



Meeting Notes

Steering Committee

Date/Time: July 18, 2014, 10:00am-12:00pm

Location: ACS, Williston, VT

Recorder: Jill Shroff-Guerin

Next Meeting
September 19, 2014
ACS, Williston

Present: Ruth Heimann, Ali Johnson, Sharon Mallory, Kathy McBeth, Justin Pentenrieder, Rebecca Ryan, Sherry Rhynard, Lea Shulman, Beth Steckel, Jill Sudhoff-Guerin

Guest Speaker: David Grass (VDH)

Topic	Discussion	Decision(s)	Key Person(s)	Time Frame
Welcome				
VDH Environmental Health Presentation David Grass	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> David Grass from the VDH Environmental Division gave a presentation of the Environmental Public Health Tracking System. The tracking program currently exists in 23 states around the country and is connected to the CDC National tracking portal. Most of the states have county level data but because Vermont is so rural and that was not useful, the state pushed to capture sub-county level data. David provided examples by pulling up the radon maps and the maps of lung cancer incidence and showed how one can toggle back and forth with this system. He also discussed how VT has one of the most robust monitoring systems in the country and this is due in part to the willingness of volunteers to use VDH apps to report data. This has been very useful in reporting the state of algae bloom in Lake Champlain 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Share presentation 2-3. FYI 	1. David	1. tbd
Task Force/ Committee Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sherry and Kathy discussed the Quality of Life workgroup. Kathy discussed her role as a cancer patient navigator and psychiatrist in the state. Sherry talked about the VCSN's new website and the cancer resources page. The workgroup's goal is to create an on-line list of cancer survivor services. 	1. FYI		

	<p>2. Ruth and Ali spoke about the Access to Care taskforce. They spoke about their survey and said that they found that age and type of insurance made no difference in a patient's ability to access care – the biggest barrier to care is still transportation in Vermont. The next steps are to publish results and possible interventions.</p>	2. FYI		
<p>Legislative Update Jill</p>	<p>1. Jill presented the 2014 Session wrap-up and gave a preview of 2015 campaigns. Also discussed were upcoming Advocacy in D.C. and the legislative asks. 2. For more information, contact Jill at jill.sudhoffguerin@cancer.org</p>	1. FYI		
<p>Other</p>	<p>1. Justin reported on ACS plans to hold a Colon Cancer Summit September 20, 2014 November 15, 2014 at the Davis Auditorium at FAHC in partnership with VTAAC and VCC. He has developed an agenda for a half-day meeting for health care professionals. Topics are to increase awareness of screening options and increase awareness of treatment options. He has been working to secure CMEs, which may be too difficult to get for this event. 2. Ruth Heimann announced that Fletcher Allen is changing their name to University of Vermont Medical Center. 3. Lea Shulman, a VDH epidemiologist attended the meeting and spoke about her new position and what she hopes to achieve. 4. Sharon Mallory discussed an upcoming RTI survey to look at how VTAAC Members use the state cancer plan. 5. Rebecca Ryan announced that the Lung Association and VCC will put on a Lung Cancer Survivor Workshop on November 7, 2014.</p>	1-5. FYI		
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>1. Friday, September 19th, 10am-Noon at ACS in Williston. Agenda to be determined</p>	1. Save the date	1. All	1. 9/19