

Vermont Prevention Lead Organization Region 3 Advisory Committee

Description of Project:

The Vermont Department of Health (VDH), Division of Substance Use Programs (DSU) has established 4 Regional Prevention Lead Organizations (VPLOs) to increase state, regional and community capacity to deliver meaningful substance misuse prevention statewide. Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital Prevention Services, Umbrella, Inc. and Lamoille Family Center are working in consortium as the Region 3 VPLO grant recipient. This grant will support substance misuse coalitions and build upon the past and current successes of regional structures, strengthen and bolster existing partnerships, and create new opportunities to build prevention capacity and fill geographic and other identified gaps. Funding will be subgranted to local coalitions and organizations to increase infrastructure to reduce the onset and prevalence of substance misuse.

Description of Region 3 Advisory Committee:

- Will bring unique knowledge and skills and multi-sector input to the Region 3 VPLO (St. Johnsbury, Morrisville, and Newport Health Districts). Membership is by invitation only.
- A minimum of 12 members with a minimum of two from each region supported by the addition of the Prevention Consultants from each health district and members of the Regional Coordination Team; Cheryl Chandler, Carolyn Towne, (Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital) and Amanda Cochrane (Umbrella), Jessica Bickford (Healthy Lamoille Valley/Lamoille Family Center).
- Will meet monthly with conference calls/online platform through June, 2028. Work may require service on ad hoc committees.
- A 36-month term of service is requested. Stipends are available for time served.

Responsibilities:

- Provide input on regional and district-level prevention assessment, planning, and implementation.
- Approve funding allocations to non-competitive and competitive grantees.
- Understand needs in the region based on data.
- Willing to learn and apply the Strategic Prevention Framework.
- Provide feedback on capacity building training plan and activities.
- Stay updated on program and fiscal progress of grant and grantees.
- Serve as an advocate for the project and subrecipient projects.
- Serve as a liaison to and from relevant constituencies.
- Provide feedback to the organization as a community member.
- Provide technical assistance.
- Serve in a community relations role.
- Attend monthly meetings (4th Wednesday 1pm-2:30pm).
- Participate in subcommittees as available.

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Signature

Date

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