



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant**  
**Epidemiology Workgroup**  
**February 15, 2012**

**Workgroup Members Present:**

Deborah Hull-Jilly, Charles Utermohle, Andy Jessen, Randy Burton, Spero Manson, Marny Rivera, Jesse Metzger, Devon Lewis

New Members: Spero Manson will be replacing Jodi Trojan with Tanana Chiefs Conference. Jessica Craig will be replacing Laurie Orell with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.

❖ **Revised EPI Profile**

Sherrie Wilson will be doing a technical review of the Influences section of the revised EPI Profile. After she is finished, a contracting technical reviewer will finalize.

❖ **Fact Sheet**

Deborah Hull-Jilly has continued her work with Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium on the Regional Profiles. These fact sheets will provide standard information that may be compared across regions. The Anchorage and Northern region fact sheets will be e-mailed for review. The last page of the fact sheets is dedicated to census data for the region.

❖ **Data Gaps**

Four primary data gaps

1. Department of Corrections on inmates
2. Hospital Discharge Data (Alice Rarig sent information but it was not included in last Epi Profile. Alice will update information and discuss limitations of HDDS)
3. Office of Children's Services (Spero Manson of Tanana Chiefs Conference worked with this data during his work with Cook Inlet Tribal Council. Spero worked with Travis at OCS to collect data. It was challenging to collect data. Workgroup members noted that it would be beneficial to gauge whether youth have encountered environmental exposure—example. Testing positive for drugs or alcohol. )
4. Arrest vs. Correction with Law Enforce (Uniform Crime Report)

Workgroup members suggested addressing the data gap of domestic violence.

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### ❖ **Protocol Worksheet**

Protocol Worksheet: Jesse Metzger of the Evaluation Team presented on the protocol worksheet for Alaska Island Community Services (AICS), serving Wrangell and Petersburg. AICS project staff are surveying community members at the library, two community grocery stores, and the local bars for the adult alcohol consumption survey. Workgroup members inquired if bar patrons are an appropriate survey group, due to the possibility of being intoxicated. The bar owners have been supportive of AICS sampling in their businesses. The project staff are utilizing a random digit dial to survey telephonically. They're also using a Survey Monkey link to will be included in the sample. Approximately 200 in each community will be surveyed. Workgroup members wondered if there is an established protocol to account for non-responders, and how AICS will prevent people from completing a Survey Monkey survey more than one time.

### ❖ **IBIS**

There are currently 31 Alaskan measures available on IBIS. Charles Utermohle recently inserted 130 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) variables. The next data collection system to be entered into the system will be the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). There is pending approval of the security plan before this website can go live—hopefully that will be later this spring. Charles will also be working on ATR and Hospital Discharge. Each of the links will have references.

### ❖ **Action Items**

Would like to receive feedback in providing also section on data links which are useful in reviewing data or simply refer to epi profile for links.

The Epi Workgroup will review SEARHC's updated protocol worksheet in March's meeting.

### ❖ **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:30-2:30 PM. The call in number will be 1-800-315-6338 and the code is 8078. A reminder and agenda will be e-mailed prior to the meeting.

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