



## Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Advisory Council Meeting Minutes April 26, 2013

**Advisory Council Members:** Shirley Cote, Senator Fairclough, Lakota Holman, Kimberlee Jones

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**Presenters:** Karen Benning & Arlene Wilson, Community Prevention Support Team/Agnew:Beck; Jesse Metzger, UAA Behavioral Health Research & Services

*L. Diane Casto, State of Alaska SPF SIG Project Manager*

Introductions & Welcome

- Impact of sequestration: each grant is looked at individually; received e-mail, will likely be impacted by a 5% cut, but recently learned we may not be impacted. At this time we don't know if we'll be impacted in FY13, FY14 or both; President's budget has not included cuts. If we become impacted by changes, an e-mail will be sent to you as an update.
- Current SPF community grantees have completed SPF continuation applications; in early June grant awards will be made to the six community level SPF grantees.
- Annual Prevention Grantee Meeting will be held on September 17-19 in Anchorage at the Egan Center.

*Karen Benning, Community Prevention Support Team*

Grantee Updates

- Grantees have made great strides in building capacity through finishing community assessments and strategic planning.
- Discussed the spreadsheet summary of strategies (if you'd like to see the spreadsheet, please e-mail [devon.lewis@alaska.gov](mailto:devon.lewis@alaska.gov))
  - Definitions used on the spreadsheet:
    - Intervening variable: what is leading to adult heavy and binge drinking—community norms were a focus for grantees
    - Contributing Factors: What specific things are lending themselves to Intervening Variables like Perception of Risk or Community Norms.
- Commonalities amongst Alaskan communities: alcohol-related violence was a large consequence focus, and despite unique differences between communities (rural vs. urban, regional differences, etc) the Intervening Variables and Contributing Factors were very similar
  - All six grantees are addressing Community Norms as an Intervening Variables
  - Half grantees addressed Perception of Risk
  - Grantees/coalitions independently chose to work on similar strategies (three grantees are using Green Dot, two grantees are using Positive Community Norms campaign, two grantees are using an Lock Up Your Liquor campaign, all grantees are using media campaigns)



- What were the strengths and challenges during strategic planning
  - As a result of commonalities, grantees are partnering together for trainings in strategies that there are commonalities.
  - Challenges: as we're moving toward a data driven approach to community work, grantees struggle to adapt to a new approach to doing prevention work. There's a tendency to revert to strategies they're most comfortable with and understand, such as media and awareness campaigns and education. While part of prevention efforts, there should be a comprehensive approach in strategy selection.

A special thank you to reviewers of the strategic plans:

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- Wrangell/Petersburg: Ann Rausch
- Homer: Lakota Holman
- Nome: Michael Baldwin
- Evaluation Team (Rachel Boschma-Wynn and Jodi Barnett)

*Jesse Metzger, State Evaluation Team*

Updates from the Evaluation Team

- Grantees are building their capacity to address Step 5: Evaluation
- Currently, the state level evaluation team has conducted fidelity assessments to the Strategic Prevention Framework for Steps 2 and 3 (Capacity Building and Planning).
- The evaluators recently conducted site visits to the SPF communities, providing technical assistance with evaluation tools and next steps.

*Other Advisory Council Updates*

What's happening with the Advisory Council?

- Anna Fairclough asked if the SPF community grantee information had been shared with the legislature, through committees or other means. Diane responded that we have not presented any of the SPF information to the legislature except for information included in the budget reports. Would be happy to provide information as requested.
- Diane was asked to present SPF prevention efforts at the next Alcoholic Beverage Control Board meeting in Anchorage, Alaska.

*Next Meeting*

Our next meeting will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup>, at our regularly scheduled time of 9:30-11 AM. The call in phone number is 1-800-315-6338 and the code is 8407. We look forward to talking with you soon!