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## VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION SUBSTANCE USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

# **Workgroup Meeting Minutes**

Virginia Higher Education Substance Use Advisory Committee (VHESUAC) Members in attendance: Colleen Howarth, Virginia ABC Tom Kirby, Virginia ABC Katie Crumble, Virginia ABC Malcolm King, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) Cheryl DeHaven, DBHDS Keith Cartwright, DBHDS and Randolph-Macon College Dana Schrad, Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) Marc Dawkins, Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Jen Cox, Longwood University Jill Russett, Christopher Newport University Raymond Tuttle, University of Mary Washington Susie Bruce, University of Virginia Kat Corrin, Virginia Commonwealth University Danielle Dick, Virginia Commonwealth University Melodie Fearnow-Kenney, Virginia Commonwealth University Katherine Scott, Virginia Commonwealth University David Andrews, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Sarah Jones, Virginia Military Institute Mindy Koon, James Madison University Slade Gormus, University of Richmond Mark Miller, John Tyler Community College Craig Branch, Germanna Community College

## VHESUAC Members not in attendance:

Christine Diggs, John Tyler Community College Linda Hancock, Virginia College Alcohol Leadership Council (VaCALC) Chris Konschak, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Virginia Cynthia Burwell, Norfolk State University Doug Goodman, Ashland Police Department Aditya Narayan, University of Virginia Maribel Saimre, Virginia Dept. of Education (VDOE)

Facilitator, Colleen Howarth, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.



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#### Welcome and Introductions

- Opening remarks were provided by Virginia ABC CEO, Travis Hill, thanking Workgroup members for their engagement in VHESUAC and pledging the support of the Virginia ABC leadership team in this important strategic endeavour.
- Two new members were introduced: Katherine Scott representing Rams in Recovery at Virginia Commonwealth University and Craig Branch representing Germanna Community College Police Department.

#### **Approval of September Meeting Minutes**

Members of the Workgroup approved the September 2018 meeting minutes unanimously.

#### Workgroup Next Steps

- Facilitator proposed the following mission for VHESUAC and feedback was given: Engage Virginia's institutions of higher education in a collaborative and coordinated effort to create a statewide environment and culture that values student health and safety, as evident by reduced student substance misuse across campuses. Facilitator will incorporate feedback if possible and bring finalized VHESUAC mission before the Executive Council for approval.
- Facilitator introduced the list of Virginia ABC Board appointed Executive Council members.

#### Workgroup Action Plan

- Facilitator presented a data collection plan to address the gaps in information that were identified at the previous Workgroup meeting. The data collected from this plan will be used to write a status report on substance use behaviors and perceptions among college students and substance use prevention programming at Virginia's institutions of higher education. This status report will inform the development of the statewide strategic plan.
- Details of the data collection plan were discussed and feedback was given. The data collection plan involves surveying Vice Presidents of Student Affairs or equivalent at all Virginia institutions of higher education on the following topics: prevention activities and programs, screening and intervention services, parental involvement, faculty/staff policies and training, alcohol availability, impression of problems, student behavior assessment methods, Drug Free Schools and Communities Act regulations, student policies and sanctions, and enforcement of policies. It also involves surveying Chiefs of Police at all Virginia institutions of higher education on campus security activities and surveying representatives from the International Town and Gown Association on their current efforts.



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- A consensus was reached to make the data collection process anonymous so that honest feedback could be received. A process will be put in place to link data to respective school characteristics and identify the schools that did and did not participate while still maintaining anonymity.
- The Virginia College Alcohol Leadership Council (VaCALC) will be surveying administration at Virginia's institutions of higher education on current best practices being implemented as identified by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's CollegeAIM Intervention Matrix.
- The Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP) will share previous data collected from college student focus groups conducted on several campuses.
- The College Behavioral and Emotional Health Institute (COBE) will share previous data collected from the Spit for Science program at Virginia Commonwealth University.
- The International Town & Gown Association (ITGA) will share their 2018 Data Digest as well as
  other information collected from national ITGA members on environmental strategies involving
  landlords in campus-communities. ITGA will also assist with surveying members across Virginia on
  current activities and needs as part of the data collection plan.
- Also mentioned was the future coordination of statewide data collection on student substance use behaviors and attitudes, and preliminary ideas were shared such as being sure to not duplicate efforts and having a set of core questions for all Virginia institutions of higher education to report on instead of a statewide mandated survey.
  - Addressing all factors that affect student wellness, comparing data collected to benchmarks and connecting data collected to student retention and academic performance were discussed as important aspects of future data collection efforts.

#### Legislative Update

- Facilitator shared the website links and usefulness of the Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) and Virginia's Legislative Information System (LIS). Facilitator also reviewed relevant bills currently in LIS, including SB737 and SB1037.
- Facilitator highlighted key information from the Center for Alcohol Policy's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Law and Policy Conference and the upcoming U.S. Supreme Court Case, *Tennessee Wine & Spirits Retailers* v. Clayton Byrd.
- Eddie Wirt, Chief Communications and Research Officer for Virginia ABC, presented an update on the Senate Rehabilitation and Social Services subcommittee work on SB773.



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#### Agency News, Successful Efforts and Discussion

 The upcoming Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference will be held February 20-22, 2019.

Facilitator, Colleen Howarth, adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

