

SPF SIG Monthly Summary October 2007

Workgroups:

- The *Executive Management Team*
 - Ad for research analyst has been posted again.
 - Update on how project officers will support communities as a team. Local prevention specialist have little experience in implementing prevention strategies and will need a lot of support.
 - Prevention Fellow will work under the City of Bangor Health and Welfare when the PCoE funds end.
 - USM is looking at assessments and prevention plans from communities and will develop a report based upon their review.
 - HZA will work with OSA to determine which NOMs are relevant for prevention work in Maine.
 - Update on KIT
 - Update UMaine Legacy grant for accessibility to online tobacco cessation information

- The *Strategies for Healthy Youth Workgroup*:
 - SHY is in a state of transformation. As the SPF-SIG moves to implementation, OSA's needs are changing, but an advisory group will still be needed in some form. It has been recognized that in trying to serve two purposes, we have a lack of clarity, and often don't serve purpose #2 well (Collaborate between programs and systems that have inter-related prevention goals, in order to maximize efficiencies and opportunities for integration.). Discussion will ensue with Interdepartmental Coordinator Committee about merging those on the SHY workgroup whose interest is youth. Those remaining will serve as the advisory group for SPF-SIG

- The *State Epidemiology Workgroup*:
 - White paper presentation on substance abuse related to Minor Crime, Economic Cost, and presentation from the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
 - The Community Epidemiology Surveillance Network performs many of the same tasks of the SEW, in order to reduce duplication some members of the SEW who hold data will transition into CESN members and others will be invited to serve in an advisory capacity.

Other Items:

- **CESN (Community Epidemiology Surveillance Network)** – Discussion around merging the SEW with the CESN to reduce duplication continued.

- KIT Prevention Customization Workgroup - Representation from Maine CDC, OSA, & MCPH worked on customization of KIT prevention system to meet the needs of the new grants. Results from the survey seeking feed back from KIT community users assisted in the customization of the KIT prevention tool.

- HMP Process
 - All but one contract has been encumbered
 - SPF SIG staff attended HMP trainings from the National Association of County and City Health Officials about Community Health Assessments.

- Conferences & Conference Calls
 - SPF SIG staff and evaluators participated in audio/video conference about the National Outcome Measures which was followed up by a conference call between the NECAPT, SPF SIG staff, and evaluators.
 - SPF SIG prevention specialist participated in SEOW web-conference about Prescription Monitoring Programs