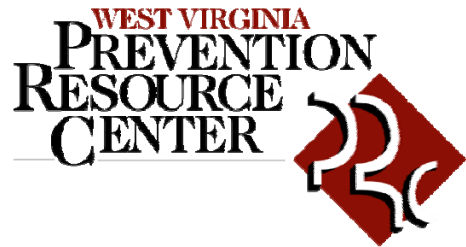


# PARTNERSHIP

TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY WELL-BEING

*West Virginia's Governor-Appointed Substance Abuse  
Prevention & Intervention Planning Body*



*Staff to the WV Partnership &  
Support for WV's Community Prevention Efforts*

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**July 17, 2009 QUARTERLY PARTNERSHIP MEETING NOTES DRAFT**  
*WV State Police Professional Development Center, Institute (9:00 am to 3:00 pm)*

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## ATTENDANCE

**Partners:** Mike Baylous, Don Chapman, Judy Crabtree, Michelle Foster, Sue Hage, Jeannie Harrison, Mike Lacy, Helena Lee, Bob Musick, Rev. James Patterson, Denise Smith, Brenda Thompson, Gary Winter, Bill Woodrum

**Proxies:** Bruce Adkins for Joe Barker; Amanda Fisher for Lew Holloway

**Ex-Officio Partners:** Neal Holtan (Central Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies); Trish Whitelatch (Region 1 Liaison); Anne McGee (Region 2 Liaison); Ginny Ramos (Region 4 Liaison)

**Partners Pending Appointment:** Bud Lett (DEA); Christian Martine (Shady Springs High School); James Vance (WV RADAR); Kim Walsh (WV DHHR – BHFF)

**WVPRC Staff / Contractors:** Jamie Albert, David Bailey, Bidy Bostic, Michele Burnside, Shamus Cleveland, Wayne Coombs, Cathy Coontz, Melissa Crawford, Dick Frum, Roy Grimes, Laura Sarver, Tom Scott, Yetty Shobo, Alisha Smith, Robin Spence, Stephanie Southall, Anne Swedeberg, Andy Whisman

**Guests:** James Dean & Rebecca Vance (Randolph Co.), Linda Watson (Barbour Co), Wendy Watson (Mercer Co), Robin Weiner (Logan Co), Dave Wallace (Prison Ministries), Tina Faber (WV DHHR)

**External Evaluators:** Paula Flaherty, Linda Spatig, Tracy Wasinger

## ITEMS DISCUSSED/DECISIONS MADE

Mike Lacy called for proxies (see proxy list above), called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone.

Lacy turned the meeting over to Brenda Thompson for annual **Chair and Co-Chair elections**. Thompson opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Bill Woodrum nominated Mike Lacy. Bob Musick seconded the motion. Bill Woodrum moved the nominations be closed. The motion to nominate Mike Lacy as Chair carried. Thompson opened the floor for nominations for co-chair. Sue Hage nominated Bill Woodrum. Mike Baylous seconded the motion. Judy Crabtree motioned to close nominations. The motion to nominate Bill Woodrum as Co-Chair carried.

Lacy thanked Partnership members for their confidence in him and emphasized his belief in the importance of the Partnership. He highlighted the Partnership's past year of growth in the identity and influence.

Partners reviewed their **April 2009 Meeting notes**. Brenda moved to accept the notes as presented. Sue Hage seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HANDOUT: *April 2009 WV Partnership Meeting Notes*

Michele Burnside, on behalf of WVPRC Planning Specialist Jo Beyer, reminded Partners and staff to mark their calendars and plan to attend the **2009 Drug Summit (Nov 16) & Share The Vision Substance Abuse Prevention Conference (Nov 17 & 18)**. She also highlighted the guest and federal speakers/presenter lists.

Michele Burnside, on behalf of the Communication/Procedures/Government Affairs Workgroup, highlighted the WG's suggested By-Laws edits. Brenda Thompson motioned that the Partnership accept the CPGA WG's suggested edits. Sue Hage seconded the motion. Michele Burnside reminded Partners that the CPGA has requested and will consider input from the regions regarding the new regional / county prevention partnership positions emphasizing that they are intended to represent all counties regardless of SPF SIG funding history. The motion carried.

