

## ATTENDANCE

**Partners & Proxies:** Kathy Armentrout (PROXY for Bob Hansen), Mike Baylous, Elliott Birckhead (PROXY for Kim Walsh), Robin Brown, Julia Chesla (PROXY for Latrisha Whitelatch 9/23 only), Joe Deegan (PROXY for Linda Pauley), Tina Faber (PROXY for Sue Hage), Barri Faucett (PROXY for Bob Musick), Michelle Foster, Debi Gillespie (PROXY for Dale Humphreys), Mike Lacy, James Lee, Anne McGee, Rev. James Patterson, Dave Potters, Gig Robinson (9/24 only), Denise Smith, Brenda Thompson, James Vance, Rebecca Vance, Latrisha Whitelatch (9/24 only), Gary Winter

**WVPRC Staff:** Jamie Albert, Stephanie Anthony, Melissa Crawford, Michele Burnside, Andu Meharie, Roy Grimes, Tom Scott, Wayne Coombs, Yetty Shobo, Dave Bailey, Kristi Adkins, Steven Smith, Judy Sikula, Brenda Richards, Laura Sarver, Carole Mangone, Cathy Coontz, Bryan Moore, Biddy Bostic (9/24 am only)

**Guests:** David Chairez (Lincoln Co.), Julia Charvat (Ohio Co.), Lara Fox (Mingo Co.), Kelli Hendrick (Mercer Co.), Terry Hutson (Doddridge Co.), Ginny Ramos (Pocahontas Co.), Kelly Shook (Wood Co.), Carri Stunk (Fayette Co.), Lisa Wimmer (Logan Co)

**External Evaluator:** Tracy Wasinger Bradley, Paula Flaherty, Linda Spatig,

## ITEMS DISCUSSED/DECISIONS MADE/ACTION TO BE TAKEN

9/23/2010

At 12 noon, Mike Lacy called for proxies (see list above), welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order.

Partners reviewed July 2010 Partnership meeting notes and accepted them without correction.

Linda Spatig presented *Getting It Together: A Learning Model of Community Collaboration* (HANDOUT), and some Partners/staff shared comments.

(See External Qualitative Reports Section of [www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx](http://www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx))

Mike Lacy highlighted Partner member accomplishments this summer: The WV Supreme Court presented Jimmy Lee with the Liberty Bell Award for his contributions to community corrections. Lee also recently received a National Criminal Justice Foundation Award. Michele Foster completed her Ph.D. in Community Economic Development this summer

Andy Whisman and Melissa Crawford presented *SPF SIG Evaluation: Preliminary Findings on Outcomes* (HANDOUT).

Gary Winter reported on the Governor's Office of Highway Safety's development of reporting database for highway safety coordinators, and data will be available upon request. The database is expected to begin operating October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Stephanie Anthony highlighted evidence of the effects of WV's SPF SIG on other entities. For example, the WV's EUDL grant applications require coordination with existing coalitions and use of evidence based strategies.

Julia Charvat presented Region 1's *SPF SIG Wrap Up Report*

(See County Reports Section of [www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx](http://www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx))

Anne McGee presented Region 2's *SPF SIG Wrap Up Report*

(See County Reports Section of [www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx](http://www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx))

The meeting adjourned at 4 pm.

9/24/2010

At 9 am, Rebecca Vance presented the *Region 3 SPF SIG Wrap Up Report*  
(See County Reports Section of [www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx](http://www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx))

Robin Brown presented the *Region 4 SPF SIG Wrap Up Report*  
(See County Reports Section of [www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx](http://www.prevnet.org/spfsig/reports.aspx))

Michele Burnside provided a *Take Care WV Campaign Update*  
[www.prevnet.org/newsreleasearchive/pdf/2010/2010-09-TakeCare.pdf](http://www.prevnet.org/newsreleasearchive/pdf/2010/2010-09-TakeCare.pdf)

Gig Robinson provided an *Underage Drinking WG Update*  
[www.prevnet.org/wvpartnership/workgroups.aspx](http://www.prevnet.org/wvpartnership/workgroups.aspx)

Mike Lacy, Jamie Albert, Wayne Coombs reviewed WV Partnership history and where we are today:

