



Meeting Minutes
Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant
Advisory Council
Friday, January 27th, 2012

Advisory Council Members Present:

Michelle Fry-Spray, Jesse Metzger, Jodi Barnett, Kimberlee Jones, Kathy Allely, Laurie Morton, Lakota Murray, Shirley Gifford, Diane Casto, Devon Lewis, June Sobocinski, Barbara Henjum, Genevieve Casey, Cindy Cashen, Melissa Stone

❖ **Presentation from Evaluation Team (Jesse Metzger & Jodi Barnett)**

The Evaluation Team is contracted through University of Alaska Anchorage, Center for Behavioral Health Research. They are providing state level evaluation, as well as some training and technical assistance to the six community grantees.

Evaluation Report: The Evaluation Report summarizes the State of Alaska process of working through first 3 steps (Assessment, Capacity Building, Planning) of the Strategic Prevention Framework. The Evaluators completed key informant interviews of members from each of the 3 workgroups (Epidemiology Workgroup, Evidence Based Interventions Workgroup and Advisory Council), and received recommendations from interviewees. Workgroup members felt included in the process, and that the workgroup is active. The Evidence Based Interventions Workgroup feels less connected to the process, and they didn't communicate well with other workgroups; they have also lost a majority of their members. They may be less focused on SPF SIG activities and more focused on learning process. The Epidemiology Workgroup is reviewing evaluation plans submitted by workgroup, as well as updating the Alaska Epidemiology Profile.

Challenges: A challenge for the Evaluation Team is that multiple communities being funded, creating "mini-SPFs". A lesson learned is that it may be better to focus on limited number of communities. Page 22 of the Evaluation Report identifies the original SPF SIG communities, not the revised communities.

Data Collection: Each of the six community grantees will administer an adult consumption survey to gather state level baseline data. Thus far, the Evaluation Team has received 4 of the 6 evaluation plans. The Alaska Internal Review Board is taking a bit longer to approve these questions, because they didn't meet over the holiday. This is a non-traditional survey, but has a low threshold of risk. Most communities are utilizing the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) for 2011 baseline data. YRBS data for smaller communities will receive score card rather than actual percentages for schools. The plan is to collect YRBS data every other year, and same with adult data, in order to meet federal requirements. The Evaluation Team has been conducting monthly check-ins that include Grantees, Project Staff, Evaluation Team, and Community Prevention Support Team.

Check out our SPF SIG Website at <http://hss.state.ak.us/dbh/prevention/programs/spfsig/default.htm>



❖ **Presentation from Epidemiology (EPI) Workgroup**

The Epidemiology Workgroup is finalizing the Revised Alaska Epidemiology Profile. They are exploring how to address data gaps in FY12. The workgroup is creating regional profiles that will help community grantees with their data collection. Workgroup members are working on a large scale project of creating the Indicator Based Information System (IBIS); this should be launched this quarter. IBIS will include 20 years of BRFSS data (1991) where user can conduct own query, rather than putting in a request to the state worker. Workgroup members are also setting up InstantAtlas to map data.

❖ **Presentation from Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) Workgroup**

Membership for the Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) Workgroup is low, and we are recruiting new members. When considering expansion, there is a need for Alaska Native membership. If you know of anyone interested in participating in the EBI Workgroup's projects, please contact Genevieve Casey at Genevieve.Casey@alaska.gov, Diane Casto or Devon Lewis.

Current projects include the workgroup's continuing revision of the Guidance Document, a document which will facilitate strategy selection for community grantees. Updates to this document will ensure the document is culturally responsive. This document will be sent out mid to late February, 2012.

❖ **SPF SIG Update**

Each of the six grantees is currently in Step 1: Assessment. They are collecting data for their communities, and building capacity in the SPF SIG priority areas. A current challenge for grantees is allowing leadership to come from their coalition, rather than an agency.

Fran Harding, Director of CSAP, is coming to Alaska in April, 2012. She is interested in having a meeting with the Advisory Council and ACPUD members. She will also be interested in meeting a SPF SIG grantee, particularly one in a rural community, so that she may gauge what prevention work looks like in Alaska.

Shirley Gifford has contracted with University of Alaska Anchorage in studying strategies for reducing sales of alcohol to youth. This study addresses partnerships, and highlights the work of the SPF SIG. Once this study is public a copy will be forwarded to Advisory Council members.

❖ **Action Items**

Advisory Council Members:

- Read Evaluation Report
- E-mail Diane regarding interest in a face to face meeting with Fran Harding, Director of CSAP in April.

SPF SIG Staff (Diane & Devon):

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- Set up webinars on IBIS and InstantAtlas
- Federal Quarterly Report
- Continuation Application

❖ **Next Meeting**

The Community Prevention Support Team, Alaska Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking (ACPUD), and one community grantee will present and give an update on their respective projects.

Our next meeting will be on February 24, 2012 from 9:30-11:00 AM. The call in number is 1-800-315-6338 and the code is 8407. An agenda and e-mail reminder will be sent prior to our meeting.