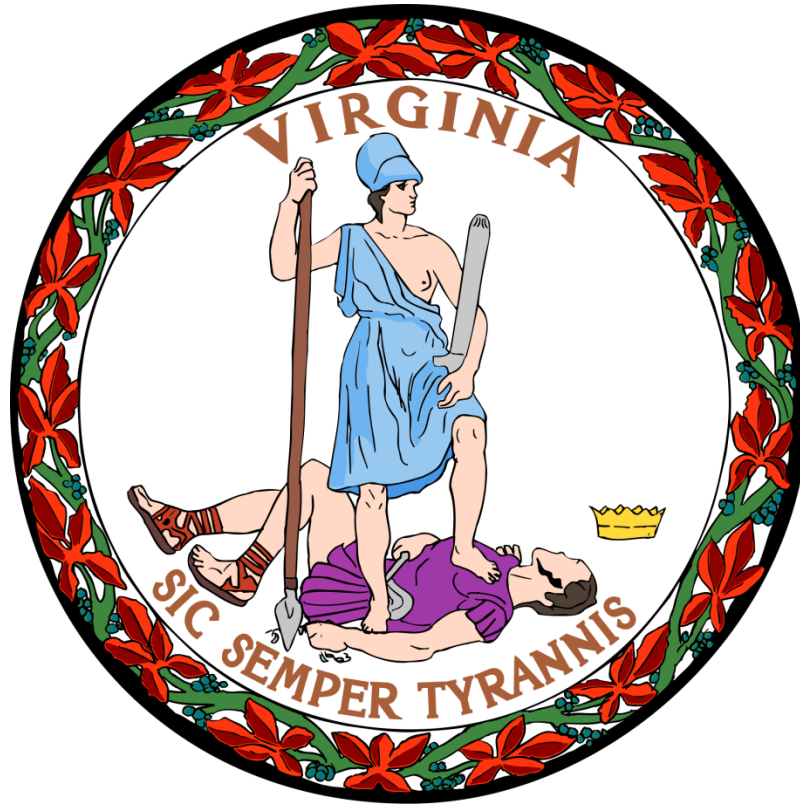




# Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug & Heroin Abuse



## Education Workgroup Recommendations

May 12, 2015



# Education Workgroup Status of Accepted Recommendations

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Development of State supported Website:

Under leadership of DHP, relevant state agencies are convening on this.

Workgroup also established a Sub-Committee for content purposes





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Public Service announcement campaign: workgroup created subgroup, VDH is collaborating with Department of Education on awareness curricula.

She gets her hair from her mom.  
Her eyes from her dad.  
And **her drugs** from her grandma's medicine cabinet.

**BE AWARE.  
DON'T SHARE.  
LOCK YOUR MEDS.**

70% of teens who abuse prescription drugs get them from family or friends. Prevent children from abusing medication by securing your meds.

For more information, go to [ChesterfieldSAFE.org](http://ChesterfieldSAFE.org)



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# Education Workgroup Long Term Recommendations

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## Professional Education:

1. Collaborate with appropriate **medical and healthcare boards** to require them to provide curricula in **health professional schools** (medical, nursing, pharmacy, and dental) on the safe and appropriate use of opioids to treat pain while minimizing the risk of addiction and substance abuse.
2. Evaluate options for **continuing medical education** including incentives and consequences to encourage participation in CME of opioids to treat pain while minimizing the risk of addiction and substance abuse.
3. Work with **schools of social work and psychology** to encourage education on addiction, treatment resources, and resource coordination for students going on to work as mental health providers. This effort can be coordinated with Health and Human Resources, DBHDS, and accredited schools of social work and psychology in Virginia.





# Education Workgroup Recommendations for Further Review and Consideration

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1. Work with relevant medical, nursing, dental, and pharmacy student groups to help disseminate educational materials, and establish student programs that can give community educational presentations on prescription drug abuse and substance abuse.
2. Further education of judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys on the nature and causes of addiction and alternatives to incarcerations.





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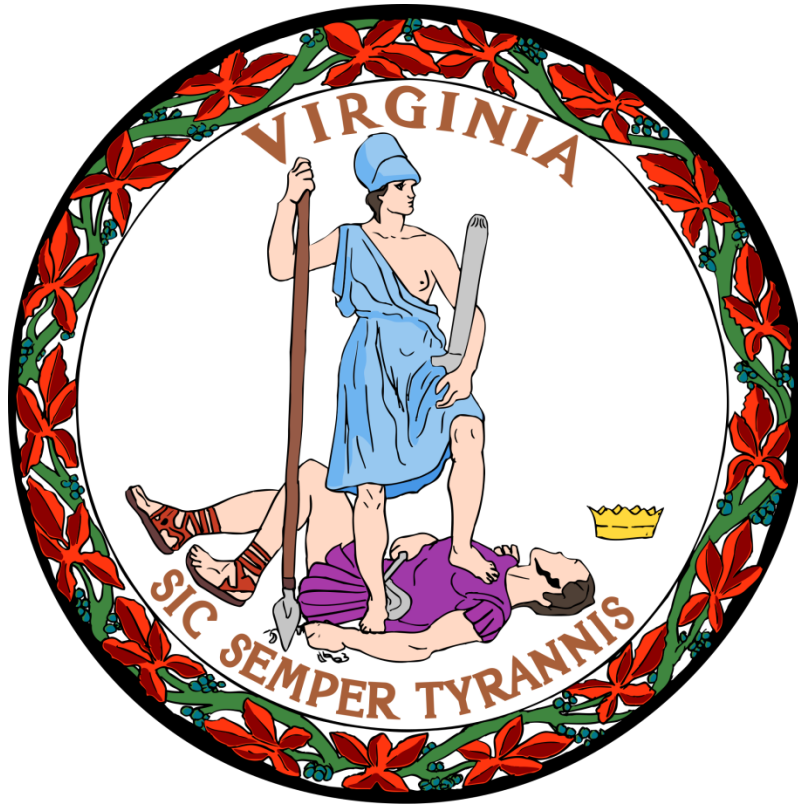
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## Questions & Comments?





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