**SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES COUNCIL**

December 1 , 2022- 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Physical Location: Virginia Association at Community Services Boards (VACSB)

10128 West Broad Street #B

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Senator John Bell, Chair

Victor McKenzie, Secretary

Meeting Participants:

Virtual:

Lea Small- WHRO

Kathy Boyle-

Michelle Sutterland-

Delegate Delores L. McQuinn

Charliene Motley- VA Department of Corrections

Tim May-

Ginny Atwood Lovitt- The CAF

Leslie Egen- DCJS/FAACT

In-Person:

Julie Truitt- DBHDS

Victor McKenzie- SAARA

Peter Breslin, MD- Consumer Advocacy Org

Marny Bentley, LPC- VACSB

Katie Grumble- Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

Harold W. Clarke, Director- Department of Corrections

Jackson Miller, Director- Department of Criminal Justice Services

Jillian Balow, Superintendent- Department of Education

Marty Kilgore, Executive Director- Virginia Foundation of Healthy Youth

Angela Coleman, Executive Director- Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Program

Danny TK Avula, MD, MPH; Commissioner- Department of Social Services

Linda B. Ford, Acting Commissioner- Department of Motor Vehicles

Cheryl J. Roberts, JD, Director- Department of Medical Assistance Services

Amy Floriano- Director- Department of Juvenile Justice

Collin M. Greene, MD, MPH- Department of Health

**\*Senator Bell absent**

1. Welcome and Introductions.... John Bell, Senator, Chair

Attendance: We ask that each member share his/her role on the council and how long he/she has served

1. Review of Minutes from October 20, 2022 (No Quroum)

Meeting...... John Bell, Senator, Chair

1. Old Business
   1. None
2. New Business
   1. Presentation-Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA)- Tony McDowell
      1. Unable to attend
   2. Updated/Pending SASC Membership
      1. Changing name of council
      2. Virginia Addiction Recovery Council
      3. Increases membership from 29 to 32
         1. Adding two members from gambling recovery community and one representing Opioid Task Force
   3. Consideration of an electronic communications policy
      1. New policy allows individuals to participate virtually- accessible to those with disabilities, travelling more than 60 miles to attend, etc.
      2. Quorum must be established in room first.
         1. Virtual attendees don’t count as quorum
            1. Concerns are that although this sounds like a goal, skeptical of whether or not those virtually attending will hold same influence as those in-person.
            2. Del. Coyner suggests amendment having chair approve virtual days.
      3. 2 out 4 meetings you can attend electronically
      4. Sample policy from guidance from FOIAA Council, Tobacco Council, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
      5. **Tabled until next meeting**
   4. Planning for 2023
      1. 4 meetings per calendar year
         1. 1 per quarter
      2. Want to avoid session
      3. Must develop report on actions the Council has taken over the year, as well as recommendations for the General Assembly
      4. Adding numbers to Council- 29-32; 2 problem gambling experts, 1 from Abatement Authority
3. Meeting Dates for 2023
   1. Have 3 meetings before mid-September deadline and final after
   2. April 13, 1:00-3:00 pm.
   3. July 13, 1:00-3:00 pm.
   4. August 17, 1:00-3:00 pm.
   5. December 7, 1:00-3:00 pm.
4. Public Comment (5-minute speaking limit)
   1. Ginny Atwood Lovitt- CAF
      1. Bringing to attention that there is work happening to bring forward another drug-induced homicide law
      2. Attempted a couple of years ago then vetoed
      3. Advocating for CAF- asking Council to do whatever it can to avoid passing another law like this
      4. Says that bill has certain logic to it that makes it easy to be passed.
         1. Allows for someone who provides drugs to someone to be charged with homicide if the person drugs were sold to commits the offense
      5. Says that Governor Youngkin has asked someone to bring forward this bill
      6. Deters people from using the Good-Samaritan Law
         1. Deters people from calling for help
   2. Senator Boysko
      1. Commending Ginny and in complete agreement with her sentiments
   3. Guest mentioning that the law, by definition, is not homicide but instead accidental death- supporting Ginny
   4. Delegate McQuinn
      1. Supporting Ginny
      2. Ridiculous that this is something that would be considered to deter addiction
   5. Delegate Coyner
      1. Shedding light on multiple bills she is hoping to pass for the 2023 Legislative Session related to substance abuse disorder
   6. Attendee raises incarceration issue
      1. Still have those jailed/paroled unable to receive MEDICAID benefits/participate in the programs
5. Adjournment