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Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana and Other Drug Prevention

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Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana and Other Drug Prevention Program

Overview

- The Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana and Other Drug Prevention Program was established by the Utah State Legislature with the passage of S.B. 37 during the 2020 General Session.
- The legislation also included the creation of the Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana and Other Drug Prevention Committee.
- \$2,000,000 was appropriated from the Electronic Cigarette Substance and Nicotine Product Tax Restricted Account to the Utah Department of Health to implement this program through statewide cessation programs and prevention education.

Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana and Other Drug Prevention Committee

- The purpose of this committee is to:
 - Develop evidence-based and target population-appropriate guidelines for the use of appropriated funds in conjunction with the Utah Department of Health.
 - Advise the Utah Department of Health in preventing use of electronic cigarettes, marijuana, and other drugs by youth in the state.
 - Implement the provisions of the program.

Recent Activities

- Invitations to participate in the committee have been sent from the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Health. Invitees include representation from:
 - Behavioral Health
 - Local health departments
 - Public Safety
 - Education
 - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
 - Utah Substance Abuse Advisory Council
 - Community-based organizations
 - Others
- Recruitment has been posted for a program coordinator to oversee the activities and budget of this program.

Recommendations

- As the Youth Electronic Cigarette, Marijuana and Other Drug Prevention Committee has yet to meet, there are no recommendations at this time.

Considerations

- Due to Covid-19 and the burdens placed upon the Utah Department of Health and other partners, implementation of this program has been delayed. However, the committee will be meeting ASAP once the invitees accept their appointments.