HANDOUT: *By-Laws (document emailed prior to the meeting as well)*

Brenda Thompson motioned that the Partnership grant the CPGA WG permission to make technical corrections to all Partnership documents. Bill Woodrum seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brenda Thompson motioned that the Partnership recommend to the Governor the **appointment** of Bob Hansen (Behavioral Health Care Providers Association), Linda Pauley (Peer Recovery Network), Sue Julian (WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence), Jimmy Lee (Community Corrections). Denise Smith seconded the motion. Michele Burnside clarified that these additions will bring total membership (including current Partners, vacancies, and pending appointments) to 36. The motion carried.

**TO DO**

**Michele – Submit information to Governor's appointment office. Notify individuals of pending appointment. COMPLETE Add individuals to WV Partnership listserv. COMPLETE**

Mike Lacy expressed appreciation to WVPRC staff.

Members of the external evaluation team highlighted their latest report / **qualitative evaluation findings** – including their *Getting It Together* Model (people/engagement/vision/resources/change).

HANDOUT: *Notes From The Field - July 2009 (document emailed to Partners prior to the meeting as well)*

*Questions / Discussions –*

*What are we doing to raise county-level awareness of the Partnership?*

Wayne noted the videography at this meeting. A highlights DVD will be prepared and distributed via CDS to all County Prevention Partnerships. Also, live webcasts are being considered.

*What do the coalitions think of this option?*

Sue Hage motioned that we poll county prevention groups regarding interest and ability to participate in live, web video conferencing. Rev. Patterson seconded the motion. Trish noted the need to poll all counties – not just SPF SIG counties. Mike Lacy inquired whether we have contact info for all 55 counties. Michele Burnside and Andy Whisman confirmed we do. Gary Winter noted there are several local networks (DHHR, Health Depts, Courts, National Guard) for video conferencing. Wayne noted we have been checking their compatibility. The motion carried.

**TO DO**

**Survey county contacts.**

Staff noted the need to de-emphasize references to the SPF SIG (the grant) and emphasize references to the SPF (the Strategic Prevention Framework....the prevention field's paradigm).

Staff noted Project Directors are organizing...wanting to meet together with Community Development Specialists more frequently.

Staff noted two new WVPRC positions - community evaluation coaches.

Staff responded to a Partner question about a comment in the report regarding sub-granting WG budget cuts. Budget cuts are because items are NOT in line with SPF SIG requirements, and in most cases, budgets weren't cut – the money just had to be re-appropriated for evidence-based items.

Partnership Chair Mike Lacy requested that the eval team make recommendations at the end of their reports. Linda Spatig noted this is not their perceived role, but they will continue to provide executive summaries/categorize their findings.

**Comprehensive Strategic Plan** (a framework for developing a system) – Wayne Coombs noted this is not what most folks usually think of when they think of a plan (specific objectives w/ target percentages). He also noted it is still a work in progress; He needs feedback from Partners ASAP to get the final draft to the Governor by Sept...in final edits and printing before the Drug Summit in November. *Comments/ Suggestions: Add Table of Contents / Outline; Pull Goals/Recommendations to the Front...Simplify/Decrease Length...Make format more readable...Make consistent and congruent with what other agencies/commissions (Behavioral Health, Residential Placement, Prison Overcrowding,*

Gary Winter motions to grant authority to the CPGA to make technical edits/format/final edits to plan and forward to the Gov with the approval of the executive committee. Helena Lee seconded. The motion carried.

## **Grant Project Updates**

### **Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG)**

SEE HANDOUTS: *SPF SIG County Progress & Fiscal Updates*

### **Purdue Pharma**

SEE HANDOUTS: *Drug Free WV Grant Program Update Activity & Fiscal Updates*

DCJS is requesting extension on all of WV's money. Individual projects can request extensions on case by case basis if individual projects aren't completed by Dec 31.

### **Partnerships for Success & Programs of Regional & National Significance Applications**

HANDOUTS: *Synopsis of Grant Applications for FY 2010*

### **Underage Drink Prevention Project**

HANDOUT: *May 28, 2009 WG Meeting Notes & Update*

**Funding Study:** Evaluation Specialist Yetty Shobo and Mike Lacy highlighted the latest funding study report - *The Financial Burden of Substance Abuse in WV: The Criminal Justice System* and encouraged everyone to read it.

HANDOUTS: *The Financial Burden of Substance Abuse in WV: The Criminal Justice System; Press Release*

### **Regional Updates**

*See Regional Reports (AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT)*

Guest Dave Wallace provided an overview of his **Prison Ministries** in WV. Wallace expressed his concern for children of the incarcerated and his belief that those incarcerated by put to work and be compensated to help offset the cost of imprisonment.

