



**WV's Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being**  
Quarterly Meeting  
January 18, 2008 ♦ WVPRC Offices, Dunbar  
Meeting Minutes

*Prepared by Brenda Richards of the WV Prevention Resource Center  
To Be Approved at the April Partnership Meeting*

**Attendance:**

- **Partners:** Joe Barker, Jason Carlson, Don Chapman, Judy Crabtree, Sue Hage, Dave Harris, Neal Holtan (Ex Officio Member), Mike Lacy, Helena Lee, Steve Mason, Gary "Gig" Robinson, Angela Saunders, Denise Smith, Bill Woodrum
- **Partners Absent:** Keith Adkins, Karen Eskew, Michelle Foster (Sent Proxy), Steve Heasley, Lew Holloway, Dale Humphreys (Sent Proxy), Gayle Manchin, Bob Musick, Karen Salem (Ex Officio Members), Brenda Thompson
- **WVPRC Staff:** Jamie Albert, Jo Beyer, Michele Burnside, Wayne Coombs, Melissa Crawford, Ed Lanham, Angie Linger, Bill O'Dell, Valerie Ponder, Brenda Richards, Christy Rose, Laura Sarver, Stephanie Southall, Anne Swedberg, Andy Whisman
- **Others:** Lisa Bruer (DADA), Kelly Cielensky (DADA), Paula Flaherty (MU Eval Team), Debi Gillispie (Proxy for Dale Humphreys), April Miller (Region 3 Liaison), Dr. Michael O'Neil (Univ. of Charleston – School of Pharmacy), David Potters (WV Board of Pharmacy), Merrial Richardson (DADA), Linda Spatig (MU Eval Team), LaTausha Taylor (Proxy for Michelle Foster), Tracy Wasinger (MU Eval Team), Latrisha Whitelatch (Region 1 Liaison), Gary Winter (WV DMV Office of Highway Safety), Lt. Chuck Zerkle (WV State Police)

Partnership Chair Mike Lacy called for **proxies**. Debi Gillespie presented a proxy for Dale Humphreys. LaTausha Taylor presented a proxy for Michelle Foster.

Chairman Lacy called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He then noted that there were several new faces at the table and asked everyone to introduce themselves and state what office or agency they represent.

Stephanie Southall reviewed the contents of the meeting packets.

Minutes from the October 19, 2007 Partnership Meeting were reviewed. Sue Hage moved that the Minutes be approved. The motion was adopted. HANDOUT: *Partnership 10-19-2007 Meeting Minutes*.

**SPF SIG Fiscal Update:** Laura Sarver presented a fiscal update for the first quarter of Implementation Year 2. HANDOUT: *Spreadsheet showing Fiscal Report for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY 2008*.

## **Policies and Procedures Workgroup Report:**

Jason Carlson, Workgroup Chair, provided an update on recent discussions and actions taken by this Workgroup. He reiterated results of the electronic votes received from Partnership members on the following two proposals:

- Procedure/Protocol for Submission of Proposed Legislation -- Passed
- Proposed Partnership Study Resolution -- Passed

*NOTE:* Brenda Thompson abstained from voting on each of these proposals because of her position as a staff member with the WV Legislature.

Jason advised that Mike Lacy and the WVPRC staff are working on getting a sponsor for the Study Resolution.

On behalf of the P&P Workgroup, Jason Carlson moved that the Partnership recommend to the Governor the following appointments to the Partnership: Dr. Mike O'Neil as a representative of the University of Charleston's School of Pharmacy, and David Potters as a representative of the WV Board of Pharmacy.

[Dr. O'Neil and Mr. Potters exited the room prior to Partnership members voting on the motion.]

The motion carried.

Upon Dr. O'Neil and Mr. Potters re-entering the room, Partnership Chair Mike Lacy advised them that the Partnership had approved the recommendation of their appointments.

Upon inquiry, Michele Burnside advised that the P&P Workgroup has reviewed the Executive Order and Partnership By-Laws to ensure that all appointments to the Partnership are in compliance with the membership guidelines relating to what State agencies and organizations must be represented.

Jason Carlson provided a report as to whom the 2007 Annual Report has been provided, and that the Report is now available for public distribution to anyone interested in reviewing it. The Report is available for distribution via e-mail or it can be reviewed on the PrevNet Website.

