




Education Workgroup Minutes
January 9, 2015; 1:00 pm- 4:00 pm
Virginia Industries for the Blind Board Room
1102 Monticello Ave, Charlottesville, VA

Purpose:

To develop implementation steps for the short term recommendations as accepted by the full Task Force per Executive Order 29.

Attendees:

			
Victoria Cochran, co-chair	X		
David Brown, DC	X		
Terry Dickinson, DDS			X
Sarah Melton, PharmD	X		
Don Flattery	X		
Chief Craig Branch			X
Juan Santacoloma			
John Welch	X		
Jane Chambers			X
Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, DO	X		
Gail Taylor	X		
James Ray, PharmD			X
Maria Jankowski	X		
Eden Freeman			X
Sterling Ransone, Jr., MD*			X
Danny Saggese			X
Lisa Wooten, BSN, RN	X		
Nassima Ait- Daoud Tiouririne, MD			X
Carolyn Weems	X		

**Kirsten Roberts of MSV attended for Dr. Ransone*

Also in attendance:

Fran Ecker, Agency head for the Department of Criminal Justice Services;

Jodi Manz, Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Staff

Meeting Notes- Accepted Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan

Accepted Recommendations- Education

1. Develop a state website as an informational hub on prescription drug and heroin abuse. (coincides to referrals from Storage and Disposal)

- a. *What are we calling the site?*- attracts whether heroin or opioids garner attention
- b. *What features are important?*- where to get help/treatment (SAMSHA link is helpful- ensure lists non-insurance options as well, the SAMHSA link is not updated as often as it should be), prevention, info for providers, and law enforcement, pharmacy, basics of addiction, personal impact stories
Logistically- different agencies can be responsible for different pieces OR can have one point of oversight
- c. *Who will take leadership?* Goal is to create content in a beta, not live function, as well as who is going to host and what it's going to look like.

ACTION:

- 1) **Staff** will continue to review federal grants list from Governor's DC office- *ongoing*
- 2) **Staff** will develop a high level preliminary report for Co Chairs to present to TF on March 10. This report shall frame deliverables to the TF and include progress on content, funding, a reasonable goal date for a beta site, and potential leadership and ownership for sustaining the site. – *draft of report to Co-Chairs by February 13*

2. Create and send “Dear Colleague” letters and stock Op-Eds

ACTION:

- 1) Letter from Secretary Hazel to prescribers- **David Brown** has composed this. **Staff** will refer this to Secretary Hazel and the Governor's Policy office for edits. Will ask for edits by *January 30*
- 2) Letter to Veterinarians- **Dr Brown** will work with the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Will send draft to **Staff** by *February 13*.
- 3) From Secretary Holton to county boards, high school principals, etc. - **Carolyn Weems** will work on a draft. **Staff** will reach out to Secretary Holton's office to make them aware of this task, and will coordinate the drafting and dissemination upon receipt from **Ms. Weems**. Draft will be sent to **Staff** by *January 30*.
- 4) From Secretary Hazel to pharmacists- **Dr Melton** will work to draft this. Draft will be sent to **Staff** for referral to Secretary Hazel by *January 30*.

These letters can be included in website content

- 5) Op-Eds. **Carolyn Weems** is currently drafting on for the Virginia Pilot, which she will share with **Staff** for the group's purposes upon completion. **Don Flattery** will work on one that can be of use for the Task Force and share with **Staff** upon completion. **Staff** will

coordinate with the Governor's Communications Office on how they wish to proceed and place. Deliverable date dependent on the direction of the Comms staff.

*Procedurally, all workgroup members are asked to make the Task Force aware of any public communications via **Staff**. As several members have been asked by the Office of the Attorney General to comment on both their experiences with opioid issues as well as potential legislation, the Co Chairs request to review these potential communications. Any legislative comment requests are particularly of note and may be sent to the Governor's Policy staff for review as well.

3. Collaborate with Storage and Disposal to place stationary disposal container in every locality and subsequently inform Virginians of their locations

ACTION:

Staff will reach out to Storage and Disposal staff **Teresa Gooch** to review the status of this recommendation and will report back to Co Chairs and workgroup by February 13.

4. Collaborate with Storage and Disposal group to encourage distribution of lock boxes with controlled substance providers

ACTION:

Staff will reach out to Storage and Disposal staff **Teresa Gooch** to review the status of this recommendation and will report back to Co Chairs and workgroup *by February 13*.

5. Send a letter to all prescribers and dispensers about the PMP, focusing on the urgency of the overdose epidemic

ACTION:

No action is necessary; this will be covered by the action items listed in #2.

6. Annual educational outreach to opioid prescribers regarding appropriate prescribing of controlled substances

ACTION:

Ralph Orr, PMP Director, is currently working to comprise data and follow up with resources for prescription writers who may require further attention. This is a long-term project; **Staff** will work with Mr Orr and Dr Brown to ensure that the group is *updated as necessary*.

- 7. Send a letter to healthcare school leaders regarding development of pain management and addiction training curricula or equivalent to.**

ACTION:

Drs Melton and Brown will work to draft this letter, based upon the curriculum that Dr McMasters has developed for all health professionals. Draft will be sent to **Staff** by *January 30*.

- 8. Develop minimum 4-hour opioid educational curriculum for law enforcement, corrections probation and parole, EMTs, CIT officers, and school resource officers**

ACTION:

As this training must be at the discretion of the leadership of listed groups, coordination of this action item must include Secretariat leadership. Development of these curricula for various groups should be headed by DCJS, DBHDS, and VDH. Agencies can then work toward the best method of delivery for each professional group. Law enforcement training academy directors often utilize this kind of training at an introductory level, and therefore, should be included in this group as well.

Training must include, at minimum:

- Education about addiction (DBHDS)
- Better ways to interface with those in drug crisis (DBHDS)
- Law enforcement experience
- Data (VDH)

Staff will draft a letter for Secretaries Hazel and Moran to the Agency Heads of DBHDS, DCJS, and VDH, requesting their participation and requesting participant composition, by *January 30*. Thereafter, DCJS will convene the meeting of this group.

- 9. Develop law enforcement training program regarding naloxone administration if pilot is expanded to include law enforcement; pilot expansion must include law enforcement immunity for injuries when administering naloxone,**

ACTION:

Delegate O'Bannon has drafted legislation to expand the pilot. In order to implement this, the Revive curriculum language may need to be reworked slightly to apply. This legislation will be followed by both **HHR and PS**, and the workgroup will be updated on the bill's progress *as necessary*.

10. Referral from Enforcement: Multi-disciplinary training and education

ACTION:

No action is necessary, as this mirrors the intent of #8.

11. Referral from Storage and Disposal: Education for doctors on how to prescribe medication in proper doses to limit excess quantities of drugs

ACTION:

Staff will include such language in the edits for the letter to providers as described in #2.

Next Steps

The workgroup wishes to meet on the morning of each Task Force meeting moving forward. Thus, the next meeting of the Education Workgroup will be held on March 10, 2015, location to be determined.