

SPF SIG Monthly Summary
May 2009

Workgroups:

- **The Executive Management Team:** Met on May 6, 2009. Next meeting is scheduled for July 1, 2009.
 - Discussed planning for Prevention Provider Day. Will start looking at what topics should be covered and what the coalitions have said they would like to see (put out a call for abstracts or survey money to get ideas).
 - Issues with HMP collaborations were discussed. Site visits have been difficult to schedule, in that getting all the key players at the table has been an ongoing issue. Site Visits will continue to occur even if one state agency cannot participate. Clearer communication about changes in Project Officer coverage were identified as a needed item to bring up at the next HMP meeting.
 - Logo/branding Guidelines are not being used correctly by all and may need to be resent out to all.
 - Brainstormed ideas to support grantees to be more successful in their work. Cultural competence: need to continue to provide support through TA. Sustainability: coalitions don't know where to go to look for grants and then do not have the time to write the grant or conduct research on finding different grants. SEOW/CESN: may invite coalitions to present to this diverse group as a way to showcase data work in the communities. Build Capacity: Encourage all SAPs to meet with one another on a monthly basis to coordinate efforts.

- **SPF Advisory Board:** Did not meet this month. Next Meeting: June 11, 2009.

- **Community Epidemiology Surveillance Network:** Did not meet this month. Next Meeting will be in Sept/Oct 2009.

Other Items:

- **KIT PCW:** Met on May 1, 2009. Next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2009. The committee responded to input from grantees regarding any issues, concerns or changes to the KIT system.
- On April 13th OSA started working on an RFA from SAMSHA entitled Partnership for Success. This is a 2.3 million dollar grant opportunity with a \$500,000 incentive if the target is met. The target to be addressed will be high risk drinking in 16 to 25 year olds. The grant is requesting that for this grant the State of Maine must show state level change.
- Several site visits in the Penquis, Central, York, Western, Mid Coast, and Downeast districts were conducted this month.
- Phone Conference on May 21, 2009 on Facilitating Great Coalition Meetings for grantees. 20 people participated, sharing what has and has not worked, and sharing tools to help in meeting planning and facilitation.
- Training May 27, 2009 on Life Skills for YSAPP grantees. 13 attendees from school guidance, physical education, health instruction, as well as a community coalition representative and 3 state project officers. This was a full day workshop on how to implement level one of the Life Skills curriculum.