

SPF SIG Monthly Summary April 2007

Workgroups:

- ❑ The *Executive Management Team*: Interviews were conducted for Education Specialist and Epi positions. Neither of two Epi candidates was chosen and this job description is being reformulated to reflect that of a Research Analyst with the idea that this position needs someone who can frame questions and effectively communicate with local level. Discussed indicators on progress and 3rd Learning Community focused on 18-25 year olds to be held in the summer.
- ❑ The *Strategies for Healthy Youth Workgroup (SHY)* did not meet this month
- ❑ The *Prevention Centers of Excellence* did not meet this month
- ❑ The *State Epidemiology Workgroup*. Technical assistance for a data improvement plan was requested of JBS and meeting will be held on May 4th with their representative.
 - ❑ DEA Update: Dramatic drop in meth labs. “Candy Meth” on the rise nationally (not yet in New England); candy meth is designed to attract young users. Marijuana grows in NH has been a major issue lately. A group from Canada is buying up large, new homes and growing marijuana in the basements.
 - ❑ Presentation of DOT on available data
 - ❑ Marci Sorg of UM Margaret Chase Smith presented a summary of Maine drug-induced and drug-related mortality data. She does not recommend using county data for drug induced/related deaths.
 - ❑ Brainstorm needs for improved data
- ❑ The *OSA/HMP RFP Planning Group* Discussion of additional guidance that may be needed at local level for including measurable objectives in the strategic plans

Other Items:

- HMP/OSA Prevention collaboration meetings continue
- KIT revisions and planning to align monitoring system with the objectives and requirements of the new HMP/OSA RFP
- SPF SIG Coordinator Site Visits:
 - Community Concepts, Oxford County
 - Day One, Portland
 - PROP, Portland
 - Knox County Community Health Coalition
 - Healthy Community Coalition, Farmington
 - Healthy Androscoggin, Lewiston
 - SCARP, Skowhegan
 - Maine General, Waterville
 - Regional Medical Center Lubec, Washington County
 - Hancock County Planning Commission