*HANDOUTS: Policies & Procedures Workgroup Meeting Notes from November 29, 2007; January 3, 2008 Notes from Interviews with Potential Partnership Candidates; Procedure for Partnership Legislative Proposals; The WV Partnership 2007 Annual Report; The WV Partnership By-Laws; Draft of House Concurrent Resolution on the Proposed Study on whether the WV Partnership should be codified.*

**Epidemiological Workgroup:** Dr. Andy Whisman of the WV PRC staff provided an update of the status of this workgroup and their future plans.

*HANDOUTS: The most recent meeting of this WG was held the day preceding this meeting, therefore, no meeting notes were provided. Notes should soon be available on the Partnership website.*

**Coordination of Specialists and Services (COSS) Workgroup:** Workgroup Chair Sue Hage provided an update for this Workgroup.

*HANDOUTS: Minutes from Workgroup Meetings held on December 3, 2007 and January 7, 2008.*

**Underage Drinking Prevention Workgroup:** Workgroup Chair Gig Robinson provided an update of projects for this Workgroup. Gig advised that the deadline for submitting applications to participate in the production of Public Service Announcements is February 28, 2008 and application review is scheduled for March 3, 2008. Actual production of the PSAs will be held in April, May and June.

*HANDOUTS: November 1, 2007 Meeting Notes; List of thirty-six Town Hall Meetings on Underage Drinking Prevention scheduled for March 31, 2008.*

**Substance Abuse Edu, Prevention & Treatment Mapping Pilot Project:** Chair Mike Lacy introduced Dr. Mike O'Neil who is an Assistant Professor at the University of Charleston's School of Pharmacy and also serves as Executive Director of the WV Pharmacy Recovery Network. Dr. O'Neil advised that currently at UC's School of Pharmacy they have proposed a pilot project to define and accurately map out community services offered by both state and private agencies that support substance abuse education, prevention and treatment. The proposed pilot project will involve not more than 5 counties.

HANDOUT: *Pilot Project Proposal for Substance Abuse Education, Prevention and Treatment "Mapping."*

**WV State Police Involvement with the Partnership:** Partnership Chair Mike Lacy introduced and welcomed Lt. Chuck Zerkle from the WV State Police. Mike advised that he and Jamie Albert recently met with State Police Superintendent Dave Lemmon and Lt. Zerkle regarding the Partnership and its relationship to Governor Manchin's recently released plan for use of Purdue Pharma Asset Forfeiture Funds. Lt. Zerkle stated that he is the Executive Director for the Commission on Drunk Driving Prevention and is in charge of the traffic records division, which maintains traffic data for the State Police. Lt. Zerkle advised that after reviewing the material provided by Mike Lacy and Jamie Albert, he and Superintendent Lemmon have discussed and expressed interest in a State Police representative becoming a member of the Partnership. Chair Mike Lacy asked that the Policies and Procedures Workgroup place on their next meeting agenda the matter of State Police membership on the Partnership.

**Governor's State of the State Address Prevention Reference:** Mike Lacy read the portion of the address that referenced a Strategic Plan for a Drug-Free WV, which includes the creation of a state-level entity on substance abuse prevention. Lacy noted that the WV Partnership and WVPRC staff plan to request an appointment with the Governor's staff to remind them that the WV Partnership is already in existence and can be the entity described in the Governor's Plan.

**Controlled Substance Advisory Board:** As noted previously, Dr. O'Neil is an Assistant Professor at the University of Charleston's School of Pharmacy, and also serves as Executive Director of the WV Pharmacy Recovery Network. Dr. O'Neil made a presentation regarding the recent creation of a Controlled Substance Advisory Board including physicians, other health practitioners, licensing board reps, law enforcement, etc. The board has met once (on Dec. 21, 2007), and two of its goals are data availability assessment/collection/analysis and health professional education. The board is now considering whether it should be folded into the Partnership as a workgroup.

**Regional Liaison Updates:** Trish Whitelach, Marshall County FRN, provided an update on Region 1. Bill O'Dell, WVPRC Community Development Specialist, provided an update on Region 2. April Miller, Tucker County FRN, provided an update on Region 3. Christy Rose, WVPRC Community Development Specialist, provided an update on Region 4. Regional reports are posted at the end of this document.

**RLO Travel Funds for Non-SPF SIG Funded Counties:** It was noted that travel funds for non-funded counties to attend RLOs were eliminated for Implementation Year 2. Upon inquiry as to why, Melissa Crawford explained that in the past only a few counties in one Region had used travel funds to attend RLOs. Therefore, funds for the purpose of RLO travel for non-funded counties were not awarded by the Partnership for this year. Melissa reported that less than \$1,000 (out of \$21,000 available) was used by non-funded counties last year. While it was noted that the cause is worthwhile, there currently are no extra funds to allocate for this purpose. The Subgranting Workgroup will take this matter under advisement for the next funding year.

