

Vermont's Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentives Grant
EPI WORKGROUP
April 12, 2006 1:30-3:30pm
Conference room 3b

Agenda

Updates

- Status of positions associated with grant
- Status of evaluation contractor
- Next Adv Council meeting

Discussion on Draft Recommendations

Future Role of Epi Workgroup

Set Future Meeting Schedule

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

Date: April 12, 2006

Present: Kelly Hale Lamonda Lori Uerz, Linda Piasecki, Doris Ogden, Caroline Dawson, Rod McCormick, Monica Weeber, Marcia Bellas, Jason Roberts, Jessie Brosseau, Olivia Hunter, Bruce Wilson, Marcia LaPlante, Doug Dows, David Murphey, Beth Burgess, Barbara Moeykens

Topic	Leader	Discussion/Actions	Follow-Up
Discussion of Draft Recommendations	Kelly Hale LaMonda	<p>The group was asked to react to the current draft recommendations with the charge to suggest modifications that will allow this document to clearly justify to the Advisory Council why and how we have arrived at these recommendations. After much discussion, the following suggestions were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reformat the recommendations to add a background section that documents consumption and consequence patterns, as well as, adding Vermont specific data.2. Add to first bullet (delay of onset of alcohol use & associated consequences ages 0-21) the research findings that a delay of onset will reduce the probability of alcohol dependence by 14%; people who begin drinking before the age of 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who wait until age 21.3. Discussion on the second priority, "Driving under the influence of marijuana" yielded these additions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Add in data on riders who have been using marijuana• add in data on marijuana use in general and why we think it is important to focus on this (e.g. it is the number one reason they come into treatment)	Kelly and Lori will make suggested revisions to document

		<p>4. If we state VT average is higher than the national average, then we need to identify what the national average is...</p> <p>5. Need to add estimated number of Vermonters.</p> <p>6. Need a heavy drinking definition – restate it per month per day. Chronic = heavy.</p> <p>7. Need to add in estimate of costs to the health care system costs alcohol awareness costs</p> <p>8. If available, should add in the costs of crashes of alcohol</p> <p>9. Need to give them comparative data – comparing the consequences between alcohol vs. cocaine – identify our criteria that we used to decide on this – data will relate to the criteria</p>	
Preparation for Bridge Group discussion	Lori Uerz	<p>Discussion to have with the Bridge Group:</p> <p>The group identified the need to answer the questions directly about why not tobacco, why not heroin, why not meth, etc... to the Bridge Group and the Advisory Council -- Lori, Kelly and Epi. workgroup members need to be prepared to answer the question “why not illicit drugs except for marijuana?”</p> <p>Make sure the Bridge Group and the Advisory Council understand that this is a prevention grant versus a treatment grant.</p> <p>Remind/inform the Bridge Group that the SPF will also be looking at infrastructure and evaluation.</p>	Kelly and Lori will incorporate all suggestions into their presentations to the Bridge Group
Future Role of the Epidemiology Work group	Kelly	Continue to review data and once recommendations are prioritized and finalized, begin sub-analysis, e.g. breakdown by geographic area. Group agreed to	

		meet every other month beginning in June 2006.	
Set future Meeting Schedule	Kelly	June – 6/14 August – 8/9 October – 10/11	