

Vermont's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentives Grant
EPI WORKGROUP
February 8, 2006 1:30-3:30pm
Conference room 3b

Agenda

Introductions

Updates

Joint Fiscal

Review Data

Develop/select Prioritization Grid

Next steps

Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant
 Epidemiological Workgroup Meeting Minutes
 February 8, 2006

Present: Marcia Bellas, Caroline Dawson, Rod McCormick, Doris Ogden, Beth Burgess, Bruce Wilson, Olivia Hunter,
 Doug Dows, Jessica Brosseau, Jason Roberts, Kelly Hale-LaMonda (Chair), Lori Uerz

Recorded By: Emily Trutor

Topic	Leader	Discussion	Follow-Up
Grant Update	Kelly Hale-LaMonda Lori Uerz	Barbara presented to the House and Senate on the various grants. The legislature wanted to make sure we are coordinating our efforts. The grants has been approved but the funds are part of the mid year budget revision.	Waiting for the budget revision to be approved.
Hospital Discharge Data	Caroline Dawson	See handout. Men and 35-49 year olds across the board are the largest group seen in hospitals. Need to remember some people go directly to Act I Bridge or the correctional facilities for detox.	We are able to look at age and gender if people are interested. Will use the grid to summarize the data.
Single vehicle night time crashes	Marcia Bellas Kelly Hale-LaMonda	18-44 year olds are the bulk of operators involved in single night time crashes. Will be looking only at data from 2002 on. We are able to look at age and gender if people are interested.	Will address at a future date. Kelly will work with Marcia to get this data into the grid.
Grid/Prioritizing the Indicators	Kelly Hale-LaMonda	See Handout.	We need to come up with a strategy to prioritize the data.

	Lori Uerz	<p>Kelly is beginning to fill it out. It will take some time due to all the various data sources.</p> <p>How are we going to prepare/review our indicators? We have looked at examples from various sources.</p> <p>Lori prepared some examples using New Mexico and Connecticut data. See handout.</p> <p>Connecticut evaluated via substance. New Mexico went problem specific (i.e., cirrhosis of the liver).</p> <p>Both groups evaluated the number of people affected/impacted/burdened. This will be important for Vermont.</p> <p>Both groups looked at changeability. Can we make an impact? Will we see a change with a five year grant?</p> <p>Other questions and considerations posed by CT and NM are as follows:</p>	<p>Kelly hopes to have the grid near complete by next week and then the group will begin a discussion of priorities once the grid is complete.</p> <p>Will provide Advisory Council with our process as well as our recommendations.</p> <p>After much discussion by the group, it was decided that we will model our preliminary prioritization grid after New Mexico and add to the grid preventability and changeability.</p> <p>Committee member Doug Dows suggested that upon reviewing of the completed grid, a couple of issues rise to the top we will discuss them as potential choices for Vermont's number one substance abuse issue.</p> <p>.</p>
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		<p>Can indicators be changed?</p> <p>Are there evidence based strategies available to effect the change?</p> <p>Do we want to come up with a scale to measure our priorities?</p> <p>What kind of change do we expect to see over the next 5 years?</p> <p>Members asked the following questions and contributed the answers: How old is our data allowed to be? As timely as possible but no specific deadlines.</p> <p>We can't score every item. Need criteria to see what we should be scoring. (i.e., if we don't have enough info to score it we can't use the data but will note it)</p> <p>Should we move forward to establish our plans or wait until the grid is complete? This process takes approximately a year to complete.</p> <p>How will the indicators be used? The group's job is to review the data and then formulate priority recommendations. Important to look at data over time and</p>	
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		<p>not at random spikes.</p> <p>Are we going to do regional comparisons? Similar demographic comparisons? National data is more readily available.</p> <p>Will there be an evaluator for the grant? There will be a contracted evaluator for the grant.</p> <p>Evaluation sheet will include: state ranking, the northeast, severity.</p> <p>Will the large number of college students distort the data? This question was tabled until next time.</p>	
Future Meetings	Kelly Hale-LaMonda	March 8 th 1:30-3:30 April 12 th 1:30-3:30	