

SPF SIG Monthly Summary September 2007

Workgroups:

- The *Executive Management Team*: Did not meet this month
- The *Strategies for Healthy Youth Workgroup*: Did not meet this month
- The *State Epidemiology Workgroup*: Did not meet this month.

Other Items:

- HMP/OSA/MECDC/DOE Coordinating Meeting – Worked on finalizing plans around orientations; discussed stage of contracts and what is needed to move them forward.
- **CESN (Community Epidemiology Surveillance Network)** – Discussion around merging the SEW with the CESN to reduce duplication continued. Information was presented on the disease surveillance system that the ME CDC uses, it was discussed that OSA should purchase a user license to help track emerging substance issues.
- 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. Survey seeking feed back from KIT community users was distributed the results of this survey will assist in future development and customization of the KIT Prevention system.
- HMP RFP Process
 - All but one contract was encumbered by the end of September.
 - The Kick off and Orientation I for the new HMP grantees was held September 14
 - Three regional grantee Orientation II meetings were held. Approximately 120 new grantees attended. Many were still in the process of interviewing and hiring substance abuse prevention staff. Make-up orientations will be needed.
 - The Substance Abuse Panel of Experts reviewed 1 *Strategy Justification* application. The application was returned after the panel met requesting more information to make an informed decision on the strategy.
- Conferences & Conference Calls
 - SPF SIG Coordinator attended the National Prevention Network Conference in Oregon. She met with Maine's regional CAPT agency and regional NPN and SPF SIG Directors around federal funding, national outcome measures (NOM), and state needs.
 - A conference call with the NECAPT on Maine's need around the upcoming NOMs meeting.
 - SPF SIG prevention specialist attended a Cultural Competence training highlighting the relevance and impact of diversity and culture on personal, organizational and workplace dynamics.