

# STEPS SAG Meeting January 28, 2004

## Welcome and Introductions

Marilynn Johnson welcomed SAG members; followed by introductions. New members to the group are from Patagonia Schools: Joel Blumenthal and Maria Denicke and from Rio Rico High School Stephen Schadler.

## Review Collaboration Survey Executive Summary

Maia Ingram spoke about the Collaboration Survey handout. The Wilder Collaboration Factors Inventory was used to provide an assessment of the groups' collaborative nature. The survey, should be of more interest and useful to SAG members who have participated in SAG in the past three years. The focus, as SAG members launch into a new phase with STEPS, is to bring new people to participate in SAG in which is already happening. Jill de Zapien commented that as the SAG group moves into a second round of movement, with STEPS, the survey will help push SAG into the direction it wants to go. The survey is a tool to help SAG members move forward. Joel Meister commented that SAG, in terms of policy issues, has focused on long-term issues; having less emphasis on short-term issues. However, with the infusion of the STEPS Grant this would be an opportunity for SAG members to revisit the short-term and long-term goals. Perhaps, SAG can find short-term tangible achievable goals and push shorter terms to create changes.

## Discuss Changes Resulting from STEPS

JoJean Elenes discussed changes resulting from STEPS. Border Health SI was funded from the CDC, through the University of Arizona, who then subcontracted different partners in the community. The primary focus was diabetes, which eventually expanded to chronic disease and looking at risk factors that impact health. STEPS on the other hand, is funded by the federal government to the ADHHS who in turn will provide Mariposa Community Health Center and Santa Cruz County with the funds. Mariposa will sub-contract partners in the community. STEPS will look to reduce three chronic disease areas; diabetes, obesity, and asthma and address three related risk factors physical activity, nutrition and tobacco use. Another change is the amount of available resources for designated sub-contractors. In addition, STEPS mandate that schools be sub-contracted as partners. STEPS provides for the Department of Education to work with ADHHS to provide coordination for the schools. There are no limitations as to who will be included as community partners and who we as a group decide to fund.

## Describe current SAG organization

Currently SAG does not have a formal structure, due to the strong desire of SAG members. In the past three years, Cooperative Extension has provided the facilitation and organization of SAG. Although, Cooperative Extension will continue to provide logistical support & organization, JoJean strongly believes that Cooperative Extension should be at the table as a full partner. JoJean proposes that the facilitator of SAG be more independent. The independent facilitator is to advise SAG on the long term goals which is to organize and move forward and the short term goal which is to provide the State with an action plan by April 15, 2004. The most immediate need is to create and Action Plan for the ADHHS due date of April 15. With the help of Jill, JoJean and Marilynn, a potential Spanish speaking facilitator has been identified to aid us in that process. Jo Jean proposed SAG members to volunteer as interim co-chairs. Interim co-chairs will provide continuity; identify other community members who need to be at the table, and the framework of the action plan. Moreover, co-chairs will closely work with the facilitator. Interim co-chairs are: JoJean Elenes, Michele Kimpel Guzman, Dina Sanchez. Maia Ingram will provide technical support.

Our next meeting is February 25 at Bank One downtown from 11:30-1:30.

## Other issues

Health Fair prizes were not given out during the event, what to do we do with them? It was decided to hold a raffle for those participating in the Andale Muevete activity.

April 29 & 30, 2004 is the Border Health information for Action Conference at Rio Rico, sign up through SEAHEC.

February 12, 2004, there will be a Health Fair, across the street from Mariposa Community Health Center from 10-3.