

SPF SIG Monthly Summary March 2007

Workgroups:

- ❑ The *Executive Management Team*: did not meet in March
- ❑ The *Strategies for Healthy Youth Workgroup (SHY)* met March 9, 2007. Updates and discussion ensued on the Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Program anti-stigma media campaign. Ten of Maine's media markets have a coordinator signed on to participate in coordinating the message in their region. Updates were given on the success of the February Learning Communities training for SPF SIG grantees; and on the status of the state SPF SIG staff (the Epidemiologist and Education Specialist positions will be vacant as of March 15). Integrating cultural competence into our work.
- ❑ The *Prevention Centers of Excellence* met February 6 with OSA and with the Director of MeCDC. The purpose of the meeting was to inform and ask the PCoE's about our intention to include them in the RFP as a resource. The PCoE's were in agreement, that they should be included in this capacity.
- ❑ The *State Epidemiology Workgroup* did not meet in March. Although 3 new people have become members. Two are from the Department of Transportation, Safety Office, the other is from the Maine CDC Office of Vital Statistics.
- ❑ The *OSA/HMP RFP Planning Group* met several times in March to begin to answer the many RFP questions that have been sent. A bidders conference was held March 15 at the Augusta Civic Center with approximately 200 attendees. Answers to the RFP questions can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/rfp/hmpqa.htm>.

Other Items:

- The new CSAP Prevention Fellow (Michelle Brown) for Maine began March 15, 2007. She and her Mentors (Anne Rogers the SPF SIG Coordinator at OSA and Stephen Gilson the University based Prevention Center of Excellence PI) attended a CSAP training in RI on the SPF model and Prevention Fellow requirements.
- Initial interviews with Epidemiologist candidates were conducted, second interviews scheduled for April. A large pool of applicants for the Education Specialist I position of the SPF SIG were received, interviews are scheduled for mid April.
- The SPF SIG Evaluators and SPF SIG Coordinator participated in the CSAP cross-site implementation telephone interview. The purpose is for CSAP to measure how states are implementing the SPF SIG, any issues, and successes of the model.
- The SPF SIG Coordinator participated on the NH SPF SIG RFP review team.
- OSA and Me CDC held a dual press conference on the Surgeon Generals report on underage drinking. Several SPF SIG grantees forwarded press releases to their local media to educate the public.