- The WV Partnership was formed by executive order in 2004 ([www.prevnet.org/wvpartnership/docs/executive\\_order.pdf](http://www.prevnet.org/wvpartnership/docs/executive_order.pdf)) to coordinate substance abuse prevention planning / develop a plan and establish priorities / leverage resources.
- The group was also created to serve as WV's advisory body for its federal Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG). WV's SPF SIG ends September 30, 2010.
- The WV Partnership is staffed (per executive order) by the WV Prevention Resource Center
- Since 2001, the WV Bureau for Behavioral Health & Health Facilities (WV's designated Single State Authority for the federal Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant (SAPT BG)) has sub-granted most of the federally mandated prevention set-aside portion of the SAPT BG to the WV Prevention Resource Center. The WVPRC's SAPT BG funded activities, which fall in line with the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention's Strategic Prevention Framework and the Institute of Medicine's prevention categories, have provided and strengthened the infrastructure of WV's substance abuse prevention efforts for more than a decade. In May 2010, the WV Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities notified the WVPRC that it is pursuing a "regionalized funding strategy for prevention efforts and activities" for the 2011 SAPT BG year (October 2010 –September 2011). The WVPRC's SAPT BG funding ends September 30, 2010, and 11 staff will no longer be employed.
- For six years, the WV Partnership has worked on and completed many of its executive mandated tasks (See *Plan to Address Substance Abuse in WV* ([www.prevnet.org/wvpartnership/docs/Plan.pdf](http://www.prevnet.org/wvpartnership/docs/Plan.pdf))). It has brought major players to the table and emphasized data/evidence-based strategies. Personal and political agendas have surfaced.
- The WVPRC will continue to operate through at least September 2011 through a second year of federal Projects of Regional & National Significance funding through the U.S. Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. This funding will cover 20 employees including four Community Development Specialists (Kristi Adkins, David Bailey, Cathy Coontz, Tom Scott). PRNS funding will allow the PRC to continue staffing/facilitating another year of WV Partnership and WG meetings and the continuation of statewide communication tools. The WVPRC is also getting ready to do some strategic planning. We are looking to expand our focus beyond substance abuse but continuing our public health approach to community development and a focus on data.

Partnership discussed where we go from here via REGIONAL BREAKOUT discussions on the following questions:

*What role do you see the Partnership having 5 years from now? (stay primarily with substance abuse prevention or expand?)*

*What role do you see for the WVPRC with the Partnership?*

*Future role of Partnership in the substance abuse prevention system in WV?*

*How can the Partnership and/or PRC continue to help the regional and local coalitions continue to move forward?*

*Knowing what you know now after 6 yrs with SPF SIG, would you do it again?*

Each group then reported out (INSERT LINK).

Elliott Birkhead of the WV DHHR'S Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities stated his and former DHHR Division on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Director and former WV Partnership Co-Chair Steve Mason's vision for the partnership – an advisory body to the WV DHHR regarding it's federal Substance Abuse and Prevention Treatment Block Grant as well as advisory body to other state agencies with substance abuse funding. Birkhead explained other "advisory" mechanisms to the WV DHHR for federal funding. The federal government mandates and funds a developmental disabilities council. They also mandate but don't fund a mental health planning and advisory body. That group, which includes substance abuse and consumer representatives, reviews applications to the WVDHHR for federal mental health oriented funding. Although they are advisory (the WV DHHR has the authority to make final decisions), the planning council has clout. It signs the WV DHHR's mental health block grant application, and its recommendations are sent to the federal reps.

Wayne Coombs emphasized the need for a much large state investment ([www.prevnet.org/wvpartnership/docs/Plan.pdf](http://www.prevnet.org/wvpartnership/docs/Plan.pdf)) in WV's prevention/intervention/treatment system. Some people either don't believe or choose to ignore the increasing financial impact of substance abuse on social services, etc. The limited funding we do have will not be effective if it is spread too thin, and the issue is too pervasive/complex to approach without an infrastructure for finding/analyzing data.

Dates were selected for **2011 WV Partnership Quarterly Meetings**: January 21, April, 15, July 15, October 21.

The meeting adjourned.