given as we want to understand everyone's viewpoint to learn and gather knowledge and resources related to marijuana. Related topics that were mentioned include:

- Perception of harm
- Effects of marijuana use today vs. the past
- Respect traditions around individuals who use marijuana
- Decriminalization
- Marijuana use and the adverse childhood experiences (ACE) – incarceration and drug use
- Educating youth, parents and community members
- Treatment and prevention messages that convey the risks and burden on society that do not include “scare tactics”
- How cannabis affects the brain
- Address policy implications that protect ethnic/racial minorities groups
- How to use funding to assist with the prevention, treatment, recovery and safety issues
- Understand how marijuana, cannabis, or marijuana compounds can be used for medical purposes (What would have to happen to have it researched?)
- Would this be an increase for the workload of our law enforcement, educators, etc.?
- Workplace testing and how this effects Wisconsin's future workforce and their skills development and capabilities (HR issues)
- Prevention of use among soldiers and veterans
- Drug Courts
- Recovery aspects and how can we create recovery oriented systems of care (ROSC)
- Include youth perspectives and thoughts while creating recommendations
- Historical perspectives, cocaine and how it was marketed as having medicinal qualities
- Sociological impacts of marijuana use
- Organizations or membership committees that have stances against the legalization of marijuana, like ASAM, NASW, etc.?
- Environmental impact to grow and cultivate marijuana, pesticides that have been used in the past have been harmful
- Difficulty for Physicians and other Prescriber to prescribe marijuana when they aren't sure about the dosage, percent of THC, side effects, how it is administered, etc.
- Limit marketing aspects like the alcohol industry and youth

Discussion among members included a request and mutual agreement for the next meeting to include a “Marijuana 101” that would provide information and overview about research updates and related topics to inform Members. The following individuals agreed to share and present at the next meeting: Dr. Lisdahl, Brad Dunlap, Dr. Galbis-Reig and Dr. A.J. Ernst.

The chairman read the Committee's Charge and shared the mission and goals of SCAODA. SCAODA's mission and goals can be viewed at: <http://www.scaoda.state.wi.us/index.htm> We will be updating the SCAODA website in the near future with the Ad-Hoc Committee's information as we are switching web developers.

Additional Needs and/or people

- Person in recovery
- Dr. Berger, issues from the labor/workforce perspective
- Insurance and businesses representation

Framework

The framework will be determined in the future and the committee may decide to use the "Pillar Approach" that was used in the Heroin Report. The emphasis of the work is to be transparent, incorporate factual information that is researched and cited by credible sources. We are also asking to create/identify recommendations that are evidence based and or evidence informed to give credibility to the Committee's work.

It was agreed upon to not send all the research that Members have out to the Committee but instead email it to Paul or Raina and they will disperse per requests.

Assessment of Burden

The Epidemiological Report (data on marijuana) was handed out to the Members for their review. The full "Epi Report" will be printed and ready for distribution in a couple of weeks. The Population Health Institute, UW-Madison can answer any questions that you may have about the data. Members discussed the reported YRBS data and requested to see if there are any more data that could assist the Committee, especially data on policies and their intended and unintended outcomes. Members also requested data on protective and environmental factors to better understand 'what is working' in other communities/tribes/states.

The chairman thanked the Committee Members for attending and participating in the first MAC meeting. He is looking forward to the presentations at the next meeting and is hopeful that the work being done around the table will help Wisconsin communities. If there are any questions please feel free to contact Chris Wardlow or Paul Krupski.

Future Meeting Dates/Agenda Items

November 6th, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location TBD