IPFS Coordinator’s Call

June 29, 2019.

In Attendance: Kris Rankin, Mickie Shubin, Jane Larkin

Coordinator Questions / Comments

* IDPH Funding Questions. IDPH should know answer to IPFS extension in July. IDPH also has funds left over that could be available if the coalition is looking for some extra assistance with a strategy. Contact IDPH (Julie or Janet) if you have any questions.

Award Discussion. IPFS (and SPF SIG) have been the next level Prevention in the state. There have been great accomplishments and lessons learned. The state has recognized the hard work and commitment from you. They would like to create an award, a type of legacy award, for future Prevention Staff or Coalition in your honor. We began exploring this at the April Contractor’s Meeting – building a mountain.

*Objective* Q’s

* What do you remember about the Contractor’s activity?
  + Trust The Process.
  + IPN is now completing SPF.
    - An important message to IPN: Understanding that if they do work the process it will work. Lots of unknowns when first began.
* What key things have happened that should be mentioned?
  + Build Relationships. Out in the community and work with them on strategies.
  + Building of youth and adult coalitions. People to help with the work in the community.
  + IPN. Because they cover a large service area / multiple counties,
    - The community member support is even more important to IPN. Education is key. Time will be a concern.
    - In some communities Prevention is not attending coalition meeting but Treatment is. Treatment is not very vocal in the coalition meetings; this is a new process for them.
  + Common Language is a need. Understanding of the SPF Model and what collaboration is all about and what a coalition is about.
  + Finding a champion in each community.
* Thinking about other awards that you may have come across what sticks out to you about that award?
  + CADCA award – work in the county and data supported. Hard work was recognized.
  + Prevention Conference: impressive to hear what all they have done. Flexible to change with the needs of prevention. Example: Puppet Show.
  + Shows an idea of all the different things accomplished. How it’s made a difference in the community.

*Reflective* Q’s

* What has been unique about the work you have done?
  + Coaching has been a benefit. Extra layer of support. Bounce ideas, provide ideas, etc.
  + Detailed paperwork. One person plus the evaluator.
  + Smaller community of Prevention Staff in IPFS (compared to IPN). Easier for coordinators to talk to each other and support each other. Contractor’s meetings and monthly phone calls have helped that. Monthly trainings through IDPH has also helped. A great asset has been the IPFS Strategy Chart of what each county is working on so you have a person to contact. Very involved- helpful to know who to reach out to.
    - Hard part in change over in coordinators.
* What do others need to know about this work?
  + The work is hard and is always changing but when the change happens it is amazing!
  + Policy Work. Huge milestones and able to see the changes. Where with individual strategies not able to see the impact of those strategies as clearly.
  + Domino Affect. Champion for policy work. Other events have passed; you can also join them.

*Interpretive* Q’s

* What have you learned from the work? How did these ‘lessons learned’ lead to success?
  + All about community involvement and commitment. If the community does not want it, it will not happen.
* Someone take a risk, from our discussion and looking back at the notes from Contractor’s Meeting, link this all together in couple of sentences.
  + What needs to be added to the story?
    - Prevention Work is about community and youth involvement and trusting the process to accomplish the goals.
* From what you have heard, what characteristics need to go into an award?
  + Award could be for a coalition or a person.
  + Building capacity with youth and community members
  + Despite capacity going away; there is still a shift in underage drinking. There is a shift in perception- if a community is not ready for a strategy; it will not happen. Need to show impact in readiness. Not necessarily about meeting long term goals.
  + Data. IYS, hospitalizations, law enforcement, school infractions, etc. – movement in any one of these areas shows progress.
  + Stress that 5 years of funding is NOT a long time. Change takes time!

*Decisional* Q’s

* Which of these ideas could we convert into a good award?
  + See above.
* What image do you want to use?
  + Mountain image. A mountain to travel.
* How could the award be even more powerful? Punchy?
  + N/A.
* Next Steps?
  + Discuss this with Supervisors on their next call