

**DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention Advisory Group**

**Meeting Minutes
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2nd Floor, Cabinet Room
The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Dover, DE 19901
February 19, 2019
5:00pm

Members Present: Candice Fifer; Susan Haberstroh; Dana Carr; Amanda Fesel; Jessica Bloch; Erin Booker; Donna Kolakowski; John Hoover; Maansi Pant.

Others Present: Jenna Ahner; Christine Alois; Emily Cunningham; Tammy Croce.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Candice Fifer called the meeting to Order at 5:02p.m. She provided background on the Committee and an overview of the meeting agenda.

Subcommittee members introduced themselves and their organizational affiliation.

II. Review Subcommittee Charge and Expectations

Jenna Ahner, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, Christine Alois, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Education, and Dana Carr, Department of Health and Social Services, provided an overview of Senate Concurrent Resolution 69 and the Youth Drug Prevention Curriculum Task Force. They provided an overview of the recommendations put forward by the Task Force in December 2018. They reviewed the recommendations in the final report, including the creation of an advisory group to review the current code and regulations regarding drug and substance abuse.

III. Discuss Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention in Delaware and Nationally

Ms. Carr provided an overview of work underway through the Delaware Department of Education, Department of Health and Social Services, and through the Department of Services for Children, Youth and their Families. She provided an overview of work underway in-school and out of school. Ms. Carr provided information regarding the requirements under Delaware's law and those in other states.

IV. Review and Discuss Delaware's Current Laws Related to Drug and Substance Abuse Prevention

Susan Haberstroh, Director of School Support Services at the Department of Education, provided an overview of current law and regulation relating to drug and substance abuse prevention.

The committee discussed the current instructional hours requirement for drug and substance abuse, and the ability to meet this requirement for elementary, middle school, and high school grades. They discussed the strengths and challenges of changing or eliminating the hours requirement.

Members discussed the importance of reaching students in elementary school, middle school, and early in high school to most effectively address prevention.

The committee discussed how drug and substance abuse fits into the overall comprehensive health curriculum. Partnerships with health systems and community-based partners were discussed.

Licensure and certification requirements for health educators and physical education teachers were discussed. Members suggested the possibility of working with institutions of higher education to combine these programs. The Committee also expressed interest in evidence-supported practices and professional development.

V. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

VI. Next Steps and Adjournment

The Chairs of the committee asked members to bring the following information to the next meeting:

1. Further analysis of high-quality instructional materials that are evidence-supported;
2. Review of current standards;
3. Conversations/feedback on current implementation at elementary, middle, and high school levels;
4. Partnerships with community, specifically what programs exist, how many hours are provided, grant/partnership opportunities;
5. Feedback from students on what is beneficial for engaging them when discussing drug abuse prevention;

Further discussion on Regulation 851 will also occur at the next meeting.