



Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG)

Minutes

Acadiana Outreach Center
125 S. Buchanan Street
Celebration Center
June 12, 2008

Vision Statement: To recognize that alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse is a serious social and public health issue that when addressed will create a climate of healthiness and community wellness for all of Lafayette Parish.

Expected Outcomes:

Completion of resource mapping to identify gaps - completed
Increased knowledge of the strategic planning process - completed
Readiness to write problem statements, goals and objectives - addressed

I. Call to order

Introductions: **Chad Franks, Dawn Diez, Demeter Chavis, Glenda Rader, Holly Jefferson, Keeny Rigaud, Kirk Trahan, Linda Boudreaux, Lindsay Trahan, Marie Collins, Monique Reno, Tim Melancon, Tonya Ball, Zelma Charles,** Lauren Fontenot. 16 in attendance. Motion to accept minutes without reading made by Kirk Trahan and seconded by Zelma Charles.

II. Old Business

Completion of Resource Mapping / Gaps analysis worksheet – Spreadsheets showing all the resource assessments completed and reviewed at last meeting were handed out. Resources listed were reviewed and gaps were identified. Topsy Taxi and ARC were added from our gap analysis last month. Additional resources were noted – AA, Lafayette Training and Career Development (Get Real about violence), Youth Advisory Board, School Board programs, OMH programs, CART, Project Graduation & Prom. Tim noted that Environmental and Community Based Programming sections had the least amount of resources under each category. Chad was asked if there were any particular issues of concern with those going through treatment at ARC – no one reason could be defined, it is a combination of many of our causal factors we have listed. A Multi-faceted approach will be required. Some gaps noted were – youth representation and private agencies as partners in our endeavors. Several strategies were discussed – kits for car dealers, promotional items (pens, planners, key chains, urinal messages, sling bags) that could be place in local businesses (hair dressers, car dealerships, restaurants, bars, etc.). Lindsay Trahan with CMCA discussed the sticker rage and having the stickers made into magnets that could be sent home to be placed on refrigerators. Kelly informed coalition that this is something that the youth council could address as one of their goals and funding could possibly be found to pay for that strategy through other funding. Local SADD chapters were also discussed and it was found that the chapters in this area are not very active. The youth will be working on getting chapters up and going within their own schools once school gets back in session.

Subcommittee Review – Tim has been meeting with several of the agencies involved in the tracking of offenders through the court system. What we are trying to track is the initial charge to the final disposition. There is a database in use, but it is not kept up. Several agencies deal with a case from arrest to final disposition and no one agency tracks them. Research will be done on different software packages that could be utilized by all parties where the system could track each case. It would also be used to track other information and compile other reports for the parties utilizing the system. Problem will be getting all parties on board and getting everyone to agree to use it.

Handouts were also something that we had discussed as something we (CMCA and OAD) needed to do. The youth will be doing some research on these statistics as well and will be developing something to hand out. The coalition will hold off on this and let the youth take this on at this time.

Got Training – Youth Council – Camp went very well. 7 youth attended training with Kelly Mouisset as the team leader. This group will be our Youth Advisory Board. This will be a great asset to Lafayette and to our coalition. This advisory group could be used by other members of our coalition as needed as well. Additional members are needed for the youth group. Cultural competence is a huge part of the SPF-SIG and this will be addressed as additional members are added to the group. If anyone has youth that might be interested they can send the information to Kelly Mouisset. The group currently represents Lafayette High, Carencro High and Northside High Schools. This group will be primarily working on the North side of the parish for the time being as this is the area listed in our Drug Free Communities Grant that our Coalition applied for several months back. This was geared to be a “pilot” project in one area that could be duplicated around the parish. Once our group gets moving, we will increase the area served by this group. The youth have been asked to give a presentation at our next meeting to discuss what they plan to do and what they have accomplished over the past month.

Additional comments: Comments were made concerning a flyer for a fundraiser in the area and the fact that alcohol seems to be the center of many of the local fund raising events. This is something that needs to be addressed in this area. Not all fundraiser need alcohol, but many claim that is where most of their money is made.

- III. New Business – Problem Statements, goals and objectives – Outline of these were placed on the wall to show how the logic model and the problem statements, goals and objectives go together. Examples of each were handed out and discussed. The next step in our process is to complete problem statements, goals and objectives our group would like to address. The needs assessment form that was completed in February was also handed out to ensure we link our goals and objectives to the needs we identified in our parish. The state evaluation team will be working closely with our coalition to ensure that the percentage of change we list will be something both realistic and achievable. It will be very important for us to make sure our homework is completed for next meeting to ensure we have something to present to the state next month. If anyone is interested in attending this meeting in Baton Rouge on July 14th, please give Kelly Mouisset a call at 291-8327. Space is limited, but we will try to accommodate all who are interested. Current participants will be Brian Burton, Glenda Rader, Denise Antoine and Kelly Mouisset.
- IV. Homework – Requested that those who have worked with problem statements, goals and objectives begin putting some possibilities down on paper for the next meeting. We will be writing these for our coalition and they will be turned in to the State the Monday after our next meeting. Please make every effort to have something completed for the next meeting. This is a huge part of the

project we are working on. Even if you have not worked on these in the past, please make every effort to work on this section of the process. Untainted views are always helpful in this process.

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZE – Holly Jefferson won the door prize. All those who RSVP'd by the requested date were eligible! Congratulations!! Good luck to everyone next month!

V. Evaluations – please complete and leave on the desk on your way out.

VI. Next Meeting – July 10th, 11 – 12:30 – Acadiana Outreach Center – 125 S. Buchanan Street at the Wellmart Building (behind red brick building – park across Buchanan inside hurricane fence)

Future Meeting Dates (2nd Thursday of the Month)

August 14th, September 11th, October 9th, November 13th, December 11th – 12:30, Acadiana Outreach Center

For More information concerning the SPF-SIG Project, please contact Kelly Mouisset at 291-8327.