**Division on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (DADA) Report:** Steve Mason noted it is difficult to report on federal Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant funded activities when they are often integrated with SPF SIG funded initiatives. He commented on the fact that SPF SIG will only last about two more years, which raises the question of how we will sustain the Partnership and county-level efforts after the end of the

funding period. Mason emphasized the need for the Partnership's Comprehensive Plan Workgroup to move ahead with developing a plan, and he noted that the Partnership could possibly serve as an advisory board to the DADA. It was noted that the Partnership may need to add additional representation of the treatment field.

**SPF SIG Implementation Grantee Qualitative Evaluation:** Dr. Anne Swedberg, an Evaluation Specialist with the WV PRC, provided a review of notes made during interviews with project directors from the 12 counties funded during the first year of Implementation of the SPF SIG grants.

HANDOUT: *"Notes from the Twelve" – Field Notes from WV's SPF SIG Phase II, January 18, 2008.*

After a brief discussion on what could be done to improve the relationship between the SPF SIG project directors and the State level Partnership, the following ideas were suggested:

- Schedule a conference/meeting between the project directors and the Partnership members, and it was suggested that this meeting could possibly be scheduled to coincide with the annual Share The Vision Conference;
- Project Directors should be encouraged to attend the quarterly Partnership meetings;
- Chairs from each Workgroup could invite Project Directors to attend workgroup meetings.

Chair Mike Lacy stated that he likes the idea of scheduling a meeting in conjunction with the Share The Vision Conference, even if it necessitates using either the day before or the day after the STV Conference. After checking with the Charleston Civic Center regarding meeting dates available in November, Jo Beyer with the WV PRC staff reported back to Chair Lacy that she has tentatively reserved the dates of November 17, 18 and 19, 2008 with the Civic Center. November 17, 2008 will be reserved as a possible meeting date for the Partnership to meet with the SPF SIG Project Directors, and November 18 and 19 will be held for the Share The Vision Conference.

## **LUNCH BREAK**

**Qualitative Evaluation Progress Overview:** Dr. Linda Spatig of the Marshall University Evaluation Team provided a review of notes taken during interviews and surveys from the WV PRC staff who work directly with the SPF SIG grant projects.

HANDOUT: *Notes from the Field, January, 2008, WV Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being.*

After Dr. Spatig's overview, Chair Mike Lacy asked if there were any recommendations from her Team. Dr. Spatig advised that there were none because she feels making recommendations to the Partnership is beyond her purview. Chair Lacy suggested that it would be helpful to the Partnership if Dr. Spatig's Evaluation Team could add an executive summary page to their report.

Dr. Wayne Coombs commented regarding concerns that have come out of this report, explaining that the prevention system involves several facets. Steve Mason inquired about the question of who has the responsibility of sustainability, which raises the question of "What do we want to sustain?"

**Group Discussion:** Chair Mike Lacy turned to the issue of sustainability, which raises these questions:

- How do we define sustainability?
- What are we trying to sustain, both from state and federal levels?

Dr. Coombs reported his research on the definition of "sustainability." He said one definition is "Development in the present without sacrificing the future for future generations." Coombs emphasized the importance of not

just sustaining funding, but also sustaining a system. He also emphasized the key role of community coordinators (project directors) in leveraging funding at a community level and keeping things going.

Don Chapman emphasized the broad scope implied in the Partnership's chosen name, despite a focus on substance abuse. He further noted that there are so many other health related issues which involve the same problems as addressing substance abuse prevention, such as obesity prevention, child abuse and neglect, and other overall health related issues.

Chair Mike Lacy posed the question that when the SPF SIG grant terminates, what will be the role of the Partnership? He referenced the initial Executive Order and noted what the Partnership is charged with accomplishing. Mike Lacy further noted that asking for the Partnership to be Codified is actually taking a risk, noting that obtaining Codification of the Partnership does not necessarily mean that there will be funding that comes with this act.

David Potters with the WV Board of Pharmacy stated that sustainability of the infrastructure and model is what actually needs to take place.