Mike Lacy called for **items for the October 16 Partnership meeting:**

- Regional Liaison Updates
- Communication, Policies, Government Affairs WG Update – Membership
- Underage Drinking Prevention WG Report
- Two Project Updates
- 2010 Legislative Initiatives? – Mike assigned to CPGA WG
- Drug Summit Update – Draft Agenda / Role of Partners
- WV's SAPT Block Grant – Bureau for Behavioral Health Update by Kim Walsh
- SubGrant WG Update
- Resident Placement Commission Update by Sue Hage (15 minutes)
- Purdue Pharma Update
- **Rev. Patterson Update??**

Amanda Fisher noted Lew Holloway has prescription drug abuse prevention materials and she should be contacted for more information ([amanda.fisher@glenville.edu](mailto:amanda.fisher@glenville.edu) or (304) 462-6465).

The meeting adjourned.

#### **Reports on County Prevention Activities - Submitted by Regional Liaisons**

#### **REGION 1 REPORT – SUBMITTED/PRESENTED BY LATRISHA WHITEATCH**

**Five SPF SIG Funded Counties:** Implementation Counties: Calhoun County, Doddridge County, Marshall County, Ohio County, and Wood County

#### **RLOs:**

July 23, 2009: Getting to Outcomes – Parkersburg, WV

September 17, 2009: Lessons Learned and Future Steps – Wheeling, WV

RLOs are scheduled from 10am-3pm. All Partnership members are invited to attend.

#### **County Updates:**

**Calhoun County (submitted by Shari Johnson):** During the last quarter we have done the following:

1. Pride Youth In Action Alternative Activity - teen concert
2. Community Recognition Night
3. Received an AmeriCorps Vista for volunteer recruiting
4. Did a Project Sticker Shock
5. Helped the county to get a PRO officer for the school
6. Applied for a grant for an Alternative afterschool program called AMP - Appalachian Music Program teaming youth with positive mentors for bluegrass music instruction as "their anti drug activity" which will be used for a PSA.
7. Conducted Study Circles (or attempted to) - This was not a successful venture
8. And more.....

**Doddridge County (submitted by Terry Hutson):** We did Sticker Shock at two retailers last Thursday with 800 stickers, 11 youth and 5 adults. We just got a free billboard on RT. 50 to use for an underage drinking message. I just got word we got the EUDL Grant. We are getting ready to do a magazine ad.

**Marshall County (submitted by Latrisha Whitelatch):** As we prepared the application for the final implementation grant year, we looked at our SPF SIG accomplishments. We decided to include a few of those accomplishments in our report to the partnership. Our SPF SIG accomplishments include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 67 people have become TIPS certified since the coalition first began offering the training in 2007, 45 of whom received the training during federal fiscal year 2008.
- No TIPS certified alcohol sales clerk has made an underage sale during compliance checks in Marshall County.
- To date this year only five businesses have sold alcohol to underage buyers during alcohol compliance checks. This is a tremendous improvement over last year's compliance checks when all but three businesses in Marshall County that had an off-premise alcohol license completed at least one sale to an underage buyer (45 sales out of 48 attempts)
- Common themes that emerge from one on one conversations are used to guide the focus of the CMCA project in Marshall County. One common theme that has emerged from these conversations is the need to increase the penalties associated with underage consumption of alcohol. As penalties associated with underage consumption of alcohol. As a result three coalition members met with State Senator Jeff Kessler to discuss this issue. In 2008, Senator Kessler introduced a bill to change underage drinking from a status offense to a delinquency offense. The bill also included graduated sanctions for underage consumption. The bill did not pass as originally written. However, the graduated sanctions were passed by the West Virginia Legislature. The Region One Liaison to the West Virginia Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being reported on this accomplishment at the July 2008 Partnership meeting, and she asked what could be done to ensure that the entire bill passed in 2009. Several partners expressed their concern that the bill, as written in 2008, would have the effect of violating federal laws regarding juveniles being incarcerated with adults. As a result, coalition members met again with Senator Kessler. The bill's content was revised, and on April 11, 2009, the bill was passed by the West Virginia State Legislature. Governor Manchin signed the bill in early Summer 2009. The bill became law on July 10, 2009.
- The coalition has implemented Sticker Shock three times since 2007. Nearly 40,000 stickers have been distributed at 16 different alcohol retail stores during that time.

