

SPF SIG Monthly Summary November 2006

Workgroups:

- ❑ The *Strategies for Healthy Youth Workgroup (SHY)* met November 1, 2006. The focus of the meeting was on allocation of SF SIG funds. Equity model plus possibly high need as methods for allocating funds. This will be discussed further at the next meeting after county data is compared to check for patterns of high need.
- ❑ The *Prevention Centers of Excellence (PCoE)* key community contact staff met with six of the funded counties to assist in capacity and readiness assessment. They have also continued to meet with and provide telephone technical assistance to the four unfunded counties to discuss the SPF needs assessment and strategic planning grant modified application.
- ❑ The *State Epidemiology Workgroup (SEW)* did not meet in November. The SPF SIG Epidemiologist is preparing data comparisons to try to determine the counties showing highest use/need surrounding binge drinking, marijuana use, and prescription drug misuse in youth and young adults. The information will be used to help determine if there is a pattern in some counties that may need targeted funds.
- ❑ The *Executive Management Team* met November 1, 2006. Discussion occurred on the strategic plan, funding allocation planning and the need for further analysis by the SEW to target prescription drug misuse prevention funding. An update of the work the PCoE's have been doing with the unfunded counties was presented.

Other Items:

- Several communications have occurred with Aroostook, Waldo, and Penobscot Counties as they plan to and prepare their applications to do county wide assessment and strategic planning. It is expected that Piscataquis and Penobscot Counties will partner in this process. Applications to participate are expected the first week of December from the remaining four unfunded counties.
- A draft communications plan for the SPF SIG has been developed.
- The state SPF SIG Coordinator and the Coordinator Healthy Androscoggin's Cultural Sub-Populations grant presented on the findings of the sub-populations studies at the 2006 National American Public Health Associations Conference.
- Five of Maine's SPF SIG grantees were contacted to participate in CSAP's national Community Level Instrument Usability Testing. This instrument will be used to collect information about the community partner organization, the strategic prevention framework, needs and resources assessments, capacity building, strategic plan development, intervention implementation, intervention level outcome evaluation, and contextual factors.