

Vermont's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentives Grant  
EPI WORKGROUP  
August 9, 2006 1:30-3:00pm  
Conference room 3b

Agenda

- 1) Updates
  - Status of positions associated with grant
    - Administrative Assistant- Julie Campbell-WELCOME!
    - Substance Abuse Research and Policy Analyst- John Searles- WELCOME!
  - Status of evaluation contractor
- 2) Discussion of Advisory Council Meeting on 6/19
- 3) Future Role of Epi Workgroup (and Substance Abuse Research and Policy Analyst)
- 4) Reschedule next meeting

Meeting: Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant Epidemiology Work Group Meeting

Date: August 9, 2006

Present: Kelly Hale Lamonda (Chair), Lori Uerz, Linda Piasecki, John Searles, Caroline Dawson, Monica Weeber, Marcia Bellas, Jennifer Hicks, Jason Roberts, Olivia Hunter, Bruce Wilson, David Murphey and Beth Burgess

Recorder: Julie Campbell

Topic	Leader	Discussion	Follow-Up
Updates – New Employees and Status of the Evaluation contract	Kelly Hale Lamonda	<p>Kelly introduced 2 new ADAP employees associated with the Prevention Framework grant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Searles, Substance Abuse Research and Policy Analyst</li><li>• Julie Campbell, Prevention Unit Administrative Assistant</li></ul> <p>PIRE (Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation) has been hired as the evaluation contractor. The contract is for 5 years and should be ready for PIRE’s signature in early September 2006. Bob Flewelling from PIRE will be heading the evaluation contract.</p>	
Discussion of June 19, 2006 Advisory Council Meeting	Kelly Hale Lamonda  Linda Piasecki	<p>Kelly discussed the presentations to the Prevention Framework Advisory Council on 6/19/06. Bob Flewelling from PIRE and Greg Dana from the University of Vermont gave an overview of population level outcome evaluation for two prevention programs. Kelly presented the recommendations from the Epidemiology Workgroup targeting alcohol misuse across the lifespan and driving under the influence of marijuana. The Advisory Group broke out into small groups to discuss the information. Kelly asked Advisory Council members present to share a summary from these small groups.</p> <p>Linda stated the under age drinking indicator was very strongly endorsed by everyone in her group. Other indicators that came up were driving under the influence of marijuana and alcohol use among young parents.</p>	Kelly will e-mail the minutes and the presentations from the 6/19/06 Advisory Council meeting.

	<p>Lori Uerz</p> <p>Monica Weeber</p> <p>Kelly Hale Lamonda</p>	<p>Kelly mentioned there are still some issues to work out on what age we are going to target but overwhelmingly people agreed that delaying the onset of alcohol use was a main priority for everyone.</p> <p>Lori shared that the discussion in her small group focused on targeting parents of youth and young adults as one strategy for delay of onset</p> <p>Monica shared while her workgroup agreed overall to the 0-21 delay of alcohol use, they were wanting more specific breakouts within the 0-21 with no real agreement on what the breakouts should be. The workgroup members moved onto the discussion of strategies, which is a great discussion but one that would take place after the statewide priorities are agreed upon. For example, one discussion identified 0-6 year old target population and how the target group would also include the parents of these children. The conclusion of the workgroup is that while a specific target population will be identified, there will be additional groups targeted for any impact to be made on the target population.</p> <p>Two secondary priorities were alcohol misuse among 18-25 year olds and marijuana use and driving. A concern was raised that targeting the driving part almost makes the use of marijuana acceptable. Kelly mentioned we may be stepping back and focusing on just marijuana prevalence.</p>	
<p>Resource, Capacity and Readiness Assessments</p>	<p>Kelly Hale Lamonda</p>	<p>The ADAP Prevention Unit are working on getting the resource, capacity and the readiness assessments ready to go. We will be hearing more about how these assessments will affect the priorities in the next several meetings.</p>	

<p>Marijuana Use and Driving</p>	<p>Kelly Hale Lamonda</p> <p>John Searles</p>	<p>Kelly stated that John has completed some preliminary research on the issue of marijuana and driving, including following up with Advisory Council member Sargent John Flannigan regarding the Vermont State Police.</p> <p>John said the State Police use an expansion of the standardized field sobriety test that they use for alcohol. The one they use the most is the horizontal gaze and nystagmus. The research on SFST's in terms of being able to diagnose driving while impaired with drugs is still in the early stages.</p>	
<p>Age Breakdowns</p>	<p>Bruce Wilson</p> <p>Kelly Hale Lamonda</p>	<p>Bruce raised a concern on how the 0-21 age group came together as one whole group versus two groups; 0-17 and then 18-25.</p> <p>Kelly mentioned that the 18, 19 and 20 year olds were included in delaying use because it's illegal. We also added the 18 to 25 year olds to reduce high risk drinking so they are in there as their own separate priority.</p>	
<p>Future Role of Epidemiology Workgroup and Substance Abuse Research and Policy Analyst</p>	<p>Kelly Hale Lamonda</p>	<p>The group will continue to meet and discuss the next level of break out that Kelly and John are working on. Kelly and John will break down the data on 18-25 year olds by race, gender, geographic area, economic disparities and mother's education.</p>	
<p>Future Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Kelly Hale Lamonda</p>	<p>The next two Epidemiology Workgroup meetings are scheduled as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 4 - 1:30 pm to 3 pm</li> <li>• December 13 - 1:30 pm to 3 pm</li> </ul>	