**Ohio County (report submitted by Kristen Kroflich):**

- Held youth-led town hall in May
- Worked on SPF SIG rewrite
- Coalition selecting priorities/focus areas
- Overall, we are building the capacity of the coalition, membership is increasing and strengthening, and we are looking at ways to further promote community and cultural change regarding the prevention and reduction of alcoholism and underage drinking; we are also looking at prescription drug abuse

**Wirt County (report submitted by Deb Hennen):**

- We met back in May and discussed getting a new pride survey done. The Wirt County BOE approved that in late may and we hope to get that accomplished this fall. In the meantime we have put together a plan for No Tobacco Contract for the middle school children. This is asking the kids with a buddy to support a no tobacco lifestyle. The buddy signs the contract also in support of their friend. Once school starts we will work with the Health teacher at the middle school to get these out to the kids. Once they are returned we will follow up with these kids every 6 months to make sure they are still tobacco free. We plan on starting back in September to have regular meetings and come up with additional programs for the school year. We would also like to participate in the homecoming parade with anti tobacco message.

**Wood County (report submitted by Kelly Shook):**

Wood County (SOBER Program Updates)

**Media:**

- Billboards in 3 locations (1 bd. Is our contest board designed by Middle School students)
- PSA contest winner was able to record his PSA and it ran during prom and graduation season.
- PSA targeting adults who serve also ran during prom and graduation.
- Hoping to take one of our PSA entries and turn it into a poster to be put up in the schools.

**Enforcement:**

- Compliance checks are ongoing. We currently have 3-4 buyers, which is good for us. Our compliance has been very good.
- Youth Access Survey is complete. 25% of our 21 yr. olds were able to purchase alcohol without being carded. All Wood County stores were checked during this survey. We are currently preparing this information for the media.
- Sticker Shock: Distributors do not want us doing sticker shock and so far businesses have not wanted to upset distributors. To get around this we have prepared "sticker shock" type cards to be placed in bags when alcohol is purchased. 400 cards have gone out to 2 businesses to get us started.

**Education and Awareness:**

- Presentations have been made in health classes' at all 3 high schools and 1 middle school twice this year reaching over 1000

students. Presentations have also been made at our Juvenile Detention Center.

- Brochures are kept in physicians offices, law enforcement agencies, RESA, BOE, and WVU extension.
- SOBER Day Obstacle Course had to be cancelled in May due to bad weather, the first time in 8 years that we've had to cancel.
- Currently we are working to get on agendas at school booster clubs to speak to parents and coaches about underage drinking.

#### **Diversion:**

- Alternate Routes continues on a 6 week rotation, serving first offenders. We have seen approx. 50 kids this year.
- Teen Intervene was added in Feb. It also serves first offenders, but is not limited to alcohol. So far we have only served approx. 8-10 kids. Teen Intervene is a nice addition to Alternate Routes because it can be used when we don't have enough referrals to make an adequate class for Alt. Routes and it works better for youth who have difficult schedules or transportation problems.

#### **Partnership:**

- Our Partnership remains active.
- We are working on adopting a set of by-laws.
- We also continue to work on recruiting new members. I am happy to say that we have a youth member on board.
- Ally and 2 other members will be attending the National Leadership Conference on Underage Drinking Prevention in August.

#### **On the Horizon...**

- Still trying to get SADD or some type of youth group activated in our schools.
- We will be working hard on social host this next year as well as focusing on the adult population and not serving to teens.

### **REGION 2 REPORT – SUBMITTED/PRESENTED BY ANNE MCGEE**

#### **Regional Activities-**

--Public Service Announcements sponsored by the WV12 continue to be aired on the CW cable channel.. New PSA regarding prescription drug abuse is in production. Regional brochure is in final stages of development. Group has agreed to sponsor a booth at the largest medical conference in the state in November.

--RLO topics: April - Media Advocacy; May - Collaboration; June - Intervention.

Planned for July- Teen Pregnancy and planned for August - RX Take Back Programs

#### **Kanawha SPF-SIG Update:**

#### **Staffing Updates:**

New Project Director Hired: Amanda Harrison to begin July 20<sup>th</sup>

Model Program Coordinator contracted to recruit sites and monitor quality of programming. CTC offers Too Good For Drugs and All Stars model programming for children ages 5-15. CTC also offers instructor trainings to build sustainability of the programming at these sites.

#### **Office Location Update:**

Will be moving from the Schoenbaum Family Enrichment Center into office space at the Kanawha-Chas. Health Dept. at the conclusion of this current grant year.

