



**Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant
Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2012**

Council Members Present:

Devon Lewis, Shirley Gifford, Jesse Metzger, Cristy Willer, Diane Casto, Kimberlee Jones, Melissa Stone, Lakota Murray, Lauree Morton

❖ **Presentation from Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CICADA)**

Presenter: Esther Hammerschlag, Homer Prevention Project Coordinator

Esther is the new Project Coordinator for CICADA's SPF project, which is now known as the Homer Prevention Project (HPP). Esther has experience with the Strategic Prevention Framework model from her work on Prince of Wales Island. Esther moved to Homer in January, 2012 and is the full-time staff working on the project.

CICADA's grant is operating under the MAPP Coalition—utilizing a public health model. Once the grant began, project staff created the Leadership Team to advise the project on start-up and manage grant-related business. Now that Esther is at the helm, she is developing the Advisory Workgroup; this will be a subgroup of the coalition which will help lead the grant. CICADA will update the MOU to reflect the new roles established with the Advisory Workgroup.

MAPP has existing efforts related to alcohol consumption. MAPP completed a community needs assessment in 2008/2009; through this assessment 12 priority issues emerged. One of the community's top 3 issues was substance abuse. The SPF project will utilize MAPP's other existing information, such as key informant interviews and perception surveys to supplement the local data they are collecting.

Challenges CICADA has faced thus far include not having a Project Coordinator until January of 2012. Strengths include having an established coalition, a community assessment to reference, and recognition of alcohol as a problem within the community.

Homer citizens are learning about the Homer Prevention Project through numerous editorials and articles that have been printed in the local newspaper.



❖ **CSAP Director Fran Harding Visit to Alaska**

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Director Fran Harding will be visiting Alaska for the first time the third week in April. A meeting with the SPF Advisory Council and workgroups is scheduled for April 16th at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage, AK. Everyone should have received an invitation to this important gathering. Listed below is the schedule for Director Harding:

- 10-12 PM: Advisory Council and other workgroups will meet with Director Harding
- 12-1:30 PM: Lunch with Director Harding

Diane asked the Advisory Council what they would like to hear from Director Harding and they following topics were identified: an update on the federal budget, the SAMHSA focus on prevention to include mental health promotion & prevention, how is Alaska's prevention system is perceived by CSAP, "lessons learned" from other SPF SIG states (specifically from cohorts 1-2 who are now completed), and what sustainability efforts other SPF SIG cohorts using and are they successful with sustainability.

Director Harding will receive an update from the EBI Workgroup on the Evidence Based Interventions Guidance Document, the Community Prevention Support Team will share the work they've been doing and the EPI Workgroup will talk about the Revised Epidemiologic Profile. We will also provide an overview of our six SPF grantees.

❖ **Advisory Council Members' Updates**

Shirley Gifford: Continuing with Compliance Check Program. She also shared that the ACPUD is continuing to develop the Preventing Underage Drinking Document.

On May 17th the ABC Board will meet to address underage drinking and the role of the ABC Board in maintaining an active role in preventing youth access to alcohol. This meeting has invited a number of experts to join the conversation and will utilize a professional facilitator to lead the agenda, facilitate the discussion and help frame recommendations. Diane Casto will be participating. Diane also mentioned a study that the ABC Board commissioned to compare/contrast the state's youth tobacco control program and the state's youth alcohol control program. A copy of this document will be sent to all Advisory Council members for review. Dr. Marny Rivera, UAA is the author (and a member of the SPF SIG Epi Workgroup).



Lakota Murray: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium had a regional planning session for substance abuse prevention, and now has a prevention plan in place for ANTHC. 6 regions participated in the process.

Kimberlee Jones: Tanana Chiefs Conference's SPF TIG is developing regional capacity among the 7 sub-regional villages served by Tanana Chiefs Conference. They are currently trying to hire a new Project Coordinator.

❖ **Other Trainings**

The Center for Applied Prevention Technology (CAPT) will be hosting a webinar on May 10th on building coalitions. An e-mail update with details will be sent prior to the meeting; all Advisory Council members are invited to participate.