### **Suggested Items for April 18 Meeting Agenda**

- Partnership Study Resolution Update
- Policies & Procedures Workgroup Update
- Underage Drinking Prevention Workgroup Report
- Intervention Workgroup Final Report
- Regional Liaison Reports
- Continue Sustainability Discussion

**Location of Next Quarterly Meeting:** Chair Mike Lacy said he thinks the WVPRC conference room has become too small for Partnership meetings. He advised that during the recent meeting with State Police Superintendent Dave Lemmon, the Superintendent offered meeting space at the WV State Police Professional Development Center. Melissa Crawford will coordinate with the Superintendent a time to view the meeting space offered to assess logistics. Confirmation of the new meeting location will be provided to the Partnership when the meeting reminder email is distributed in early April.

The meeting adjourned.

## REGIONAL LIAISON REPORTS:

### Region 1 - Regional Liaison Report Submitted by Latrisha Whitelatch

- Five Funded Counties: Calhoun County, Doddridge County, Marshall County, Ohio County, and Wood County
- RLOs:
  - November 2007: Share the Vision
  - January 2008: Community Fundraising (Moundsville)
  - March 2008: Community Readiness/VISTA (West Union - Doddridge Co)
  
  - All Partnership members are invited to attend.
  - Concerns raised at RLOs this quarter: None
- Thank You: Region 1 would like to thank the Partnership for its continued support of our work.
- Show and Tell:
  - Doddridge County: Youth group is planning first alcohol and drug free after-prom event. The youth group will be hosting a preventing underage drinking community forum. The group received Take It Back fund for this program. The Doddridge County Prevention Partnership is partnering with the Doddridge County Domestic Violence Prevention Coalition for Alcohol Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities in April.
  - Ohio County: The following was submitted to me by Kristen Kroflich, Ohio County P.D.
    - Ohio County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (OCSAPC)
      - Community-Based Processes: Since having a recruitment / awareness event Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 where local alcohol problems and statistics and coalition solutions and activities were shared via PowerPoint and discussion among nearly 50 community members, the coalition has recruited approx. 12 new interested coalition members across sectors. At the event, key leaders, such as Senators McKenzie and Bowman and Delegate Orphy Klempa partook, and local youth issues were also discussed by school leaders, those from community agencies, and more.
      - Media Awareness: Also combined with the awareness event described, 11 poster billboards and 2 digital board spots were posted around Ohio County into October. Word-of-mouth indicates increased awareness in the community, which has given energy to our coalition as we were rated a Level 3 (Vague Awareness) in our past Community Readiness Assessment. We have also utilized coalition personalized pens and notepads to spread awareness while doing any presentations or events. We prioritize our media awareness efforts.
      - Information Dissemination: A Speakers Bureau, among coalition members, has also been recently developed and will be expanded. Presentations have taken place at our large consolidated high school (Wheeling Park High School) before homecoming to the Substance Abuse and Driver's Training classes re underage drinking and related issues. Our FRN / coalition brochure, "A Resource Guide for Ohio County Families," is also distributed at each given opportunity.
      - Alternative Activities: We have collaborated with the East Wheeling community youth group "We Are The Future," who has developed our coalition logo, and has been and will be working on our FASD campaign with us (and other social marketing and youth Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug-free [ATOD-free] events). Many of these youth could be considered "at-risk;" by using music, art, and youth empowerment, these youth are making the community more positive with their choices.
      - Problem Identification and Referral: We are recruiting various youth (i.e. those from residential shelters, those receiving some type of youth service, those in the community who have little to engage in, etc.) into the youth group We Are The Future. Also, future ATOD-free events are being prioritized, as is youth outreach to those who may be identified as at-risk.
      - Prevention Education: Our new School Prevention Educator implemented Keep A Clear Mind (SAMHSA model curriculum) in one local public elementary school throughout December (for 4<sup>th</sup> graders); four other public elementary schools, at the 4<sup>th</sup> grade level, will also receive Keep A Clear Mind program and fun activities through our School Prevention Educator throughout January. Then in February, SAMHSA curriculum Project Toward No Drug Abuse will be implemented among all 8<sup>th</sup> graders at a local public middle school, and at the alternative-assisted

learning center through our School Prevention Educator. We are looking into ways to further provide prevention education through school personnel.

- Overall: We have built our capacity. We hired a part-time Youth Development Coordinator to work with We Are The Future in August, and we hired our School Prevention Educator at the end of October. We have increased attendance at our coalition meetings, and we decided to start “Youth Activity Subgroups” at our coalition meeting in December. This subgroup will devote to creating youth ATOD-free events, and the prevention of underage drinking. We are continually finding ways to mobilize our talent, and create positive change with the community.
- Marshall County: Coptails – December 6, 2007, many attendees, 2 one on ones scheduled from that event; Coalition building: multiple workgroups have been created including Community Input and Involvement, Youth Input and Involvement, Comprehensive Plan, Legislative Action, and Recruitment – the goal of creating the workgroups is to increase ownership of coalition activities/interventions

## **Region 2 -- Regional Liaison Report Submitted by Bill O'Dell**

### Cabell County

Successes 1) Held a Drug Summit and had 125 in attendance (many completed next Step Card to get involved) 2) Developed/designed sent out 600 coalition news letters.