#### **This year CTC has:**

- trained 24 model program instructors
- completed 33 programs (schools, daycares, after school and summer program sites)
- presented our Parents, Families and Work program at eight worksites
- partnered with the WV National Guard in its Stay on Track program in 2 Kanawha County Middle Schools
- conducted 19 compliance checks for alcohol sales to minors with a 18% buy rate
- conducted 10 should tap checks with a 5% buy rate
- held 4 TIPS trainings
- presented and exhibited at community events and fairs, reaching over 3,000 attendees

CTC regularly updates its website: [www.kanawhacountyctc.org](http://www.kanawhacountyctc.org) and has started an electronic newsletter and will soon be publishing progress reports to be disseminated to interested community members, key community leaders and organizations throughout the county

#### **MINGO COUNTY (Submitted by Lara Fox)**

- Attended Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Coalition meeting
- Submitted EUDL grant renewal application
- Held PSA contest with area high schools
- Attended IGM
- Attended RLOs
- Met with Gilbert Town Council about alcohol ordinance
- Continued Website design
- Worked with high school students on community service project
- Worked on community resource mapping
- Distributed literature at health fair
- Held Prom Promise and After-Prom Parties
- Held Summer Kick-Off Bowling Party
- Trained Faith community members in Keep A Clear Mind
- Implemented Keep a Clear Mind with 75 kids at Community Bible School
- Implemented Keep a Clear Mind with Summer Day Camp programs
- Held sobriety checkpoint at Delbarton
- Held STOP organizational retreat
- Continued Implementation of CMCA
- Continued Maternal Infant Health Outreach Workers Program
- Completed Too Good for Drugs and Violence with after-school programs
- Hired new Prevention Program Assistant
- Completed merchant assessment and surveys
- Held on-site merchant education for 25 off premise merchants
- Purchased billboard space for underage drinking prevention
- Hired and trained three Crossroads Recovery Home Caseworkers
- Completed and furnished Crossroads Recovery Home, now accepting referrals

## **Cabell County**

CCSAPP continues its focus on underage drinking and prescription drug abuse.

### **Underage Drinking:**

Meeting held at Cabell County Sheriff's Office to discuss enforcement activities for June - September. Highway Safety, ABCA, CCSAPP, Huntington Police, Milton Police, Barboursville Police and Marshall University Police represented. Combination of compliance checks, sobriety checkpoints, bar patrols and MU campus/football game saturation patrols planned and scheduled. CCSAPP will fund overtime for compliance checks and saturation patrols. Highway Safety will fund sobriety checkpoints. Focus on east end of county.

### **SPFSIG-**

Compliance checks in collaboration with Cabell County Sheriff's Office, Huntington Police Department, ABCA and Highway Safety.

June- 26 stores- 5 sold

July- 33 stores - 7 sold

Social Marketing - Billboards portraying the "prevention checklist" message (same as TV PSA"s)

### **Purdue Pharma-**

- Distribution of final report of Geospatial Relationship between Bars and Crime in Huntington WV; Continue to seek opportunities to present findings of report; project has been subject to a couple of articles in Higher Education newsletters;
- TIPs training held for on and off premise servers and sellers.
- Consequences cards created for MU students and server/sellers.

### **Prescription Drug Abuse**

- Physician Education - created folders for physicians to distribute with information regarding Screening and Brief Intervention Guide, local statistics, and prevention messages for physicians to share with patients. Distributed posters for display in exam rooms urging patients to disclose all drugs they are using.

- Media Advocacy- in response to grand jury indictment against women charged with DUI (RX drugs) in death of mother and high school students submitted guest column to Herald-Dispatch
- Billboards- "Some Things Are Meant for Sharing. Some Aren't" prevent rx drug abuse
- Youth United PSA for theaters "Bigger Than That"

### **REGION 3 REPORT – SUBMITTED BY APRIL MILLER; PRESENTED BY REBECCA VANCE**

#### Barbour

Summer programming for youth include Energy Express and Project Isaac are currently the main area of focus for the Barbour County Prevention Partnership. They are also implementing the Shoulder Tap and Sticker Shock program throughout Barbour County. The FREE Team (youth group) will be attending a camp in August in Ohio to further develop their youth activities. They will be conducting a Merchant Education session soon and they are developing and circulating prevention related advertising throughout the county. Upcoming events including the Barbour County Fair and Back To School Bash in August. They are working with the city of Belington on a neighborhood watch program. The county website is continually being updated and the SPF SIG Grant has been submitted.

