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Statewide Epidemiology Outcome Workgroup (SEOW) Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 25, 2023

9:00 a.m. – Adjournment

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SEOW Members:

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Key Discussion Points:

1. Exemption from Open Meeting Law: The SEOW is no longer subject to Open Meeting Law regulations.
2. Comparing data to states where marijuana is not legal: The SEOW is interested in analyzing data from states where marijuana is not legal for comparison purposes.
3. Recruiting SEOW members from other states: The SEOW is open to having members from other states join the group.
4. Bringing data products from other state SEOWs: The SEOW is considering the possibility of incorporating data products from other state SEOWs.
5. Data gaps on military and tribal populations: There is a lack of data on military and tribal populations, and the SEOW aims to address this issue.
6. Identifying indicator gaps used by other states: The SEOW wants to identify important indicators that other states use but that are currently lacking in their own data.
7. SAMHSA's support for the SEOW: SAMHSA wants the SEOW to continue its work.

8. The SEOW falling under block grant: The SEOW will be included in the block grant system.
9. Tracking grants obtained using the Epi profile: The SEOW plans to track where the Epi profile is used to secure grants.
10. Contracting vendors for data products: Depending on resources, the SEOW may consider hiring vendors to create data products.
11. Data dissemination plan: The SEOW will develop a plan for sharing data with stakeholders and interested parties.
12. Hosting events on data resources: The SEOW plans to organize educational events focused on data resources.
13. Listserv for product dissemination: A listserv will be established to distribute data products and updates.
14. Prioritizing data topics: The SEOW will discuss and prioritize data topics, including Virginia military and tribal populations.
15. Defining tribal data and target population: The SEOW aims to clarify the definition of tribal data and identify the target population.
16. Delaying the Epi report timeline: The SEOW will make room for strategic planning by adjusting the timeline for the Epi report.
17. Exploring the link between marijuana and suicide: The SEOW will investigate the relationship between marijuana and suicide rates.
18. LGBTQ and marijuana: The SEOW will examine the intersection of LGBTQ issues and marijuana use.