

**Council Comparison re: S.42**

	EXISTING ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COUNCIL	PROPOSED SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHARGE	To promote the reduction of problems arising from alcohol and drug abuse by advising the Secretary on policy areas that can inform Agency programs	To foster coordination and integration of substance abuse services across the system of care
TOTAL # OF COUNCIL MEMBERS	11	19
MEMBERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretary of AHS</li> <li>• Commissioner of Public Safety</li> <li>• Secretary of Education</li> <li>• Commissioner of Liquor Control</li> <li>• Commissioner of Motor Vehicles</li> <li>• Representative of a mental health or substance abuse agency</li> <li>• Certified practicing teacher</li> <li>• School administrator</li> <li>• 3 members appointed by the Governor, with consideration given to equal geographic apportionment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairs of SHW and HHS</li> <li>• Secretary of AHS</li> <li>• Secretary of Education</li> <li>• Deputy Commissioner of ADAP</li> <li>• Commissioner of Mental Health</li> <li>• Commissioner of DVHA</li> <li>• Director of the Blueprint</li> <li>• Representative of approved provider or preferred provider that shall also be a DA</li> <li>• Representative of an approved provider or preferred provider that provides residential treatment services</li> <li>• 2 LADCs serving different regions of VT</li> <li>• Physician in private practice with expertise treating substance use disorders</li> <li>• Representative of hospitals, appointed by VAHHS</li> <li>• Representative of the criminal justice community</li> <li>• Educator involved in substance abuse prevention services</li> <li>• Youth substance abuse prevention specialist</li> <li>• Community prevention coalition member</li> <li>• Member of peer community involved in recovery services</li> </ul>

<p># OF MEETINGS PER YEAR</p>	<p>While there is no statutory requirement about meeting frequency, the Council generally meets once each month.</p>	<p>Council may not meet more than 4 times annually.</p>
<p>COUNCIL TASKS</p>	<p>The Council is required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• advise the Governor as to the nature and extent of alcohol and drug abuse problems and the programs necessary to understand, prevent, and alleviate those problems;</li> <li>• make recommendations to the Governor for developing a comprehensive and coordinated system for delivering effective programs, including any appropriate reassignment of responsibility for such programs;</li> <li>• provide for coordination and communication among the regional alcohol and drug abuse councils, State agencies and departments, providers, consumers, consumer advocates, and interested citizens;</li> <li>• jointly, with the State Board of Education, develop educational and preventive programs; and</li> <li>• develop a five-year plan for effectively providing preventive, education, and treatment services to the Vermont public.</li> </ul>	<p>The Council is required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assess substance abuse services and service delivery in the State, including the following:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the effectiveness of existing substance abuse services in Vermont and opportunities for improved treatment; and</li> <li>○ strategies for enhancing the coordination and integration of substance abuse services across the system of care;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• provide recommendations to the Department of Health as it develops a plan for the substance abuse system of care pursuant to subsection 4815(b) of this title, including regarding the integration of substance abuse services with health care reform initiatives, such as value-based payment methodologies;</li> <li>• provide recommendations to the General Assembly and Agency of Human Services regarding the improvement of statutes and rules governing the substance abuse system of care; and</li> <li>• provide recommendations to the General Assembly regarding State policy and programs for individuals experiencing public inebriation.</li> </ul>

<p>PER DIEM</p>	<p>Each member of the Council not otherwise receiving compensation from the State of Vermont or any political subdivision thereof shall be entitled to receive per diem compensation as provided in 32 V.S.A. § 1010(b). Each member shall be entitled to his or her actual and necessary expenses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members of the Council shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for no more than four meetings annually.</li><li>• Members of the Council who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for no more than four meetings annually.</li></ul>
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