



**Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant  
Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2012**

Council Members Present:

Jesse Metzger, Kathy Allely, Lakota Murray, Diane Casto, Devon Lewis, Barb Henjum, Kate Burkhart.

❖ **Presentation from Alaska Island Community Services Presentation**

Presenters: Kim Killkeny, Desire Shepler, Lindsey Hannah, Mark Walker, Stephanie Rodriguez

This grantee is collaborating with Petersburg Mental Health on the SPF SIG project. The coalition leading AICS's SPF SIG came together in 2006. The coalition is comprehensive, with membership from police, businesses, schools, bar owners, etc. AICS used the Vermont Coalition checklist to ensure that they're on track with establishing a strong coalition.

AICS is currently conducting key informant Interviews to reflect perceptions of local bar owners in both Petersburg and Wrangell. They're also interviewing the Chief of Police.

Project staff surveyed all middle and high school students in the service area. The survey had four questions: 1. What are the top 3 strengths in the community, 2. What are top 3 problems in the community, 3. What is the greatest concern in community (forced choice answers), 4. Is there anything other than alcohol which may contribute to concern? The high risk behaviors include unsafe sex, pregnancy, driving while intoxicated, interpersonal violence (family violence or peer violence), legal consequence (MC), school drop outs.

Have an established data collection plan, and the Community Prevention Support Team is helping with community preparedness training in March, 2012.

Challenges for this grantee are that Petersburg residents are resistant to surveys. When the police department and bar owners were interviewed, they were brief in their answers. Lessons learned are that they most likely won't use Survey Monkey in the future.



### ❖ **Community Prevention Support Team**

Presenters: Karen Benning, Beth McLaughlin

The Community Prevention Support Team is Agnew:Beck. Agnew:Beck is contracted to work with the six community grantees to provide training and technical assistance. They consider themselves partners with the State of Alaska project staff and the contracted evaluation team.

The team is required to make site visits to each community annually. This year they have visited Yakutat, Homer (TA provider is in Homer, and has close contact with the group), and Nome. They will be traveling to Petersburg in March.

The team is made up of people across the state (Anchorage, Fairbanks and Homer), as well as Paula Feathers from New Mexico, who is a SPF SIG expert. Training and technical assistance is provided on an as needed basis. The biggest component of TA has been clarifying the Strategic Prevention Framework process with grantees, and working with them on appropriate activities during each step. This has included the development of an individualize TA plan for each grantee based on their specific needs.

The Community Prevention Support Team's SPF SIG website may be viewed at: <http://alaskaspsig.org>. They're also creating a newsletter.

### ❖ **Alaska Committee to Prevent Underage Drinking (ACPUD)**

Presenter: Natasha Pineda, Chair

The ACPUD has been meeting consistently for the past two years to stay on top of current issues related to underage drinking throughout the state, support the development of the video on preventing underage drinking in Alaska and completing the STOP Act report.

In October of 2011 the committee met in person to begin the review process of the Alaska Plan to Prevent & Reduce Underage Drinking document. This meeting was followed by the ACPUD Involvement Survey; the committee members established an agreement on a few items:

- Volunteering for areas of interest for committee members.
- Identifying other statewide plans that may include information about underage drinking to include for cross reference.



- Whether or not the plan should be more focused and directed toward data points available in the EPI profile.
- What to call the revised plan.

The team is currently in the revision process, using a common criteria document with hopes to complete the first run through on the strategy areas by March 9.

In the updated plan, local success stories will be highlighted, showing what success looks like in Alaska. The form, requesting local input regarding success stories, has been sent to the ACPUD and the Alaska Coalition Partnership, as well grantees. Any help getting the word out is appreciated. For more information contact Natasha Pineda at [Natasha.pineda@alaska.gov](mailto:Natasha.pineda@alaska.gov).

The timeline for Alaska's Strategies to Prevent Underage Drinking is as follows:

- March Plan revision will be finished by ACPUD Workgroup
- April Complete document revision draft
- April/May Open public commentary process during town hall meetings
- June Possibly present at the Rural Providers Conference in Dillingham
- June-August Complete changes
- September Final version submitted for publication

#### ❖ **Fran Harding Visit**

Fran Harding, Director of Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), will be visiting Alaska in April, 2012. She is dedicating time on Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, to meet with members of the Advisory Council and other workgroups. An agenda and formal invitation will be sent out within the next few weeks.