#### Berkley

A new coalition is being formed in Berkeley Co. and Christa Shifflett is helping to mentor the process. 2009 PRIDE survey data has been collected. The survey is showing a major problem with 8<sup>th</sup> graders (especially Rx drug abuse and alcohol), compared to the national average so this age group will be one of the major targets for Prevention and Early Intervention. Berkeley Co. will be applying for the Drug Free Communities Grant in April of 2010.

#### Grant

Grant County Family Issues task Force is looking towards restructuring. The task force in the past two years has seen extremely low participation. With frustration set in, the officers of the task force have brain stormed and ask the community of their main needs. Once the needs were captured, then the officers will restructure accordingly. This, hopefully, will gain the communities interest and start to participate in the task force once again.

#### Hardy

Potomac Valley Drug Task is continuing to strive towards a rehabilitation center within the Potomac Valley. The task force has made huge strides towards completing this goal, but still has a long way to go. The main obstacle the task force is facing is finding funding for the feasible study. The Drug Task Force has raised half of the money, but is still continuing to look for the rest of the money. The task force discussed issues with legislation and they have promised to match money up to certain amount. Although funding is on everyone list of needs, the task force will keep a positive outlook.

#### Hampshire

Hampshire County is planning a parenting fair. This fair is directed towards parents who may have issues with their children and/or lack parenting skills. There will be multiple of resources at the fair. This will give parents a chance to utilize all the resources within their community.

#### Jefferson

Christa Shifflett and FOCUS have been mentoring Berkeley County for a possible DFC grant for next April (2010). FOCUS hosted a Jefferson Idol (similar to American Idol) for high schoolers and a separate one for middle schoolers. They plan on doing one for all Jefferson Co. Teachers next. They are also doing workshops for Middle school students on the affects of Alcohol, Marijuana, and inhalants. They are running into a problem getting the PRIDE surveys in the schools.

#### Lewis

No Report Filed

#### Mineral

Mineral County Family Resource Network hosted a, needy mothers fair. This fair was directed towards mothers whom have small children and have extreme low income. Every mother who participated in the fair received a new car seat and diaper bag that had some infant accessories inside the bag. At the fair, prevention specialists participated and assisted mothers whom maybe addicted to drugs/alcohol/tobacco. Police officers also assisted the parents install their new car seats. Resource officers also attended the meeting

and helped people find housing and/or employment. Due the huge success of the event Mineral County will be having additional fairs in the future.

#### Morgan

With a renewed vision and motto (*Engage. Educate. Empower.*), the SPF SIG-funded Morgan County Partnership continues to engage community members in many different ways, in an effort to work together and empower our young people to make smart choices, particularly regarding substance abuse. Our CMCA program and social marketing campaign targeting adults purchasing alcohol for minors this past spring made strong strides in changing perceptions about underage drinking. Our local ACBA representative reported a decline in the underage drinking purchase rate for Morgan County from approximately 84% to approximately 33%. CMCA's efforts produced a powerful week of Prom Promise events this spring, culminating in a mock crash that school officials reported had a demonstrable impact on the teens at prom this year.

We hosted our first Partnership Appreciation Breakfast at our partnership meeting in June, where we engaged new partners and recognized partners who had made a significant contribution this year. With the largest crowd in attendance this year at a partnership meeting, partners were excited to learn about accomplishments of the year, including expanding our programming and reaching over 1600 youths in Morgan County this year.

One of our new collaborations about which we are very excited is our Drug Take Back Program group, which began meeting in June. Bringing together environmental groups, law enforcement, the health department, local pharmacists and the Partnership, we have our first event scheduled to take place in October. We will host a Clean Out Your Medicine Cabinets day, at Morgan County in the morning and at Hardy County in the afternoon. We hope to expand the program to more counties in the spring.

This has been a significant learning and growing year for the Morgan County Partnership. Our advisory board voted to pursue independent 501(c)(3) status this fall. We look forward to the many challenges and opportunities that await.

#### Pendleton

The prevention coalition (ERFRC/PIP) is presently updating their strategic plan for the 2009/2010 year. They are also in the process of getting a full-time VISTA worker, part-time County Coordinator, and a full-time Social Services Networker (Title V). RX drug abuse awareness presentations are occurring on a regular basis throughout the county. SYNAR inspections are scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Preston

The Preston Caring Council continues to include prevention education and awareness messages into most all of their programming. In April PCC hosted an After Prom Party at Preston High School and over 125 high school students attended the over-nite event. They also hosted a Family Expo, which was full of prevention related activities and messages over 200 individuals attended the event. They are currently preparing for their National Kids Day Back To School Bash, which will take place in August. They are preparing for at minimum of 400 local youth to participate in the event. SYNAR inspections to be scheduled in August 09. There is also renewed concern about marijuana usage among minors, so the CDS will be presenting future workshops to address this concern.

