

**CT PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS INITIATIVE**  
**SPE Consortium/PFS Advisory Council**

**September 16, 2015**

**2:00-4:00 PM**

**Department of Transportation**

**2800 Berlin Turnpike**

**Newington, CT 06111**

**Conference Room B**

**Meeting Agenda/Notes**

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**Attendees:** Carol Meredith, DMHAS; Dawn Grodzki, DMHAS; Jennifer Sussman, UCHC; Jane Ungemack, UCHC; John Suchy, DCP; Debra Henault, DOC; Melissa Sienna, DCF; Janessa Stawitz, Judicial; Renee Coleman-Mitchell, DPH; Stephen Livingston, DOT; Eugene Interlandi, DOT; Scott Newgass, SDE.

Carol Meredith provided a brief welcome and attendees introduced themselves and spoke of their respective agency involvement in youth/prevention related activities.

**2. PFS Overview & Expectations**

Carol Meredith presented her Power Point of the Partnerships for Success 2015 Overview and Expectations. She reviewed the 3 page Workplan and Timeline document with attendees. Discussion ensued regarding the Advisory Council and the Statewide Epidemiological and Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) role in determining the description of who the “communities of high need” are for the purposes of developing the RFP for community coalitions for the grant. Discussion ensued about the meeting and timeline schedule as well.

**3. Outcomes From Last PFS Demonstration**

Jane Ungemack presented her Power Point of the results of the most recent Partnerships for Success. She discussed the data findings and sources that contributed to the success of the initiative.

Carol Meredith began a discussion of the “Next Steps” for the new grant and the Advisory Council based on Jane Ungemack’s presentation/findings.

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Dawn Grodzki discussed the Power Point slides as they pertained to the successes of the previous PFS grant and how the Lessons Learned will transfer to RFP development for the PFS 2015.

Jennifer Sussman presented the “Selecting Communities of High Need” document and discussion of the definition of high need communities and supporting data.

**4. Next Steps**

Carol Meredith and Jane Ungemack facilitated a discussion about what the other data sets are that we should consider in determining communities of high need. Melissa Sienna suggested we consider DEC (Drug Endangered Children) community-level data and other DCF data such as DCF-involved families per capita. Jane Ungemack suggested that we also consider newly available motor Vehicle crash data, as well as alcohol outlet density rates in communities. Debra Henault suggested the group examine not only community/regional needs but also how communities/regions operate and how they utilize their resources. Carol Meredith suggested opening the discussion up to those not present to get wider input. She noted that a sub-committee will assist with narrowing down eligibility for communities of high needs as a more defined list of criteria is developed. The work of this sub-committee will be directly aligned, and fed by, the work of the SEOW.

**5. Meeting Schedule & Adjourn**

Next meeting was not scheduled as several people were unable to attend this meeting. DMHAS will send out a Doodle poll to determine the next meeting, which will likely occur sometime in December.