

**HEALTH HUMAN SERVICES - HUMAN (HHS-SWERT)**

Supporting Organizations: Central California Social Welfare Evaluation, Research Training Center, California State University, Fresno

ACTIONS	STATUS	2007-2009 - FINAL REPORT ACTIVITIES
<b>OVERALL WORK GROUP STAFFING REQUIREMENTS</b>		
Plan, organize and manage all work group meetings; maintain work group records, agendas and minutes; coordinate meetings; evaluate effectiveness of implementation activities; maintain HHS portion of Partnership web site; provide monthly and quarterly reports.	O N G O I N G	
<b>Goal 3: Develop comprehensive methamphetamine education and treatment programs throughout the Central Valley region.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Establish an ongoing collaborative partnership of local, state and federal representatives.</b>	C	<p>Regional forums were organized to discuss effects of methamphetamine, other substance abuse in the San Joaquin Valley.</p> <p>This led to opportunities for inter-county communication, education, networking. Each convening was used to educate Advisory Council members about substance abuse issues in the San Joaquin Valley and provide a forum for input regarding the needs and resources in each county.</p> <p>On March 7, 2008, the Advisory Council hosted a <b>Legislative Forum to gather representatives from the assembly and senate and congress, from the Governor and Lt. Governor's offices and the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs</b>. The forum provided legislators the opportunity to hear directly from all Valley counties about the effect of meth and other substance abuse on the lives of real people, what the needs are, and how the legislators could help address those needs.</p>
Monthly/bi-monthly work group meetings comprised of Valley county social services, local law enforcement, state and federal alcohol/drug.	C	The Methamphetamine Recovery Project was the top priority of the HHS-Human Services Work Group. The Advisory Council was established to guide the project and identify strategies for collecting community input.
<b>Objective B: To the extent sustainable resources are available for direct services begin implementation of prevention and treatment modalities across the region.</b>	NP	As a result of a lack of funding and no staff resources, no activities occurred for this objective.

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Identify potential funding to support the cost of model development: public, private, philanthropic, and governmental funding opportunities.		
Dependent on available funding, selection of a contractor for model development.		
Seek funding sources for direct service implementation.		
<b>Goal 4: Support and promote proactive foster care prevention.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Objective A: Decrease foster care placement changes when relative placements are available for children entering the juvenile dependency system.</b>		
Monthly/bi-monthly work group meetings comprised of Valley county social services, local, and state departments responsible for child placement.		
Data gathering re: the extent and impact of relative placement licensing delays.		
Define a model process that minimizes delays, decreases placement changes without compromising child safety.		
Identify funding sources to offset estimated county costs to pilot the model.		
Seek legislative changes to secure non-county funding during the licensing review process for relative placements.		
<b>Objective B: Support stable and continuous foster care prevention services in the Valley.</b>	NP	Insufficient resources
Analyze regional prevention programs, funding sources, and impact on foster care placement rates and costs.		
Assess local, state, and federal potential for prevention programs.		
Formulate a strategic plan for engagement of all prevention resources, including legislative support and advocacy for sustainable funding.		
Convene an ongoing collaborative body with authority and responsibility for strategic plan.		
Implement initial components of strategic plan.		
<b>Goal 5: Develop and propose alternative evaluation methods for state distribution of new grant resources.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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<b>Objective A: Develop a methodology for proposal evaluation that considers county socioeconomic conditions.</b>		The extensive result of this eight-county effort is "Local Solutions to Regional Issues: A Report from the Methamphetamine Recovery Project" for public distribution. Another result was the establishment of a data source regarding needs and resources in the Valley counties. It includes county-specific information available to legislators and policy makers for planning purposes.
Compile and analyze Valley-specific issues in public health and social services.		
Describe proposal rating and funding criteria and/or guidelines by state-level HHS departments, including legislative mandates.		
Identify and describe equity issues when Valley counties compete with other counties for state funding.		
Promulgate mechanisms for the state and counties to use to establish equitable proposal review processes.		
<b>Objective B: Dependent on the achievement of objective A, the HHS Work Group will act as a change agent to encourage state adoption of a more equitable proposal review process.</b>		
Draft a weighted proposal review process that considers levels of need.		
State-level policy action to support new review process, including legislative amendments if needed.		
<b>Challenges/Problems/Bottlenecks/Feedback encountered during the quarter</b>		
<b>New funds leveraged during the quarter.</b>		