Community Grant Outcome Report

Name: Partners for a Clean and Sober Polk County
Grantee: Polk County Health Department
Academic Partner: n/a
Program: Development
Grant Duration: 11/01/2004 to 10/31/2005 (12 months)
Expenditures: $24,995 of $25,000 (100% expended)
Use of Funds: Mobilize community

Description: Develop a comprehensive, county-wide plan for alcohol and substance abuse prevention, early intervention and treatment services; identify strategies for cooperative treatment and intervention among schools, agencies and communities.

Results: This project initiated a community-wide planning process in response to severe substance abuse problems in Polk County. The project developed a seven-part strategic plan addressing substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment for Polk County residents in collaboration with community partners. Polk County planning partners identified, discussed, and agreed upon several promising approaches built on the county’s unique history to begin implementation of some activities. The plan has been incorporated into Healthiest Polk County 2010. The project was approached by another Wisconsin Partnership Program planning grant focusing on substance abuse prevention with the Wisconsin Medical Society. The two projects collaborated on a screening, brief intervention and referral protocols aimed primarily at adults with problem alcohol consumption. This collaboration ultimately led to a successful Implementation Grant application in 2005.

Met Objectives: Yes
Baseline Progress on SHP Objectives: Yes - CHIP
Academic Partner Role: Identified an academic partner during the planning process; assisted in developing implementation plan.
Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind): $5,250

Dissemination: Several elements of the strategic plan were incorporated into Healthiest Polk County 2010, which is available on the health department’s web site and has been distributed to the HealthWatch Coalition, planning partners, the County Board of Supervisors, and others. The Strategic Plan was also published on the county web site and distributed to over 100 agencies and individuals for review and comment.

Sustained: Core plan elements are imbedded within the Health Department’s 5-year community health plan. They also received a 2005 WPP Implementation Grant for $448,584.