

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

Date: April 2, 2008

Present: Kelly Hale Lamonda (Chair), Caroline Dawson, Jessie Brosseau , Jennifer Hicks, Marcia LaPlante, Bruce Wilson, Connie Beal, Katy Cahill, David Murphey, Lori Tatsapaugh Uerz, Barbara Cimaglio, John Searles, Meg Baldor

Recorder: Kelly Hale LaMonda

Topic	Leader	Discussion	Follow-Up
<b><u>Introductions</u></b>	Kelly Hale Lamonda	The meeting began with introductions by all attendees. It has been a long time since we met (October!) and we have a lot of updates. Unfortunately, there were quite a few folks unable to come to this meeting because of illness and other meetings.	
<b><u>Update: Grantee info and training info</u></b>	Lori Uerz	Lori handed out a sheet listing all 23 grantees (4 were funded through CHAMPPS) including whether they were a capacity building (CB) or implementation (I) grantee. She also handed out a list of trainings the grantees are required to participate.	See attached.
<b><u>Legislation</u></b>	Barbara Cimaglio	Barbara mentioned 3 bills relevant to our work. S.238 PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA S.231 AN ACT RELATING TO STUDYING LOWERING THE DRINKING AGE and H.0824 AN ACT RELATING TO DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED AND TO FORFEITURE AND REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES It is unlikely that the first two are going to be passed this legislative session but they have created a lot of discussion and debate. For up to date status go to: <a href="http://www.leg.state.vt.us/database/status/summary.cfm">http://www.leg.state.vt.us/database/status/summary.cfm</a>	
<b><u>Related Fact sheets/ presentations</u></b>	Kelly and John	The marijuana fact sheet was developed as a way to educate legislators (and general public) on the most current research available. Fact sheet is based on very recent studies.  John is working on a presentation and fact sheet debunking the myths related to lowering the minimum legal drinking age (MLDA).	See attached fact sheet  We will distribute to Epi Workgroup when complete.

<p><b><u>NSDUH summary</u></b></p>	<p>John</p>	<p>John summarized the 2006 National Survey on Drug Use and Health-State Estimates (NSDUH) and distributed. These new data confirm the Epi Workgroup picked the right priorities. For example, Vermont has the highest rate in the country of underage drinking, the second highest rate of underage binge drinking, and the highest overall rate of marijuana use. Rankings among Vermont's young adults (18-25yo) were also quite alarming across all indicators.</p>	<p>See attached</p>
<p><b><u>Prescription drug misuse surveillance</u></b></p>	<p>Kelly and John</p>	<p>John has updated the prescription drug misuse data summary. This summary represents the most current epidemiological data available and does not necessarily reflect the impact of prescription drug misuse on the treatment and judicial systems. Marcia asked if medical examiner data could be incorporated into the summary. Group briefly discussed and concluded that it would be particularly helpful to compare overdose (related to Rx drugs alone or in combination with other drugs) with other causes of death among the age range of 30-45 year olds (or other age range where overdose is most common).</p>	<p>See attached summary</p> <p>Kelly will follow-up with Jennifer Hicks</p>
<p><b><u>Continued discussion: Core alcohol survey</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Young adult survey</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Young adult focus groups</u></b></p>	<p>Katy Cahill, PIRE</p>	<p>Katy let the group know that we were in the process of recruiting VT colleges to participate in the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey during the Fall 08. Barbara Cimaglio sent a letter to all college presidents encouraging their participation.</p> <p>The Evaluation Team is also in the process of developing a methodology for surveying 18-29 year olds as a way to gather baseline data for the evaluation and meet the NOMS (national outcome measurement system) requirement. The current idea is to develop a postcard that would be distributed in the areas frequented by 18-29yo (e.g., businesses, recreational areas, etc). The young adult would fill in his/her email or phone number to be contacted at a later time. There would be an incentive, such as a gift card or chance to win an ipod, for the young person to fill out an alcohol and other drug survey.</p> <p>All grantees are also required to conduct at least one focus group with 18-25 year olds. A focus group guide was developed by PIRE</p>	

<b><u>Continued discussion:Poison control data</u></b>	Kelly and John	Still unclear on how best to use these data. Keep on agenda.	
<b><u>High risk group</u></b>	Marcia	Marcia asked the group if we could help select a high risk group for more targeted prevention, e.g., homeless youth, incarcerated women, etc. Group discussed making a list of all known high risk groups and then seeing if we have ATOD data on these folks.	This will be kept on agenda for next time.
<b><u>Update Epi profile</u></b>	John Searles	<p>We would like to update the Epi Profile and Executive Summary over the next several months. These were originally created very quickly. Now that we have a little more time, we have the opportunity to change the format, add/delete data, etc. Please send John any comments you have regarding updating these documents.</p> <p>The meeting concluded. The next meeting will be June 11<sup>th</sup> 1:30-3pm, Room 3b – VDH 108 Cherry Street, Burlington.</p>	Members will review the full data profile and send comments/suggestions to John by the end of April.