

**ECSAAG DATA SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2007
1:00 – 230 p.m.
EISD**

Present: Anne Barna, Jeanne Wright, Scott Struck, Polly Brainerd

We began the meeting by discussing how the MSSAC Epidemiology Workgroup meeting went. Polly, Sara, Harriett and Anne attended the meeting for Eaton County. The plan is an initiative for MSSAC to provide a web-based clearinghouse on data for the region. MSSAC would provide a data bank (example: MDCH and OHSP data) for the region and local coalitions. Local coalitions are encouraged to continue to collect county data of their choosing to support their strategic plan. MSSAC requested a list of indicators that our county recommends they include. The committee wondered if there would be assistance or consultation on how to work with the data. They also suggested a training on working with the data. **Anne offered to draft the list of indicators for MSSAC. Anne and Polly will relay the suggestions to MSSAC at the next Epi workgroup meeting on 3/27.**

We also discussed the merit to including program data (Residential Treatment Program, Day Treatment Program, ESAP, etc.)as a source of data for our needs assessment next year.

We looked at the tobacco related data that Anne shared with us from our needs assessment workbook (State data, BRFSS, PNA) and other sources. We discussed the pros and cons of including the economic costs of tobacco use. **Anne will develop the Data in Action! report on tobacco for the next ECSAAG meeting in March.**

One of our goals is to gather information about older adults' substance abuse and see what data is available. Polly is meeting with Donna Hobart from Tri-County Office on Aging. The group developed a list of questions for Polly to ask Donna when they meet.

1. What are the perceptions of substance abuse with older adults?
2. What particularly are the needs of older adults regarding substance abuse prevention?
3. What resources are available to older adults who might be abusing substances?
4. What is the drug most abused? Alcohol? Prescription drugs?
5. Is this under-diagnosed or under treated?
6. Are there data sources you know about regarding older adults and substance abuse?
7. Are there treatment options within Medicare?

8. Is there a local survey in place that would have data on older adults' use? If not, can you think of a mechanism for surveying older adults?
9. Do you have knowledge of what the literature says about older adults substance use? If so, can you recommend any articles or sources?

We also discussed our objective of having two school districts pass resolutions supporting the ongoing collection of risk and protective factor data through the administration of a youth survey. We discussed what to include in the wording of the resolution. It was recommended that we check with school boards on how the resolutions could be worded. Eaton Rapids, Charlotte, and Potterville were suggested as possible school boards to contact. **Polly will talk with Al Widner for samples of resolutions. Polly will draft the resolution for the committee to review and follow the next steps.**

Our next meeting time and date is on March 14 at 1:00 p.m.