

2022 AOD Biennial Review

Executive Summary

The 2022 Biennial Review Committee composed of faculty, staff, and students met from May-September, 2022 to conduct the federally required biennial review. Several subcommittees also met during these months, discussing student organization accountability, consistency of enforcement, and alcohol storage on campus.

The committee determined that the University of Michigan is in compliance with federal requirements for the University of Michigan Alcohol and Other Drug Policy for Students, Faculty, and Staff. The policy document is distributed electronically to every student, faculty and staff member on an annual basis and is also included in the Annual Security Report & Annual Fire Safety Report. It is also linked in the mandatory online course required for all incoming first-year and undergraduate transfer students, and is referenced in parent and student orientation materials.

Aside from minor grammar revisions, location changes, and unit details, the committee endorsed the following policy changes:

- **Section 2** U-M Alcohol and Other Drugs Policy: included the Tobacco Free University Premises update, clarified federal vs. state marijuana law
- **Section 3** U-M Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Strategies: added harm reduction language as an additional strategy
- **Section 4** Health Risks: expanded substance use language by including examples of drugs that fit each heading, included information about Narcan and overdoses, inserted a general disclaimer about the impact of substance use and pregnancy
- **Section 5** Counseling and Treatment Programs: updated the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to 988
- **Section 7** University Sanctions: added the FAQ for serving alcoholic beverages at events on University of Michigan campuses under Staff and Faculty

The committee reviewed accomplishments as well as the Alcohol and Other Drug Typology Matrix to determine program effectiveness. Committee members were asked to identify program strengths and weaknesses. Members cited robust communication, accessibility, leadership, commitment, and multipronged resources as strengths. The challenges of working in a decentralized environment and the limited time to implement improvement measures continue to be areas of focus.

Recommendations for continued improvement include:

1. Include student voices in all AOD-related meetings and collaborations (e.g. High Risk Planning, All AOD, A2C3, etc.)
2. Continue to evaluate AOD policy distribution options
3. Increase policy and prevention efforts tailored to specific populations
4. Advocate for limited cannabis advertising in the surrounding U-M community area
5. Develop consistent and comprehensive data-sharing efforts that highlight the entire AOD program and “story”