

SPF SIG Monthly Summary March 2010

Workgroups:

- **The Executive Management Team:** Did not meet this month. Next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2010.
- **SPF Advisory Board:** Met this month on 03/11/10.
 - Melissa Boyd from MAPSA reviewed legislative updates around the wine tasting, instant redeemable coupons with alcoholic beverages, marijuana and various other topics related to alcohol and other drugs.
 - The Tribal Health Needs Assessment was approved by purchases and the contract is in place. Meetings with the tribal health directors are scheduled in April to begin working on developing appropriate and culturally sensitive language regarding the substance abuse questions to be utilized in the assessment tool that the tribes are putting together.
 - YADAUS (young adult drug and alcohol use survey) surveys will take place in April 2010.
 - Funding issues were discussed. There are unknown timelines as to when the Federal government will/will not release more funding either through the Partnerships for Success grant or various other monies to assist in sustaining the work of the SPF SIG.
 - Next meeting scheduled for June 10, 2010.
- **Community Epidemiology Surveillance Network:** Did not meet this month. Next meeting is scheduled April 12, 2010.

Other Items:

- KIT PCW: Met 03/05/10. There were issues with the KIT workbook, some people were not able to open the document due to the version this was saved in Publisher, will put in PDF for those people. Grantees need clarification on what KIT is used for, versus what the surveys the State sends to them is used for. There will be "user acceptance testing" conducted on 5 to 8 grantees and some Project Officers to assess changes made to KIT in the next couple of months.
- April 5, 2010: HMP Leadership Council Meeting will be held in Bangor.
- OSA has begun their Substance Abuse Prevention Conference Call Series. March 18, 2010 marked the second conference call in the series entitled Using Student Survey Data with presenter Melanie Lanctot from OSA and Erica Schmitz from MESAP.
- Table Talks (Facilitator Training and Training-of-Trainers for "Table Talks: Parents Connecting for Alcohol-Free Youth") trainings took place during in March in Bangor and Portland. Over 20 facilitators were trained.
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/osa/prevention/adult/tabletalks/index.htm>
- Seven evaluation site visits of HMP SAP were conducted.