



Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Advisory Council Meeting Minutes June 22, 2012

Advisory Council Members Present: Shirley Gifford, Lakota Holman, Shirley Pittz, Pat Sidmore, Delisa Culpepper, Kathy Alelly, Kimberlee Jones, Stephanie Zidek-Chandler, Anne Rousch, Devon Lewis, Diane Casto

Others Present: State Level Evaluators Jodi Barnett and Jesse Metzger, and SPF SIG Community Grantee Lisa Nelson of Yakutat Tlingit Tribe

❖ SPF SIG Evaluation Update- Jesse Metzger and Jodi Barnett

University of Alaska Anchorage's Center for Behavioral Health are assessing and evaluating the SPF SIG project for the State of Alaska. Jesse Metzger, Lead Evaluator for this project, is working with Jodi Barnett and Rachel Boschma-Wynn.

Thus far, two community-level surveys have been implemented with the help of the Evaluation Team: 1. The Adult Survey, and 2. The Coalition Survey.

Coalition Survey: Each grantee is required to work with a local level coalition to guide the SPF SIG efforts. Communities are currently in the first step- Assessment. During monthly evaluation calls with grantees, it was noted that there are different levels of engagement with their coalition. From there, the evaluators determined it may be beneficial to conduct an assessment amongst coalition members to gauge strengths and challenges so that evaluators could measure. The Evaluation Team used a coalition survey created by PIRE, and used on the Vermont SPF SIG coalitions. The Evaluators invited all coalition members to participate, totaling about 120 people. Participants answered questions regarding elements that are reflective of a strong coalition: is the mission clear, what is the structure and membership like, do people attend regularly, do they have knowledge of the Strategic Prevention Framework, etc. There was a 50% response rate. After the survey was completed, the Evaluators reviewed the results with the SPF SIG community grantee project staff during their monthly evaluation phone call. By measuring the strengths and challenges of the coalition, it allows grantees to build upon their coalition. It allows for: 1. helping the state see where the strengths are in community coalitions, and what challenges are, so that the state may provide training and technical assistance, and 2. helping coalitions build on their strengths to address SPF SIG needs.

Advisory Council members will be sent coalition webinar information.



During 2012, the Evaluators will be conducting focus groups with coalition leaders and local level evaluators. The coalition survey will be re-administered toward the end of the grant to see how grantees are progressing.

Adult Survey: The goal of this survey was to capture a baseline measure for alcohol consumption patterns in the grantee communities. SAMHSA perspective will need consistent data from all of the states; then all states will use the same definition of what heavy and binge drinking is. By having a unified definition, each state may align their data with national data collection in the NOMS. The state level evaluators went through the Internal Review Board (IRB) process and received approval, and received approval from tribal and community levels when necessary. From there, the community grantees worked with their local level evaluator on a data collection worksheet to and it was reviewed and approved by the SPF SIG Epidemiology Workgroup. After this was completed, project staff and coalition members implemented the surveys in their communities. This survey will be re-administered at the end of the grant to measure the progress in reduction of alcohol consumption.

The definitions of a drink are listed at the top of the Adult Survey. The definitions of heavy and binge drinking come from the National Survey on Drug Use and health (NSDUH). Although we are measuring heavy and binge drinking using the NSDUH definition, each grantee community may work within the scope of their community's definitions.

❖ **Community Grantee Presentation: Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, presentation by Lisa Nelson, Project Coordinator**

Yakutat Tlingit Tribe has partnered with the Yakutat Healthy Community Coalition on the SPF SIG project.

Yakutat is the largest city in the United States, but has the smallest population. 45% of the population is Alaska Native, and originated as a fishing village.

The Prevention Specialist is in charge of research and data analysis of the project, identifying resources. The Youth Advocate is in charge of the Youth Council, which leads the youth voice for this project. The Youth Advocate position has been challenging to keep filled. The data collection team consists of project staff and two coalition members (a business owner and AmeriCorps worker). The community has been focusing on team building and establishing clear roles for the coalition.

Recently, a representative from the Tri-Ethnic Center visited Yakutat for a Community Readiness Assessment training. This representative helped YTT adapt the survey to fit their needs. The interview questions were finalized by the end of the training, and the key informant interviews were selected. Yakutat conducted 6 interviews. The Readiness Assessment showed that Readiness for Adult Heavy and binge drinking falls into a 3 (Vague Awareness), and the Readiness to address underage drinking is a 4.25 (Preplanning).



The Community Prevention Support Team representatives and local level evaluators flew to Yakutat to present/review the SPF process in February, 2012. YTT hosted a community dinner at Alaska Native Brotherhood Hall for coalition members and the community, and conducted the Community Perceptions Survey (43 respondents).

The Adult Survey has been completed, and 143 community members completed the survey.

Challenges that YTT has faced included finding secondary local level data. As an alternative, the coalition brainstormed an agency reporting form, which includes monthly reports from the Department of Public Safety and the Community Health Clinic. The school district opted out of participating, as it would be challenging to maintain anonymity with the small school sizes.

On July 9-11th the local level evaluator will fly to Yakutat to go through a prioritization workshop to identify an adult consequence to adult heavy & binge drinking, intervening variables, and complete the logic model/planning tool.

❖ **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on July 27, 2012 from 9:30-11 AM. An agenda and email reminder will be sent prior to our meeting. The call in number will be 1-800-315-6338 and the code is 8407.