



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

Advisory Council Members Present:

Devon Lewis, L. Diane Casto, Jesse Metzger, Kathy Allely, Kimberlee Jones, June Sobocinski, Barb Henjum, Jim Sellers

SPF Workgroup Members/Grantees Present:

Rachel Boschma-Wynn, University of Alaska Anchorage; April Pitt and Bridie Trainor, Kawerak, Inc.; Joie Brown, Rural CAP; Karen Benning, Agnew:Beck; Pat Sidmore, ABADA/AMHB

Presenters:

Joie Brown, RurAL CAP; Melissa Lewis & Bobby Evans, Kawerak, Inc.; Karen Benning, Agnew:Beck

❖ Updates

Diane visited Fairbanks SPF grantee, Fairbanks Native Association, and met with the Fairbanks Prevention Coalition. She encouraged SPF Advisory Council members to visit with coalitions to see the great work they are doing at the community level.

Diane is working to set up a teleconference with Dr. Andre Rosay who conducted the 2010 Alaska Victimization Survey on domestic violence against women, for a presentation to the SPF Community Grantees.

❖ Grantee Presentation: RurAL CAP/Kawerak, Inc.

Bobby Evans from Kawerak, Inc. is the Project Director for the SPF. Bobby was raised in Nome, raised his family there, and is a retired correctional officer. He is deeply rooted in his community. Bobby presented on the work of the Community Alcohol Safety Team, the local level coalition leading the SPF project in Nome.

Project staff for the SPF include: Melissa Lewis, Kawerak Development Coordinator; Bridie Trainor, Program Director; April Pitts (works on other grants in Kawerak Wellness); Joie Brown, RurAL CAP (the fiscal agent).



As a result of their community assessment and review of local data, RurAL CAP/Kawerak, Inc. will focus on domestic violence as a consequence to adult heavy & binge drinking. They selected community norms and enforcement as their intervening variables. A copy of their PowerPoint was sent to all Advisory Council members prior to the meeting. If you would like an additional copy please contact devon.lewis@alaska.gov.

Advisory Council members commended this grantee on maintaining fidelity, achieving strong community buy-in, and a heightened awareness from the community regarding alcohol abuse.

❖ **Community Prevention Support Team Update**

Karen Benning of Agnew:Beck provided an update on the work of the training and technical assistance team.

Each of the grantees is finishing up the community assessments and reports. This step will help prepare them for the annual prevention grantee meeting, September 26-28 in Anchorage. The CPST was surprised to learn how aligned the consequences are among the six (6) SPF grantees. Two grantees have selected domestic violence, one has selected Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), one has selected child abuse, and one is learning toward alcohol-related assaults. As grantees move forward, they will be looking to the Advisory Council for assistance with data gaps, as well as suggestions for evidence based strategies.

❖ **State Level Evaluators**

The evaluators are hosting evaluation focus groups for local level evaluators and coordinators during the upcoming grantee meeting the last week of September. These focus groups will help gauge the strengths and challenges during the assessment and capacity building steps.

They will also be conducting a fidelity assessment. Information will be evaluated from the monthly evaluation phone calls. Providing the results of the assessment will help grantees incorporate the feedback into their SPF and enhance the project.

When grantees move into Implementation, they will be required to conduct the Community Level Instrument (CLI) and Participant Level Instrument (PLI), part of the federal evaluation requirement. The CLI asks what types of people are participating on the coalition, assesses fidelity to the framework, inquires about what types of data, and gauges how grantees picked their priority areas. It also asks about selected strategies. The PLI is a cross-site instrument that is required if grantees choose to use individual level strategies.



The evaluation team is also analyzing the adult surveys that were disseminated among the 9 grantee communities. A total of 1715 surveys were completed and are being analyzed. Once the analysis is completed the results will be shared with the Advisory Council for review and discussion.

❖ **Upcoming Meetings**

The Advisory Council will not meet during the regularly scheduled time of September 28th, as project staff will be in Anchorage hosting the Annual Prevention Grantee Meeting. The SPF SIG Advisory Council will meet again on October 26th, from 9:30-11 AM.

The call in number is 1-800-315-6338. The code is 8407.