#### Randolph

The coalition has been working with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department on Party Patrols. This program has been successful and has seen a number of citations for underage drinking and drugs. An anonymous tip line has been sponsored by a local business and should be up and running by the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Teen Court has been collecting funding; however the \$5.00 fee is not generating enough funding to move the project forward. The PRIDE Survey was administered with the school system and the coalition is in the process of looking over the data. A new superintendent has been appointed for the school system. It holds a promise of a better working relationship between the school system and the coalition. The SPF SIG Grant has been submitted and the coalition has begun to focus upon applying for the Federally Funded SAMHSA Grant. National Kids Day will be held in August 2<sup>nd</sup> with the focus being a safe, drug and alcohol free event for children and families.

#### Taylor

No Report Filed

#### Tucker

457 K-4<sup>th</sup> grade students completed a series of the Second Step curriculum and 320 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students completed a series of the Too Good For Drugs and Violence curriculum during the last semester of 2009. Summer prevention programming for youth includes Energy Express and BEBOP Academy through partnerships with Tucker Co. Schools and WVU Extension. Elkins Radio Corporation will be collaborating with us during summer school to teach the students how to create PSA's, which will be aired on the radio. Upcoming community events where prevention education will take place includes the National Kids Day Back To School Bash and the Tucker County Fair in August. Plans are under way for a Merchant Education session in the county. The Tucker County Prevention Partnership submitted it's Safe & Drug Free Communities Grant in June. Tucker County has also agreed to host the next RLO for the region in August (topics included Certifying County Coalitions and Clarifying the Regional Liaison role and protocols for electing that person).

**REGION 4 REPORT – SUBMITTED/PRESENTED BY GINNY RAMOS**

**Pocahontas County**

STARS for Families: The STARS for Families program is complete for 2008-2009 school year. There were 87 6<sup>th</sup> graders that completed the STARS program.

Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol: The Community Mobilizer is actively motivating community members to seek and achieve changes in local public policies that can affect youth's access to alcohol. A local strategy team has been developed (Pocahontas County Prevention Coalition) and alcohol policy and enforcement targets are being identified through the hundred one-on-one interviews that have been conducted with a diverse group of community members. In addition to mobilizing the community, these interviews (topic: underage drinking) will be compiled into a qualitative report and used to identify key trends and concepts. During the coming months, the community Mobilizer will be working with the local judicial and law enforcement system in order to create a campaign to increase and enforce existing laws that ticket and prosecute parents, relatives or friends serving/providing alcohol to minors. Other projects include:

- ❖ Focus groups are scheduled for August
- ❖ Sticker Shock in August
- ❖ DUI Simulator during Pioneer Days. There were 165 participants.
- ❖ Prom-After Prom event. There were 55 youth that participated.
- ❖ Participated in SAMHSA Teach-In at all county elementary schools

Healthy Workplace: Healthy workplace programs scheduled for Denmark Correctional Facility in August, and all county employees will participate in a training at the end of the month. To date, there have been over 850 participants in the Healthy Workplace program which is significant considering this amounts to 10% of the entire county population.

The Pocahontas County Prevention Coalition hosted several workshops. Two were focused on Suicide Prevention, and the third was specific to Prescription Drug Abuse. Each workshop drew approximately 38 participants, which was the capacity of the facility where these events took place.

**Fayette County**

- All Stars program is now finished at all 3 sites, more than 80 6<sup>th</sup> graders completed the program in Fiscal Year 2009.
- CMCA process is building and branching out to attempt to address illicit/prescription drugs.
- Media campaign is going strong with radio advertisements, posters, brochures & presentations. We are hoping to hold a Regional Young Adult Media Conference to engage youth in the Social Marketing process in August.
- Capacity building, the County partnership as a whole is meeting monthly and subcommittees meeting more regularly.
- FRN is still working towards obtaining a 501 c 3 designation so we can apply for funding.
- We have a group currently working on dropout prevention, as well as the underage drinking prevention.
- We have a new Substance Abuse Task Force that meets twice a month to address the substance abuse issues in the county. This group was the focus at a statewide training called the Civic Life Institute hosted by the West Virginia Center for Civic Life.

