

Strategic Prevention Framework Grant
Epidemiological Workgroup

November 1, 2005

2pm – 4pm

Vermont Department of Health
108 Cherry Street, Burlington, Room 3B

AGENDA

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | Kelly Hale-LaMonda |
| 2. Data Presentation and Discussion | Kelly Hale-LaMonda |
| 3. Grant Expectations | Lori Tatsapaugh Uerz
Kelly Hale-Lamonda |
| A. Framework | |
| B. Matrix | |
| 4. Timeline | Lori Tatsapaugh Uerz |
| 5. Next Steps | Kelly Hale-LaMonda |
| A. December meeting | |
| B. Data needs | |

Notes from the Epi. Workgroup meeting on November 1, 2005

Kelly began the meeting with introductions and then presented national data and how and where VT is ranked among the 50 states on alcohol and marijuana. The group felt it is more important to look at Vermont data than where we fall nationally. Then Kelly presented some Vermont specific data in a map format for alcohol and marijuana by county level for youth and “problem drinking” data for adults. John Pandiani also presented a VT county map related to substance abuse treatment admissions. The group talked about the consistencies and inconsistencies of the adults and youth data. John P. then asked about the next level of analysis – what will we look at in terms of gender, age, geographic distribution. Lori reminded the group that yes, we will get to this level of discussion but first we need the group to identify which consequences of substance abuse we will look at and to identify the source. From that discussion we will then eliminate consequences that we do not have data to support and then look at the data we do have and assess the quality of the data and again, eliminate any data sources that are poor quality data.

Lori provided a very brief overview of the grant to new members and for everyone, reviewed the goals of the grant and how the epi. workgroups work fits into the larger grant initiative. The group was asked to think about the questions, “What is the burden of substance use in Vermont – what do we want to know? And what data do we need to know it?” From that discussion, Lori presented a grid of alcohol consequences and sources of data were presented to the workgroup for their reaction. Additions were made and data sources identified. A lively discussion ensued that raised some policy issues that will be better discussed at the advisory council level. The question was then asked what substances will we be focusing on and Kelly indicated that alcohol, tobacco and marijuana are musts, as VDH will need to address these substances in our required plan to CSAP. Kelly went on to say that although VDH will need to identify the needs and resources around tobacco, the SPF grant will most likely not focus on tobacco as we identify our tobacco resources (settlement dollars, staff, current initiatives, etc..) that will be focused on the tobacco issue. The question of which additional substances the workgroup will look at will first be discussed with our project director (Barbara Cimaglio) and project manager (Marcia LaPlante).

Lori and Kelly agreed to compile the consequence and source grid and e-mail out to members within a week for their review and comments. Lori announced that the time frame for the workgroups recommendations to the Advisory Council may be expected as early as March '06. Kelly explained the hiring process for VDH takes about 4 months from start to finish, bringing us to March '06. The group discussed the need to keep this deadline in mind as we continue to make decisions on the level of data analysis we are able to complete with no staff for the epi. workgroup.

The next two meetings have been set for:

December 14th, from 2-4 pm., VDH, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington
January 11th, from 2-4 pm, VDH, 108 Cherry Street, Burlington