Challenges 1) CLI (sheer nature of it) 2) Bad weather caused the cancellation of meeting with SADD Coordinators and middle and high school counselors.

### Kanawha County

In fiscal year 2008 doing beer stings with the Kanawha County Sheriffs office their have been only two buys out of 56 attempts. We have been running All Stars and Too Good for Drugs in two after School programs and will soon be in three more.

We have the work place wellness program up and running again in 2008 with 91 educated so far (not including RLO).

We are running a train the trainer program for West Virginia State University peer counselor's on Substance prevention issues.

### Lincoln County

1) Trained 60 kids and 4 program sponsors (15 students from each of the 4 middle schools in the county). Each group of students and their sponsor will form a Natural Helper club at their perspective school.

2) Lincoln County Schools agreed to allow 15 students from each school to participate and gave the coalition a discount of .25 cents per mile verses .50 cents for the school buses to transport the students to and from the training each day.

3) A member of the Coalition was able to secure the use of his church (Center Point Baptist) for the training free of charge. In turn, the Coalition made a great new contact with the minister who is interested in hosting future trainings and possibly a drug summit.

4) We had excellent participation in the Share the Vision Conference (24 youth and adults) but attendance has dropped off in December and Jan.

### Logan County

We completed TGFD Training for Middle School Counselors.

We worked with WOWK-TV and the Logan Banner on getting info out about the coalition and about prescription drug abuse in the county.

### Mingo County

Thursday, Jan 17th was going to be the first Teen Issues Day at Lenore K-8 for the 7th and 8th graders. Due to weather it was cancelled.

We currently have two grant proposals out independent of the SPF-SIG grant. We sent them to Logan Healthcare Foundation and State Farm Insurance last week.

### Boone

The Boone Stop Watch Coalition meets monthly and received \$2,500 from the Boone County Community Foundation in 2007 to continue awareness activities.

A professional brochure was created by the Coalition with data from the WVPRC (still in draft form). The Coalition held a Home Interiors Fundraiser Candle Sale for one week and raised \$182.

Putnam : Putnam on Wellness received a \$3,000 Tobacco Prevention grant in 2007 and we have a campaign to raise awareness of three tobacco-related issues: 1. selling of tobacco to minors, 2. dangers of secondhand smoke, and 3. resources for those who would

like to quit tobacco use. Challenge: finding a local merchant to collaborate with us in this project when they perceive their customers to be hostile to anti-tobacco efforts.

### **Region 3 – Regional Liaison Report Submitted by April Miller**

Representing Morgan, Berkley, Jefferson, Pendleton, Grant, Mineral, Hardy, Hampshire, Preston, Taylor, Barbour, Upshur, Lewis, Tucker & Randolph Counties

#### BARBOUR COUNTY

Projects and Initiatives for the Quarter

- The *Too Good for Drugs & Violence Program* is being introduced into the school system to students grades K-12, particularly during the after-school program. To date over 350 children were served in November and 325 in December.
- The “*FREE*” *Pride Team* at Phillip Barbour High School has been actively promoting substance abuse prevention messages in the community, participating in 2 Christmas parades.
- *Red Ribbon Week* was promoted by the SPFSIG coalition and FREE Pride Team. A Pizza Party was held in November rewarding every student in the school system for their participation in Red Ribbon Week events and activities.
- Barbour County hosted the December RLO for Region III. Barbour County also continues to provide neighboring (unfunded) counties with *technical assistance*, training and resources for their prevention initiatives.

