

**Northeast Valley Coalition Against Methamphetamine
Needs Assessment Subcommittee
November 16, 2006**

Recorder: Marge Cook-Dixon, Community Representative

Attendees:

Leslie Jumper Reeves, Chair
Karen Kurtz, Facilitator
Donald Santeo, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
Michael Hooper, Cox Communication
Mary Kay Rieke, City of Scottsdale Paiute Neighborhood Center
Connie James, City of Scottsdale Human Resources
Marge Cook-Dixon, Community Representative

Discussions:

Leslie Jumper Reeves, Chair welcomed members of subcommittee. Each member introduced self. Michael Hooper, Cox Communication, a new member, was welcomed to this subcommittee

Minutes were reviewed. One addition was made; include in the assignment list that Marge Cook-Dixon agreed to record and summarize the results of these subcommittee meetings.

In-depth discussions were held on the Level One assignments:

- Donald Santeo reported on Abuse, Neglect, Exploration of children in relation to the Indian Child Welfare Act saying that child welfare staff was very reluctant to release their data without the approval of the Tribal Council. He reported meth babies' data were available but not able to be released; he said he could report that in 2001 there was a spike in the birth of 'meth babies.' Since that that there has been a slow decline. It is believed that the spike was related to the distribution of the Casino monies.
- Leslie Jumper Reeves reported that she spoke with Dr. Dekker asking "How many patients do you see whose condition is related to meth?" Answering that question was identified as difficult to do. Ms. Reeves provided the committee with the report: "The Meth Epidemic in America, Two surveys of U.S. Counties," she received from Dr. Dekker. The report shows percent of increases; however, the report does not indicate from which data the conclusions were obtained, which is a reliability problem. The Arizona Crime Fact Book may be found at www.west.asu.edu/chs/partdev/violence.htm. Ms. Reeves also reported on data requests to PIMC.

- Mary Kay Rieke provided two reports: Arizona Community Health Analysis by Area, Excerpts from Arizona State Incentive Grant and US States Crime 2004 – 2005 Crimes per 100,000 and Ranking, The Disaster Center Arizona Disaster, Crimes in Arizona. These reports provided uniform crime reports statistical data of violent crimes per 100,000 population compared with national UCR data. The community health analysis data compared cities with the coalition with the State of Arizona for selected measures, such as child abuse and neglect.

The subcommittee held further discussion of how to obtain data from agencies. Discussions focused on how to obtain specific meth use/abuse data from agencies, how to interpret and utilize those data, and how to insure that the data we request supports the subcommittee's overall goals. Data that are collected by the Arizona Action for Foster Care were reviewed. Their data are by census track; Joan Drydeck is a contact person with this agency. The East Valley Crisis Center is merging with this agency, Marsha is a contact there.

Karen Kurtz reviewed the logic model using burglary as an example. She reminded us that the first level of analysis is to look to see if there is a trend. The second level is to further scrutinize the data that reveal a trend does exist to learn if there is a meth connection. Ms. Kurtz provided each committee member with a form called 'Data Collection Process and Timeline Form.'

Ms. Kurtz explained that after we determine there is a trend, the second step in the needs assessment model is to determine the way in which people using meth is linked to the identified consequence. Characteristics of meth uses such as; what is the user's involvement with meth, who is using, what and how they are using, when and where they are using are all indicators that may give the Coalition ideas of how to intervene and mitigate the consequences of Methamphetamine use/abuse. When looking at crime data, looking to see if there are any time of day patterns, when an individual is arrested identifying if they have a small amount of their possession or do they have large amounts and have drug paraphernalia as an indicator that they are a dealer rather than a user.

Decisions/Assignments:

- Arizona Action for Foster Care representative will be invited to come and talk to the Needs Assessment Subcommittee at the December meeting.
- Ms. Kurtz requested Subcommittee members email her the links or electronic forms of the data we presented to the committee and that she will compile those data into one report. We will then be better able to spot the 'holes' in our research.
- Assignments will remain as identified last month. Assignments are shown on the following page.

Category	Individual Agreed to Research
Abuse Neglect, Exploitation, Foster Care	Donald Santeo for Indian Communities and Mary Ellen Tinsley for Non Reservation Communities
Data from PIMC	Leslie Jumper Reeves
Data from ASU Justice Studies	Donald Santeo
Fraud Forgery, Counterfeit, and Identity Theft	Leslie Jumper Reeves and Mary Kay Rieke
Domestic Violence	Phil Riccio
Common forms for Data Collection and Data Analysis	Karen Kurtz
Record and Summarize Results of Meeting	Marge Cook-Dixon
Google to locate Research in Methamphetamine	All Subcommittee Members

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