



LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Study of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services: Executive Summary

The full report of the House Legislative Oversight Committee's (Committee) study of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), issued on March 6, 2020, is available on the Committee's [webpage](#).

Recommendations

The **Committee has eleven recommendations** arising from its study of the agency. The Committee makes five recommendations to DAODAS, two recommendations to the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), and four recommendations to the General Assembly.

Recommendations to DAODAS

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| EFFECTIVENESS | 1. Provide key social media messages to legislators for dissemination to constituents. |
| | 2. Encourage local county alcohol and drug abuse authorities to notify relevant county legislative delegations if there is resistance to cooperation in implementing prevention programs in local schools. |
| EFFICIENCY | 3. Consider rates of substance abuse when distributing federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding to counties for prevention services. |
| ACCOUNTABILITY | 4. Provide a way for participants in local DAODAS-funded programs to provide feedback directly to DAODAS. |
| INTERAGENCY COLLABORATION | 5. Collaborate with the Department of Natural Resources to explore ways to collaborate to reduce boating under the influence and other substance use-related incidents. |

Recommendations to DHEC

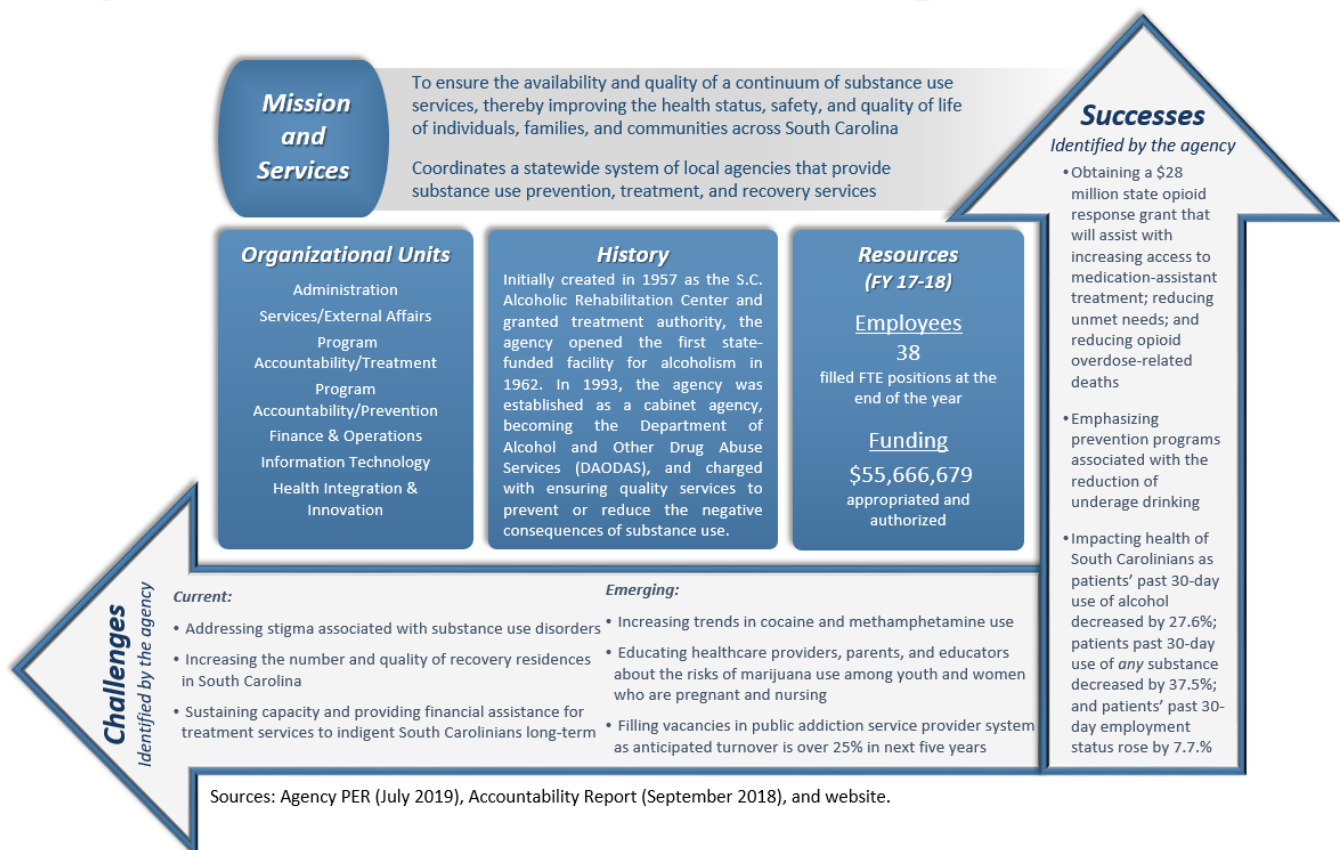
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| EFFECTIVENESS | 6. Assess the need for the Community Outreach by Paramedic Education program in all counties of the state, particularly rural areas, and report its findings to the Committee six months after publication of the Committee's report. |
| | 7. Seek additional funding to expand the Community Outreach by Paramedic Education program to additional counties where there is a demonstrated need for it and continue the program after the expiration of the current grant funding. |
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Recommendations to the General Assembly

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| EFFECTIVENESS | <p>8. Consider requiring any individual convicted of selling tobacco or alternative nicotine products to minors to complete a merchant education program approved by DAODAS by amending S.C. Code Ann. § 16-17-500.</p> <p>9. Consider requiring those serving alcohol for on-premises consumption to complete a merchant education program approved by DAODAS.</p> |
| MODERNIZATION OF LAWS | <p>10. Consider updating S.C. Code Ann. Title 44, Chapter 49 to accurately reflect DAODAS’s current role and functions and replace outdated language related to substance use.</p> <p>11. Consider updating S.C. Code Ann. § 59-150-230(I) to reflect the current method of distributing unclaimed lottery prize funds used to address problem or pathological gambling.</p> |

Agency Snapshot

Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services



Oversight Purpose and Methods

PURPOSE

To determine if agency laws and programs:

- are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly; and
- should be continued, curtailed, or eliminated.

METHODS

The Committee and Subcommittee evaluate:

- the application, administration, execution, and effectiveness of the agency’s laws and programs;
- the organization and operation of the agency; and
- any conditions or circumstances that may indicate the necessity or desirability of enacting new or additional legislation pertaining to the agency.

S.C. Code Ann. § 2-2-20(B) and (C)

Study Process



Public Input

- 28** Responses to an online public survey
- 8** Constituents testify
- 2** Online comments received

Subcommittee Membership

HEALTHCARE AND REGULATORY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Honorable John Taliaferro “Jay” West, IV (chair)
The Honorable Robert L. Ridgeway, III

The Honorable Bill Taylor
The Honorable Christopher Sloan “Chris” Wooten

Study Milestones

MEETINGS

Full Committee	Subcommittee
12/5/18	10/28/19 12/10/19
8/13/19	11/12/19 12/17/19
2/26/20	1/15/20

AGENCY REPORTS

March 2015	Seven-Year Plan Report
September 2018	FY 2017-18 Accountability Report
July 2019	Program Evaluation Report
September 2019	FY 2018-19 Accountability Report



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