

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

Agenda

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Voting Grid Discussion

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Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant

Epidemiological Workgroup Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2006

Present: Marcia Bellas, Caroline Dawson, Rod McCormick, Doris Ogden, Olivia Hunter, David Murphey, Monica Weeber
 Doug Dows, Jessica Brosseau, Jason Roberts, Barbara Moeykens, Lori Uerz, Linda Piasecki, Kelly Hale LaMonda
 (Chair)

Recorded By: Kelly Hale LaMonda

Topic	Leader	Discussion	Follow-Up
Grant Update	Lori Uerz Linda Piasecki	The grant has been approved but the funds are part of the mid year budget revision. The mid year budget revision was approved yesterday and we therefore have approval to start spending and start the hiring process. We received approval to post the evaluation contract as a 5 year contract. The evaluation RFP has been posted on the state’s electronic bulletin board.	We hope to have jobs related to this grant posted next month.
Grid/Prioritizing the Indicators	Kelly Hale-LaMonda	Kelly filled in a lot of the grid and distributed to workgroup members. She also distributed a ranking grid to members via email prior to the 3/8 meeting. Members were asked to identify the top 3 indicators he/she thought the group should discuss. Kelly presented a summary of those rankings (see Handout). The general categories of “alcohol use” (binge drinking and age of initiation) and “driving under the influence/motor vehicle crashes” came up with the most votes. Members discussed the reasons why they voted for these, i.e, numbers of people of affected and above national average for binge drinking and severity of the consequence (injury/death) for motor vehicle crashes). The group discussed the relationship of these two indicators, pointing out that in order to get a DUI (BLC _≥ .08) a person had to binged on alcohol (5 or more drinks in 2 hours). The group also discussed the relationship between binge drinking and hospital admission and emergency room data.	

		<p>Members also discussed the implications of early initiation of alcohol use. We know that the earlier a person uses alcohol the more likely they are to have problems with alcohol later in life. If we can delay onset of alcohol use we may be able to reduce the number of people who binge drink and reduce the number of alcohol related consequences.</p> <p>Although the majority of focus centered around alcohol and consequences related to use, there were a few members that did not want to see marijuana use and driving under the influence of marijuana be forgotten. A lot of kids use marijuana and a lot drive/ride with someone who is under the influence. This indicator (driving under the influence of mj) might be an easy indicator to make an impact.</p> <p>After much discussion, the group decided to recommend focusing on problematic alcohol use over the life span (early age of onset/binge drinking/heavy/chronic use) and driving under the influence of marijuana. The group decided to create a short summary of the problem (why the group decided to focus on these) that would be presented to the “bridge group”.</p>	<p>Kelly will draft a summary document that summarizes problematic alcohol use across the life span and driving under the influence of marijuana. The workgroup will discuss this draft at our next meeting. The document will then be submitted to the “bridge group”.</p>
Future Meetings	Kelly Hale-LaMonda	<p>April 12th 1:30-3:30 Agenda to include: Updates Review draft recommendation document Discuss future role of epi workgroup Set up future meeting schedule</p>	