



Meeting Minutes
Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant
Epidemiology Workgroup
December 21, 2011

Workgroup Members Present:

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❖ **Updates**

Natasha Pineda and Sherrie Wilson are drafting the Adult Influences document and it will be finalized in January. The Adult Influences document will be incorporated into the revised Alaska Epi Profile.

Diane Casto, SPF SIG Project Manager, will meet with the chairs of the EPI Workgroup and Adult Influences Workgroup chairs internally to finalize the project, and then open it up to the EPI Workgroup to receive feedback.

❖ **Review Grantees & Priority Areas**

As a reminder, the Alaska SPF SIG is funding a total of six (6) grantees, who are listed below:

1. RurAL CAP: serving Shishmaref, Savoonga, Teller
2. Fairbanks Native Association: serving Fairbanks
3. Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse: serving Homer
4. Yakutat Tlingit Tribe: serving Yakutat
5. Southeast Regional Health Consortium: serving Angoon, Kake, Klukwan
6. Alaska Island Community Services: serving Wrangell, Petersburg

Priority Areas for the SPF SIG Grant are:

1. Alcohol consumption amongst youth ages 12-20
2. Heavy & Binge drinking amongst adults ages 21-44

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❖ **Stage 1: Assessment**

Each of the SPF SIG grantees are in the first stage of the Strategic Prevention Framework: Assessment. This means grantees are conducting local assessments, gathering primary and secondary data, conducting community readiness assessments, working with their local level Evaluators, as well as their State level Evaluators (Jodi Barnett and Jesse Metzger).

Each grantee is able to identify ways to gather data which work for their communities. Grantees are in the process of creating an data collection plan with their local Evaluator to be approved by the State level Evaluators. Each of these plans will be reviewed by the SPF SIG Epi Workgroup, and discussed during monthly meetings.

❖ **State Level Baseline Data**

Jesse Metzger presented on collecting baseline data for the SPF SIG grantees.

Adult Data: Our State Level Evaluators have pulled questions for baseline data from NSDUH (National Survey of Drug Use and Health) and BRFSS (Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System) and created a brief survey for grantees to implement in their communities.

The Evaluators are using the Internal Review Board (IRB) process to ensure their questions are acceptable at the state level. Borrowing New Mexico's model to get these into the field.

Youth Data: State level Evaluators are utilizing the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which was implemented by all grantees, except SEARHC in 2011. Evaluators have two challenges to satisfy the National Outcome Measures (NOMS): 1. Find another baseline data source for SEARHC, and 2. Find data during the years that the YRBS isn't administered, as it is a bi-annual data collection system, and SAMSHA requires yearly data.

❖ **Reviewing Assessment Plan for SEARHC and CICADA**

The Epidemiology Workgroup had the following feedback regarding SEARHC's assessment plan:

- Concern of small number of sample size in each community with SEARHC.
- Concern of each prevention worker collecting 20 surveys for each community (Kake, Klukwan, Angoon) when population levels are drastically different in these communities.
- Question of how SEARHC is identifying homes to interview?

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- Comment: Giving incentives could be a good way of ensuring participation.
- Concern: face to face interviews may be challenging, as people may not want to share their undesirable behaviors.
- Brainstorm: Why not call centers/surveys? Maybe a prevention worker based in another community complete telephonic survey to maintain anonymity?
- Comment: If survey is over a cup of coffee, it should be in written survey form to ensure anonymity. The survey will not indicate whether they received assistance to fill out the survey.

The Epidemiology Workgroup had the following feedback regarding CICADA's assessment plan:

- Comment: The data collection method is through local level Evaluator's Goldstream Group—easier to manage.
- Comment: The competence interval seems appropriate.
- Brainstorm: Incentives are a good idea, but would be hard to produce, as surveys are anonymous, and surveys are completed telephonically.

Based on conversations regarding SEARHC and CICADA, Jesse Metzger, State Level Evaluator, will send out worksheet to establish minimum number of surveys needed to achieve adequate competence intervals.

❖ Next Workgroup

A meeting request will be sent to workgroup members in mid January, once Deborah Hull-Jilly meets with Diane Casto regarding the revised Alaska Epi Document. An e-mail reminder and agenda will also be sent out prior to our meeting.

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