#### RANDOLPH COUNTY

Project and Initiatives for the Quarter

- Efforts to establish a *Teen Court* program is a main priority for the coalition. Planning meetings have taken place with the County Commission and local law enforcement.
- A *Traveling Youth Center* is up and running in Harman, Elkins, Mill Creek and Coalton.
- A Free *YMCA Drop-In Center* is available to local children on Fridays & Saturdays.
- The *Girls On The Run* program is operating (2 sessions/year) in Randolph, Tucker and Barbour counties.
- *Red Ribbon Week* was celebrated and promoted at all county schools.
- Regular *Town Hall* and *parenting classes* are offered county-wide
- *PRIDE teams* are being developed at Tygarts Valley High School and Elkins High School.
- A “*Snow Plow Luau*” will be held at D&E in January. The event will promote substance abuse prevention through fun (snow-centered) games and activities for students in Randolph and surrounding counties.
- Randolph County will host the next Region III RLO on 2/7. Randolph County also provides *technical assistance* through training and resources for unfunded counties.
- A wide range of youth and community centered events are being created on an on-going basis and a comprehensive *public awareness campaign* has been developed that includes billboards and movie theater advertisements (in conjunction with Tucker County).

#### MORGAN COUNTY

Jackie Fisher reports that the Morgan County SPFSIG Implementation Project is *integrating into the school system very well*. Morgan County is working to administer the *40 Developmental Assets Survey* in their school system. She states that she has met some obstacles, but that the *PRC has been instrumental* in helping to move past any difficulties they have faced. She also states that this has been a valuable learning process. She reports that she does feel a bit “isolated” from the rest of the state, but realizes that it is mostly for “geographic” reasons.

#### TUCKER COUNTY

- The *Tucker County Prevention Partnership* continues to meet on a monthly basis. All programs and initiatives are funded through the *Safe & Drug Free Communities Grant* (FRN) and the *Enforcing the Underage Drinking Laws Grant* (County Commission). The Tucker County Board of Education also provides in-kind resources, time and personnel to promote prevention efforts.
- The *Too Good For Drugs and Violence Curriculum* has successfully been integrated into the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms at the high school. The curriculum will begin in the 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, countywide next semester.
- The *Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum* will be integrated into all Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms next semester.
- The *Talking About Touching Personal Safety Curriculum* will be integrated into all Pre-K classrooms next semester.
- Students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> grades will participate in the *40 Developmental Assets Survey* in April.

- Twenty-two high school students have joined a peer to peer mentoring group entitled the *M.A.K.O.I.'s (Mentors Addressing Kids on Issues)*. The group has been trained to facilitate activities in the Too Good For Drugs and Violence after-school program. The M.A.K.O.I.'s will also be bringing their substance abuse and violence prevention messages to the elementary and middle school classrooms.
- Tucker County is coordinating a *Teen Retreat at YMCA Camp Horseshoe* in May. The MAKOI group and the Randolph and Barbour County PRIDE Teams will be participating in this two day (overnight) event.
- *Youth activities* including dances, an after prom party and *community events* take place on a regular basis. Quarterly retail *compliance checks* are taking place and a *public awareness campaign* that includes a poster contest, billboards, and movie theater ads are being coordinating in partnership with the Randolph County SPF SIG project.
- Tucker County was fortunate to receive funding for this year but sustainability is in question when the funding ends next year. They are also disappointed that travel reimbursements were cut for unfunded counties to attend the RLO's. Having the funds available has helped Region III keep unfunded counties on board with the RLO's. Having all counties involved in prevention has helped to streamline everyone's initiatives.

#### UPSHUR COUNTY

The Upshur County Prevention Coalition is still active and meets on a regular basis. The Coalition has been working on a wide range of successful prevention projects within the school system and the community. The group is quite discouraged about the lack of funding. They feel that the PRC has been very helpful to them by identifying possible funding sources, but to date they have been unsuccessful at securing funds. Their sentiment is "*WE NEED HELP*"! to secure funds to continue their prevention efforts. The Upshur Co. Representative was disappointed over the cut in travel reimbursement for the RLO's.

#### PRESTON COUNTY

Preston Prevention Partners have been meeting on a regular basis (once a month). They have several prevention activities in place including an After Prom Party and Resource Fair. Funding (or lack thereof) continues to be an issue. The group concedes that "*THEY NEED HELP*"! in the area of funding for prevention efforts.

#### GRANT, HARDY, HAMPSHIRE

"We're doing what we can, but *funding would be helpful* to move forward with our plans". They would like to report that because of the lack of funding, their partnership is struggling.

#### TAYLOR & LEWIS COUNTIES

Taylor County has just recently received funding for their Family Resource Network and is working closely with neighboring counties (Preston). The Lewis County FRN is leading the prevention coalition in that county. They were also disappointed in the cut in travel funds for the RLO's. Lewis County representatives echo the sentiment of the unfunded counties: "*Even a little bit of funding would make all the difference.*"

**Region 4 - Regional Liaison Report  
Submitted by Christy Rose**