Present: Walt Klinger (Pownal), Meg Cottam (Glastenbury), Jon Hale (Economic Development), Nancy Faesy (Dorset), Janet Hurley (Manchester), John LaVecchia (Dorset), Wayn Goodman (Energy), Bruce Lierman (Transportation), Judy Boehlert (Sandgate), Suzanne dePeyster (Sandgate), Bill Deveneau (Bennington), Janet Hurley (Manchester)

Jim Sullivan, Catherine Bryars (BCRC Staff), Macy Disney (VISTA)

Also Present: Jim Trimarchi (SVHC), Maraynn Morris (The Collaborative), Maryann St. John, Valerie dePeyster, ..... (Seedlings VISTA)

I. Minutes of September 21, 2017 Meeting

Motion to approve as presented by Faesy. Second by Boehlert. Passed unanimously.

II. Regional Prevention Partnerships Grant

Maryann Morris, Executive Director of The Collaborative

Morris presented on the Bennington County Regional Prevention Partnership, a project in which The Collaborative is operating as the lead agency. (Presentation is attached.) Focus on reducing substance use in young people. Includes law enforcement, schools, ACT, Deerfield Valley Community Partnership, SVMC, UCS, Turning Point, BCRC, and the RX Task Force.

Reviewed youth risk behavior survey - showed close to 29% HS student use of alcohol and 24% use of marijuana, similar to statewide levels, and also considered many other risk behaviors. Vermont is among highest rates in nation among alcohol and drug use.

Strategies: prescription drug collection drop boxes (partnership with SVMC has been particularly effective); law enforcement initiatives including "saturation patrols," TIP 411 anonymous alerts, development of healthy
policies and local practices with municipalities, including Policy Primer for towns, recognizing retailers for complying with screening requirements, scans of retail outlets regarding what is being sold and where and selling practices,...

Discussed "Developmental Assets" that inventories assets that, when available, support youth health and reduce substance use: support systems, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, and constructive use of time.

III. SVHC Health Initiatives

Jim Trimarchi, SVHC Director of Planning

Vision 2020 - partnership, transformation, sustainability. Creating new relationships, changes how health care operates, and sustaining quality services to the region. (Presentation attached.)

SVHC just won a major award for innovation and excellence - Magnet Prize. Also and “A” ranking for hospital safety and top rating in Consumer Reports for New England hospitals.

Partnering: Dartmouth-Hitchcock/orthopedics, cancer center, telemedicine services which provides access to specialists not available locally.
Transforming: expanded primary care services in communities around the region; dental clinic; construction projects - modernize emergency department, relocation and improvement of operating suite, cancer center expansion and enhancements; site changes re traffic flow and parking.
Sustainability: changes in financial procedures where SVMC will be paid a set amount to care for 5,700 medicaid patients (rather than fee for services model) - running as a model and expecting to expand to medicare, exchange, etc. in the future. Noted that about 50% of SVMC customers are medicaid or medicare.

Discussed Stark Street playground initiatives and connection to recreation trail on SVMC property. Facilities to attract kids and families to the park and encourage healthy activity: splash pad, pump track, public restrooms, trail improvements,... Healthy community initiative - support physical activity and community development. Concern raised and ideas suggested to address tobacco use in the park and on the trails. Supporting and working with Bennington Area Trail System.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.
Maryann Morris
Executive Director
Bennington County Regional Prevention Partnership

Funded by Vermont Department of Health
3 Goals

- Reduce underage and binge drinking among persons aged 12 to 20.
- Reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25.
- Reduce marijuana use among persons aged 12 to 25.
Everyone plays a part in reducing substance use in young people.
### Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2015

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Vermont compared to the rest of the USA

Just not in a good way…
Strategies in Bennington County
RX Collection Boxes

Bennington Police
Winhall Police
Manchester Police
Bennington Sheriff
SWMC lobby – NEW!
The Pharmacy in Manchester – Coming Soon
Strategies in Bennington County
Law Enforcement
Strategies in Bennington County Policies