**Mercer County**

April

- Mercer County Prevention Partnership helped to host a Regional Drop Out Summit April 2. It was held at the Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton.
- Youth from Mercer County participated in the Teen Retreat at Camp Pioneer in Beverly, WV, April 3-5. They produced their own PSA's about substance abuse. It was a great weekend.
- Coalition members attended the SADD Student Leadership Council Retreat.

- A new E-SADD program will be starting at Montcalm Elementary.
- A “Stay Smart, Don’t Start” educational newspaper supplement will be printed distributed to students in every school in Mercer County.
- Members of the Mercer County Prevention Partnership set up a prevention table and display at the Mercer County Better Living Show, this was a two day event in which approximately 5,000 people were reached with prevention messages.
- Members of the Mercer County Prevention Partnership helped host the Mercer County Kiddie Fair.
- Members of the Mercer County Prevention Partnership set up a prevention table at the Mercer County Crime Victimization Fair, this was a two day event.
- CMCA one-on-one interviews continue.
- Raleigh County RLO

#### May

- A “Stay Smart, Don’t Start” educational newspaper supplement was printed and distributed in every middle school and high school on Mercer County. The supplements were also distributed with the regular distribution of newspapers which reached approximately 25,000 people through out Southern West Virginia.
- Prom Cards with prevention messages were printed and distributed among seven flower shops in Mercer County. The flower shops place the cards in all of the corsage boxes for five High School Proms throughout Mercer County.
- Five members of the Mercer County Prevention Partnership attended an Environmental Strategies Training in Roanoke Va.
- Several members of the Mercer County Prevention Partnership helped administer the Modified Youth Risk Behavior Survey in 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades in Mercer County.
- CMCA one-on-one interviews continue.
- Pocahontas Co. RLO

#### June

- Modified Youth Risk Behavior Surveys from May continued in the Schools with 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Members of the Mercer County Prevention Partnership set up a prevention table and display at the Celebrate Princeton Downtown Fair.
- Members of the Mercer County Prevention Partnership also set up a prevention table and display at the opening night of Bluefield’s Minor Baseball League.
- CMCA one-on-one interviews continued.
- Pocahontas Co. RLO
- Summersville RLO

### **Non-Funded (SPF-SIG) County**

#### **McDowell County FACES (Families, Agencies, Children Enhancing Services)**

McDowell County FACES is the resource network linking services and programs through McDowell County. FACES is a planning and coordination facility that assists communities help in achieving their goals. FACES works with partnering agencies such as the Board of Education, McDowell County Commission, WVU Extension Offices, McDowell Mission, and many more. FACES hosts the local health coalition called the HOPE Coalition. Alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention is a priority for the HOPE Coalition as is education and recovery promotion.

Below is a list of educational opportunities that FACES and the HOPE Coalition provide to the community free of charge.

#### **Grade School Aged**

Anti-Drug Puppet Show (effects of drugs on the body)

Drugs and the Body Classroom Presentation

Have the Grim Reaper “deal” at county schools

Have a Beer Can roam schools to educate youth on DUI and underage drinking

Staff participates in “Read to Me” Days

Drug and-or tobacco displays

Fatal Vision Impairment Goggles with age appropriate simulations

Nic-O-Teen Smoking Prevention

### **Middle to High School and Adult**

Fatal Vision Impairment Goggles with remote car course

Fatal Vision Drunk and Distracted Driving using simulations

Hazards of Binge Drinking Education and Intoxiclock

Fatal Reflections, accident prevention

STDs and Safe Sex Practices

Teen Pregnancy Education

Baby Think it Over

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Drug Affected Baby Education

Shaken Baby Syndrome Education

SADD Chapter Development

Drug and-or Tobacco displays

Date Rape Education with SAFE Staff

“Less than Zero” Movie with discussion

“Smashed: Toxic Tales of Teens and Alcohol” viewing and discussion

Project Toward No Drug Abuse Curriculum

Not on Tobacco Curriculum

Wise Guys Teen Responsibility

Relationship Training with McDowell Mission

Jr. Special Forces

Prevention education, motivational speakers and rock wall with the National Guard (scheduling is limited)

Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Bingo

Drug-Free Karaoke/Dance for small groups

4H group development with WVU Extension

Guest speaker advocate in recovery

**Adult**

Meth Lab Identification

Project 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, teaching parents how to talk to their kids about drugs (Free Drug Test Kits)

Neighborhood Watch Development with Council of Southern Mountains

Tobacco Cessation

Inhalant Abuse for Parents

Coalition Volunteering

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