

Vermont's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentives Grant
EPI WORKGROUP
April 11, 2007 1:00-2:30pm
Conference room 3b

Agenda

- 1) Updates
 - a. Current timeline
 - b. The Plan and Epi Profile summaries

- 2) Review
 - a. Logic models
 - b. Data grid for applicants
 - c.

- 3) Continued discussion
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 - c. "Rapid response" to new data
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- 4) Other

Next meeting: June 13, 2007 1-2:30

Meeting: Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant Epidemiology Work Group Meeting
Date: April 11, 2007
Present: Kelly Hale Lamonda (Chair), John Searles, Marcia Bellas, Rod McCormick, Jason Roberts
David Murphey, Jessie Brosseau, Lori Tatsapaugh Uerz, Caroline Dawson, Linda Piasecki
Recorder: Jessica Rosato

Topic	Leader	Discussion	Follow-Up
<p><u>Updates: Current Timeline</u></p>	<p>Lori Uerz</p>	<p>The meeting began with an update from Lori Tatsapaugh Uerz on the Strategic Prevention Framework Grant. The Strategic Plan was submitted March 1, 2007, which included the Epidemiological Profile. An email was received Monday, April 2, 2007 that asked for only six questions to be expanded upon in greater detail. These follow-up questions will be due on April 20, 2007. Overall, there were no concerns over the plan's expected approval.</p> <p>The Strategic Prevention Framework Request for Proposal has commenced and a final version should be completed by the end of April. The RFP will be out by the beginning of May where grantees will be given 6-8 weeks to complete the application. It is expected that the applications will be under review in the summer and the funds disbursed shortly thereafter.</p> <p>There is also work being done on an executive summary of the SPF Strategic Plan where a more condensed version of the plan (6-7 pages) will be accessible. The due date for the executive summary is also at the end of April. The executive summary will be used by Barbara Cimaglio when dealing with legislators as well as being placed on the future website to get information on SPF out to the general public who may be interested.</p>	
<p><u>Updates: Epi Profile</u></p>	<p>Kelly Hale Lamonda</p>	<p>Kelly handed out a draft copy of the Epidemiological Executive Summary that she has compiled. She asked that all attendees read the summary and get back to her with feedback within the next two weeks. It was suggested that Kelly send an email containing a copy of the summary along with a complete copy of the Epi Profile which was done directly following the meeting.</p>	<p>Feedback on Epi Executive Summary to Kelly within the next two weeks.</p>
<p><u>Review: Logic Models</u></p>	<p>Kelly Hale Lamonda</p>	<p>Based on the three priorities, logic models need to be created for the government. Kelly handed out a copy of her work thus far on</p>	

