

SPF SIG Monthly Summary September 2008

Workgroups:

- The Executive Management Team - Met September 3, 2008. Discussed the November prevention provider day plans, the 18-25 y.o. survey that HZA is having locals distribute, evaluation plans, and the USM workforce development project.
- SPF Advisory Board - Met September 25, 2008. Updates and discussion on the integrated youth health survey process, the distribution of the 18-25 y.o. survey, the HEAPP survey (slated to be conducted mid October), the workforce development plan framework, and reported on common barriers and challenges of HMP/OSA grantees.
- Community Epidemiology Surveillance Network – Met September 23, 2008. The first draft of the updated CESN report was completed at the end of September; revisions will continue into October, with a target completion time (to include approvals from workgroup members and OSA Director) by mid November. The committee reviewed the draft and suggested edits and changes. Also discussed was the alert of “strawberry meth” that was put out in southern Maine by a police department, which turned out to be untrue. The committee discussed utilizing the HAN system and to work with police departments and other to contact OSA to investigate before an alert goes out to try to prevent this from happening in the future.

Other Items:

- KIT PCW – Reviewed development of reports, and use of the system for grantees to create their year two work plans.
- SPF staff participated in the following HMP meetings: Coordinating committee (discussion on the subcommittees and remaining contracts to be completed); project officer meeting (discussion on holding grantees accountable in an equitable manner needs to be agreed upon and put into practice); professional development committee meetings (to plan the December grantee meeting/conference); contract design workgroup (to develop year 3 contract process); and accountability subcommittee (completed the development of an accountability system, it is awaiting final approval by the executive committee).
- SPF SIG Coordinator and an OSA Prevention Specialist co-moderated a 2 week online NE CAPT course on “Effective strategies: Building Blocks of Prevention” for prevention specialists across Maine.
- Save the date for the November 13, 2008 “Prevention Provider Day” for OSA grantees sent.
- SPF SIG Coordinator worked with Mayatech to match the first and second rounds of CLI reporting - part 2 sections.
- Met with the RAND Corp. and Communities for Children and Youth Director to discuss coordination of their work with that of the HMP substance abuse work and address any issues that may come up.