

**SPE Policy Consortium  
Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2012  
Ramkota Inn, Pierre, SD**

<b>CONSORTIUM MEMBERS - Present</b>	
Terry Dosch	Gib Sudbeck
Linda Ahrendt	Amy Iversen-Pollreisz
Amy Beshara	Donna Brown
Dodi Haug	Erika Batcheller
Gary Tuschen	Sara McGregor-Okroi
Shawna Fullerton	Sandy Diegel
MSG Kristi Palmer	
<b>CONSORTIUM MEMBERS - Absent</b>	
Senator Joni Cutler	Dr. Timothy Mitchell
Janet Kittams-Lalley	Cecelia Spotted Tail
Lee Axdahl	Stephanie Schweitzer-Dixon
<b>STAFF - Present</b>	
Katie Tostenson	Stephen Dent
George Summerside	
Roland Loudenburg	

**WELCOME BACK**

Stephen Dent welcomed the group back for the final face to face meeting, and reviewed the agenda for today's meeting.

**AMY'S RECAP**

Amy thanked everyone for their participation and time. This strategic planning process will help guide our state's prevention activities both at the state and community level. The consortium's planning progress is being shared with other groups and with the Behavioral Health Work Group and through these conversations valuable feedback is being considered in our planning process. Equal access to services for all South Dakotans was a critical concern irregardless of where the individual resides and having these services delivered locally should always be an important consideration.. Our State needs to look toward prevention as an essential component of alcohol, drug and mental health services and additional education on prevention needs to be done.

**RECAP PREVIOUS MEETING**

Stephen discussed the accomplishments from previous meetings. The discussion began with the review with the vision and mission statements and asked for input from the group as in how they should be worded.

**REVIEW OF VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS**

**Previous Vision:** South Dakota communities working together to promote behavioral health and wellness across the lifespan.

**Previous Mission:** Create and sustain a state-wide behavioral health prevention system based on community needs that focuses on promotion, prevention, early intervention, linkages to treatment, and recovery support through evidence-based programs/promising practices.

*Group members shared their ideas regarding word changes to develop the final statements.*

**Final Vision Statement:** South Dakota communities working together to promote behavioral health and wellness across the lifespan.

**Final Mission Statement** Create and sustain a statewide prevention system promoting mental health and preventing mental and substance use conditions through evidence-based programs and promising practices.

### **DEVELOP GOALS**

Stephen facilitated a lengthy discussion related to goals, objectives, strategies and activities. This included a discussion to identify terminology the group was comfortable with.

The following goals were developed from the group:

- Goal 1:** Ensure access to a prevention system to support behavioral health and wellness and reduce substance use disorders.
- Goal 2:** Foster alignment of prevention strategies at a state level and system integration at the regional and local levels.
- Goal 3:** Improve behavioral health outcomes through evidence-based programs/promising practices as determined by community need
- Goal 4:** Measure behavioral health outcomes of evidence-based programs/promising practices

Stephen explained the purpose of goals, each should be considered a benchmark to aim for and something that is not measurable.

### **DEVELOP OBJECTIVES**

Stephen facilitated a discussion and asked the members to work in small groups and develop suggested wording for objectives.

Each small group shared the objectives that they developed for each goal, group objectives follow:

#### **Goal 1:**

- Objective 1:** Develop, implement and sustain promotion and primary prevention practices, programs and activities
- Objective 2:** Develop, implement and sustain early intervention strategies and the process to link to appropriate services.
- Objective 3:** Develop, implement and sustain recovery supports.

#### **Goal 2:**

- Objective 1:** Facilitate community planning and development for a comprehensive integrated prevention system.
- Objective 2:** Coordinate and enhance prevention services

**Goal 3:**

**Objective 1:** Assess community needs and identify prevention priorities

**Objective 2:** Identify and implement evidence-based programs/promising practices to align with assessed identified priorities

**Objective 3:** Strengthen data and evaluation capacity to measure and improve outcomes

**Goal 4:**

**Objective 1:** Assess state and community needs and identify prevention priorities

**Objective 2:** Strengthen data and evaluation capacity to measure outcomes

### **DEVELOP STRATEGIES**

Stephen had the group break down into three smaller groups to develop strategies to fit under each objective area.

### **DEVELOP ACTIVITIES**

In the same small groups Stephen had the groups develop activates to go under each strategy.

### **COMMUNICATION PLAN**

As a follow up to this meeting the following communication plan was developed:

- The group's work will be edited for readability and a draft forwarded to Gib and Amy for their review and comment.
- The draft will be sent to the group for their review followed by webinar to discuss edits with the entire group.
- The final draft of the plan will be forwarded to the Behavioral Health Work Group for their review and comment.
- Final plan will be shared with local communities in the fall and consortium members are asked to be involved in the events that occur in their local areas.

### **WRAP-UP**

Stephen wrapped-up the meeting by reviewing the goals, objectives, strategies and activities that were developed through-out the meeting.