



Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Advisory Council Meeting Minutes June 28, 2013

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Introductions & Welcome

SPF SIG Grant Update

- We are finishing up the fourth year of the five year grant award; the first two years we went through a data analysis process, prioritization process.
- In the first two years we spent approximately 20 percent of overall funding, as 85% had to be given to community efforts, rather than state level efforts; this left a significant amount of money in our funding pool.
- We had hoped to use this extra money for a no-cost extension year; with the current climate we are thinking that the likelihood of a no-cost extension has been reduced. No cost extensions are currently be considered on a case by case basis, with no guarantees.
- If SAMHSA cannot approve a no-cost extension, have indicated they may be able to approve a 3-6 month extension to allow data collection and analysis efforts to continue after the final grant activities end.
- Partnerships for Success (PFS) grants are available to those who have completed their SPF SIG Project; while these grants are not replicas or continuations of the SPF SIG, they will operate in way that is complimentary to the work that has been done with the SPF SIG funds. If monies are available at the end of our fifth and final grant year, we may apply for a PFS grant.

Updates on data collection and evaluation of SPF SIG

- Deborah Hull-Jilly, SPF Epidemiologist and the Epi Workgroup have update Alaska's Epi Profile on Substance Use, Abuse and Dependency. Final editing is being completed—copies will be sent to the Advisory Council once completed. Marijuana and prescription drug use are emerging concerns for Alaska and ones we need to be aware of—especially with the potential for a marijuana legalization petition being considered for a vote in 2014.
- SPF grantees will focus on building their capacity, such as increasing readiness to address alcohol consumption, and focus on sustainability of efforts and strategies.
- Barbara Henjum: What kind of outcomes will we see? How can the Advisory Council assist in keeping both the state-level and community-level efforts moving forward?
 - Diane responded that at this point in the process, most of the outcomes we are seeing are related to capacity and foundation-building at the community level: evaluations of readiness, capacity, and strength of coalitions, accuracy and availability of local data



collection. As grantees move farther along in their implementation of strategies phase, more significant community-level change related to youth and adult alcohol consumption should be available. Although, we need to remember that changing knowledge about consumption is much easier than changing actual attitudes, beliefs and behaviors; this will take longer than our grant funding. This is why sustainability of efforts at both the state and community level is critical.

- Shirley Pittz: What type of on-going support is required to sustain community efforts for the SPF?
 - As OCS wants to move in a direction of seeking funding that are based on collective impact, which the SPF SIG focuses on; how can we align our efforts to share lessons learned about SPF SIG? Again, this is why it is critical that we keep these efforts moving forward—through our 3rd party evaluation of outcomes related to community readiness, fidelity to the SPF model, strength of coalitions and how to build coalitions—all of this data and analysis will help guide our future steps, across divisions, departments and disciplines.
- Prevention Grantees (other than SPF) are continuing to move in the direction of being coalition grants—DBH Prevention is no longer funding individual agencies; funding and community change must be driven from the coalition perspective.
- As we revise Epidemiology Profile we will continue to update the State’s Strategic Plan beyond the SPF SIG, to ensure that we are continuing to address data-driven priority areas.
- Expanding the Advisory Council—in an effort to keep this group moving forward, it is critical that we review and update our Advisory Council membership to make sure we have the “right people on the bus and in the right seats.” The questions are: do we have all the right disciplines represented? Are there additions to make to the group that will make our council stronger? Are their key categories we are missing? Are their individuals who have stopped attending that we can find additional or new people to represent those agencies or categories? We will send the current SPF SIG Advisory Council membership list for everyone to review. We ask that each member please review and share your ideas about possible new members. Once individual’s are identified, we will develop a plan for outreach and invitations.

Discussion

- How can we put together our evaluation to share SPF SIG outcomes with partners and others who can assist in keeping the effort viable?
 - Discuss lessons learned at the Change Agent Conference (a bi-annual meeting that has primarily been for treatment providers), could be seen as an effort to broaden the venue for change at the behavioral health level. Also the Health Summit and other conferences and meetings of appropriate groups.
- June Sobocinski: How diverse are the community coalitions? Do they represent the community in terms of demographics? Have they reached out to sectors other than the “usual health & social service” arena? Do the coalitions are mirror the community, and represent a wide array of professionals, including businesses, alcohol industry representatives, clergy, etc. Reaching out to potential key stakeholders can be an intimidating process, but is critical to expanding the group’s ability to lead change within the community; who, in the coalition, can leverage their positions to influence a meaningful change?



- How can key stakeholders at the State of Alaska Department's leaders affect this type of change? The Behavioral Health managers have met with directors of agencies that included Tribal health.
- Shirley Cote' discussed the importance of sharing data in a welcoming way among the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board; using the data and information from the Epidemiology Profile and SPF SIG Evaluations that can assist other groups. Shirley discussed the efforts of the ABC Board and their stakeholder group working to review and revise, as needed, Title 4, our state's Alcohol Control Regulations. She also mentioned a report prepared by Dr. Marny Rivera, UAA Justice Center that looked at the comparison between youth alcohol compliance vs. youth tobacco compliance; some recommendations this group may want to review and discuss. We will send a copy of the report to the Advisory Council members for their review.

Deborah Hull-Jilly, Public Health, Chair Epi Workgroup

Epidemiology Profile

- Data sharing is happening across multiple programs
- Has received feedback on previous profiles saying that the profile has been used as a tool; it's user-friendly and people are able to access data collection systems through the websites posted.
- Creating regional Epidemiology Data sheet that gives regional data and tools to further look into data.
- Noticing a positive internalized behavior among teens that drinking and driving is unsafe.
- Accessibility to data: BRFSS data is now available on Indicator Based Information System (IBIS) to access (a system available through Public Health).
- The revised Alaska Epidemiology Profile will be posted on our SPF SIG website by the end of July.
- Data Gaps Include:
 - Has noticed a need to collect opioid/pain reliever data to learn how large quantities are getting on the street, how they're being used, etc. Should also see how monitoring systems are being utilized by clinicians.
 - Huffing: exploring occurrence of huffing and any trends we are seeing.
 - Exposure of children to illicit drugs; national concern about the number of young children accidentally ingesting illicit drugs including marijuana.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on July 26th at our regularly scheduled time of 9:30-11 AM. Diane will ask Cristy Willer from CITCI, to present on "life after the SPF TIG." Lessons learned, evaluation take a ways, sustainability of efforts, etc.