- Provide and enhance substance abuse prevention and early intervention for youth
- Connect municipal planning with youth alcohol abuse prevention
- Provide sample alcohol policy and bylaw language
- Not to restrict or mandate municipalities to take action, but provide staff & volunteers with new options and ideas
Strategies in Bennington County Retailers
Healthy Vermont!
### Developmental Assets

#### The 20 External Assets

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Regional Prevention PARTNERSHIP

- Every Law Enforcement Agency in the county
- Schools
- Other youth serving organizations (ACT, DVCP)
- SVMC
- Bennington County RX Task Force
- UCS
- Turning Point
- BCRC
VISION 2020

PARTNERSHIP | TRANSFORMATION | SUSTAINABILITY

BCRC meeting 11/16/2017
SVHC Updates
Quality & Clinical Excellence Recognition

➢ Awarded Magnet Prize™
➢ Most innovative and exemplary in the world
➢ Only one hospital is awarded the Magnet Prize per year worldwide

➢ Consumer Reports
➢ Only two hospitals in New England scored higher

➢ Leapfrog Safety
➢ SVMC received an “A” Ranking for Hospital Safety for 2nd consecutive year.
Partnering with Dartmouth-Hitchcock

- Affiliation discussions have commenced with Dr. Conroy (new CEO)
- Building New Initiatives:
  1. D-H Orthopedics
  2. Cancer Center
  3. Telemedicine Services
     - Neurology/Stroke – April
     - E.D. – May
     - Northshire ExpressCare – September
     - ICU – late fall
Transforming SVMC’s Primary Care Footprint

- Expanded Primary Care Services
  1. Twin Rivers Medical (started April)
  2. Northshire Campus
     • ExpressCare (started in June)
  3. Wilmington
     • Build new center on existing site
- SVMC Dentistry (opens January)
Transforming SVMC’s Bennington Campus

- First large scale construction projects in decades
  - Emergency Department
  - Operating Suite
  - Cancer Center
- Multiyear and phased
- Multiple certificate of need (CON) applications
Project 1 - Modernize Emergency Department

- Increase number of treatment areas (16 rooms to 20)
- Low acuity, rapid treatment area
- Expand behavior health
- Increase privacy
- Enhance the patient experience
- Build-on care team collaboration
- Telemedicine enabled
- Improve security & campus circulation
Project 1 - Modernize Emergency Department

- More-than double the foot print
- Increase treatment room sizes
- Create new front entrance separate from ED
Project 2 - Operating Suite of the Future

- Relocate to first floor
- 4 operating rooms
- Fit modern technology
- Enhance infection control
- Advance care team collaboration
- Increase patient privacy
- Improve patient experience - New Ambulatory Surgery Center-style entrance
- Build operational efficiency with Endoscopy and Pathology
Project 3 - Cancer Center expansion

- Increase medication infusion spaces
- Support higher patient volume and more providers
- Increase exam rooms
- Improve patient flow
- Increase operating efficiency
- Enhance patient experience
- Engage D-HH Norris Cotton Cancer Center leadership
Traffic Flow Rerouted

- Circular flow
- Intuitive traffic pattern
- Dedicated ambulance entrance
- More parking
- More parking closer to entrance
SVMC has agreed to capitated payment for 5,700 Medicaid members in 2018

- Fixed amount of money to deliver care for 1 year
- SVMC is responsible for all healthcare spending, including that beyond SVMC
- Address the social determinants of health - particularly behavioral health
- Collaborating with many community partners
- Considering capitated payment for Medicare and BC/BS in 2019
Collaboration between:

- Bennington Area Trail System (BATS)
- Vermont Mountain Bike Association
- BCRC
- Town of Bennington
- Bennington Promise Community Initiative
- VT Dept of Health
- SVMC
Create an innovative outside recreation space for families

- Splash pad
- Pump track
- Public restrooms
- Repair and improve wooded trail

- Asset for residents
- Destination for visitors
- Economic and wellness engine