

## SAG Sub-committee Meeting January 26, 2004

### Welcome and Introductions

JoJean Elenes welcomed the group members present: Marcel Bachelier, Dina Sanchez, Sonia Guerrero, Marilyn Johnson, Maia Ingram, Sandra Romero and Michele Kimpel Guzman joined by phone conference. Members introduced him or her self.

The purpose of the sub-committee meeting was to discuss SAG's current organization, changes, future facilitation and support of SAG and to create recommendations for the SAG group Wednesday, January 28.

STEPS, is a five year grant awarded to four states from forty-seven who initially applied for the grant. However, because rural communities could not apply for the grant, the Arizona Department of Health and Human Services applied and was awarded monies for Arizona. Jennifer Kolso and Jo Jean collaborated on the grant application and proposal.

STEPS will build upon the Border Health SI Model and will focus to reduce three chronic disease areas: diabetes, obesity, and asthma and address three related risk factors: physical activity, nutrition and tobacco. In addition, schools will have a major role in STEPS therefore a qualified individual will be hired to assist schools implement the School Health Index. In year one, the Nogales School District and District #35 in Rio Rico will sub-contract as partners; Little Red School will join in year two.

The groups' discussion about future facilitation and support of SAG resulted in the hiring of an independent facilitator. It has been Marilyn Johnson's role of facilitating SAG in the past three years; however, Jo Jean feels that Cooperative Extension needs to be at the table as a full partner. In addition to being a full partner, Cooperative Extension will continue to provide logistical and organizational support to SAG. Furthermore, Jo Jean suggested Lee Rosenthal as a potential candidate; there were no objections. One major role of the facilitator will be to support and assist SAG members develop an action plan for years 2-3; due April 14, 2004. Other facilitator roles are to facilitate and direct SAG's future planning in policy change, identify organizations and individuals who can help SAG create policy change, and develop proposals.

In conclusion, the group discussed and reviewed the Collaboration survey. Moreover, the group discussed and agreed on who would facilitate the SAG meeting on Wednesday. The group finalized the meeting by setting a date for the next SAG meeting.

