

Celebrating the SPF SIG Team



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Meeting Guidelines



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Today's Agenda

1. Division of Behavioral Health
2. Grantees
3. State Evaluation Team
4. Community Prevention Support Team

The State of Alaska Division of Behavioral Health



... providing leadership and support ...

Prevention and Early Intervention



Diane and Devon

Grantees and Community Coalitions



... the heart and soul of SPF SIG...

The State Evaluation Team



... evaluating the hard work ...

The Community Prevention Support Team



... providing training and technical assistance ...

Shelly Wade

- Value of beginning with **community strengths and assets**. Learning how to frame assessment results/data and strategies in positive terms. Related, the empowerment and momentum that happens when a community takes ownership of a process and adapts strategies to make them locally, culturally relevant.
- Working closely with **project staff and coalition members**. Watching them discover new things about each other, their organizations, community, region. Watching them support each other, adapt, and stay focused on their ultimate goal when things got tough.
- Importance of **education and training early on in the process** that can give staff, coalitions, communities the patience, understanding, and most importantly, the tools they need to learn what is happening in their communities, what strategies will have the most support/impact, and most importantly – common understanding this all takes TIME.



Technical Assistance for Nome

Susie Amundson

- Understanding how sequential mapping of local data helps clearly drive prevention strategies
- Learning how planned communications of any local prevention initiative is a powerful strategy in and of itself
- Working with committed, concerned community members, project staff, support teams, and DBH around Alaska to help our communities flourish and enjoy greater well-being

Technical Assistance for Homer and Yakutat



Sylvan Robb

- PhotoVoice at DMV
- Digital Stories at North Star Youth Court
- Capacity building through connections people made
- LOTS of education through presentations at dozens of community events (First Friday, the fair, health fairs, prevention walks, school events, and many more)

Technical Assistance for Fairbanks



Karen & Tanya

- The power of multiple communities coming together.
- Recognizing and capitalizing on one another's strengths.
- Building relationships with industry representatives that ended up turning into really cool partnerships.
- Locally-relevant strategies that weren't overly expensive but highly effective (e.g., Lock up Your Liquor)
- Looked at the adult role in youth prevention.



Technical Assistance for Wrangell-Petersburg




Thea Agnew Bemben

- Meeting and working with the coalition members and project staff in southeast Alaska.
- Learning about how important coalitions are and how critical it is to involve them at the outset of the project to really interpret and drive all of the activities and to generate community support for policy change that affects whole communities.
- Witnessing the use of local media and the development of powerful materials to circulate within communities to share prevention messages. I only wish we had done more of this from the beginning.
- Working with grantees to identify gaps in local data collection and work to fill those gaps so that communities can really track the issues they are concerned with and measure their impact.



Technical Assistance for Angoon, Kake, Klukwan

SPF SIG Training

- Exploring various training mediums and using technology to
 -  Build capacity
 -  Advance the mission of the coalitions
 -  Learn the art of distance collaboration
- Developing and using resources and tools that enabled training participants to implement new skills

Lila



SPF SIG – a little history



Karen



It has been an honor to work with all of you!



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you!