		<p>the beginning stages of the three logic models. In this, it is required that communities will be provided with data related to these variables, but in some instances there is no reliable source from which to gather the necessary information and data. As a result, Kelly asked that we work down the list of intervening variables and brainstorm ways to get data on each specific topic, if not already available. By giving these data to the communities they will be better able to plan and incorporate the relevant intervening variables into their own logic models.</p> <p>The group began with a discussion about easy retail access. Some suggestions were made, including getting compliance checks by county from the Department of Liquor Control as well as paying attention to the number of outlets and density of an area. This is one way to measure easy retail access.</p> <p>The next variable addressed was the low enforcement of laws. As a way to obtain more data, David Murphy suggested looking into how many reports have resulted in prosecution. As a side note, he also mentioned the necessity to define enforcement and figure out what we really mean when using the term. Everyone felt this to be a good idea with Kelly stating that she will look at other states to see how they define it. Linda Piasecki continued, suggesting that we look at the per capita rate of DWI arrests based on the population as a whole or by a specific age group to help retrieve data. Others suggested using the Vermont Crime Online, proxy measures and the expertise of Jim Bellino as possible additional resources.</p> <p>It was even suggested that we only give the community a couple of options and not address all the variables. In this, Lori wanted to make sure that we do not limit information given out because of lack of data. It is important to get all the information to the grantees as they may have their own creative ideas for obtaining data or have previously had experience in a specific area because of its prevalence there.</p> <p>Data is available through the YRBS on both lack of parental monitoring and low perceived risk of alcohol use.</p>	<p>Kelly to define enforcement.</p>
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<u>Data Grid for Applicants</u>	Kelly	<p>There is a data grid already developed for CHAMPPS wellness grants. Kelly would like to use the existing grid or format to incorporate data on SPF-SIG indicators. Data are currently aggregated by county, VDH district office, and hospital service area. The communities want supervisory union level data, however, some are uncomfortable using this grid format to display SU level data, because we run the risk of people comparing SUs. As a result, it was previously decided that we would refer people to the SU reports if requested (not in grid format, yet expanded), but not provide them publicly. Already present are drinking, marijuana use, tobacco, drinking and driving, and driving under the influence of marijuana. Data regarding intervening variables would be included in this grid.</p>	Kelly will start updating the grid with intervening variable data that is readily available.
<u>Continued Discussion: Recruiting New Members</u>	Kelly	<p>This discussion over the possibility of new members is one that carried over from the last Epi Workgroup meeting. Kelly wanted to hear any thoughts on key members that might prove to be a good addition to the team. Although no one had specific names, they did suggest reinviting folks that used to come, e.g., representative from the Department of Education, the Dept of Corrections, the Department of Liquor Control. Someone also mentioned inviting someone from court diversion.</p>	
<u>Continued Discussion: Data Gaps</u>	Kelly	<p>The 18-24 year old population continues to be a major data gap with much work being done on how to access that specific age group. There is a pilot study in the works centered around</p>	

		<p>surveys conducted on cell phones instead of land lines of which Caroline Dawson was privy to at the BRFSS Conference she attended. Caroline gave a quick update stating that it still continues to be just a pilot study at this time and that individuals are finding out that it is not only costlier than landlines, but yields shorter interviews. Additionally, Caroline stated that she will summarize her notes and get those to Kelly to give better, more accurate information regarding this topic.</p> <p>Jessie Brosseau then spoke on the over sampling of 18-24 year olds executed for the Adult Tobacco Survey, by the Tobacco Control Unit, stating that they are reaching their expected quotas through the random digit dial and even going beyond expected numbers. She also mentioned that when conducting a survey the interviewers first ask if there is a smoker in the house, and if not, they then ask if there is an 18-24 year old in the household. In this, Rod McCormick suggested the possibility of strengthening the bias towards younger people within the household to get desired data on 18-24 year olds on the BRFSS.</p> <p>Other options, such as the use of the internet, will continue to be explored.</p>	<p>Caroline Dawson to summarize her notes on the cell phone surveys from the BRFSS Conference.</p>
<p><u>Continued Discussion: Rapid Response</u></p>	<p>Kelly</p>	<p>Although there has been a great deal of discussion over changing the title, “rapid response,” there has been no formal decision as to what to change it to. The rapid response is an attempt to get substance use data (more specifically, prescription drug misuse) quicker and analyze this information more quickly as well. Thus far, finding data to support the idea that there is a huge prescription drug misuse problem has proven unsuccessful. In hopes of finding way to acquire this information, Caroline suggested looking at a new state law that is being created in conjunction with the state police, while Linda suggested looking at methadone related deaths from prescriptions. Looking at the medical examiner data might also be a good way to go, as John Searles mentioned.</p>	<p>Caroline to find out specifics on the state law being implemented.</p>
<p><u>Continued Discussion: New Data Sources</u></p>	<p>Kelly</p>	<p>Kelly stated that new data sources are still currently being explored. In this, ADAP is attempting to get a system into place</p>	

		that would monitor prescription drug use.	
<u>Conclusion</u>	Kelly	The meeting concluded with an announcement from Kelly that the next Epi Workgroup meeting will take place on June 13, 2007 in conference room 3B from 1:00pm-2:30pm.	