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DATE:   _/  /
INTERVIEWER NAME:
RESPONDENT NAME:
RESPONDENT TITLE/POSITION:
RESPONDENT ORGANIZATIONAL AFFLIATION:
STATE:
INTERVIEW START TIME:   :

# SPF SIG National Cross-site Evaluation Follow-Up Interview

## OPENING SCRIPT

Hello, this is ( <i>Name</i> ) from the SPF SIG cross site evaluation team. Is this still a good time to conduct our interview? Joining me for this call is one other member of the cross-site evaluation team, ( <i>name of note-taker</i> ). We appreciate your taking the time to talk with us today. As we indicated in our email, we want to talk about ( <i>State</i> 's) <i>prevention system</i> , <i>including how it was influenced by the SPF SIG</i> . We are interested in speaking with you because of your expertise about ( <i>State</i> )'s prevention system.
We first conducted an interview on this topic with representatives from your state in (2006/2007), followed by another interview in (2008/2009). With this interview, we want to learn about the current status of your prevention system and about changes in the system that have occurred since the last interview. To do so, we will ask a series of questions that is similar to the questions from the previous interviews. In some cases, we may probe a bit further to make sure we fully understand the current system, whether changes have take place over time, and whether the SPF SIG contributed to those changes. Do you have any questions so far?
Before we proceed with the interview, I'd like to cover a few important <u>issues</u> . First, the interview will last about 90 minutes. Does this still fit your schedule? ( <i>If yes, continue</i> . <i>If no, ask how much time s/he has and say</i> "We'll cover what we can in that time.")
Second, your participation in this interview is completely voluntary. If at any time you wish to end the interview, you may do so. Similarly, if you are uncomfortable with any question, you may pass and we can move on to the next question. If you choose not to answer questions or you wish to stop the interview, there will be no effect on your position.
Third, I want to assure you that we will make every effort to keep your answers confidential. We will not connect your name or position with any of your responses. We will only report your responses in combination with the responses of others—individual responses will not be identified.
If you have no objections, we'd like to record this conversation. This will help us check our notes and ensure that we're accurately capturing your responses. We will not transcribe the recordings and will erase them once all the interviews have been analyzed. Is it OK if we turn on the recorder? (If yes, proceed with interview. If no, say "That's OK, we'll proceed without the recorder.") If at any time you have trouble understanding us due to technical problems or indistinct speech, please let us know right away.
As we begin the interview, let me remind you that we are talking about the overall (State) prevention system, not just the SPF SIG project. We're defining the prevention system as "the entire set of agencies, organizations, and persons that contribute to efforts to prevent substance abuse and related problems within the state." Do you have any questions about this?

OK, let's begin.	
Names/Titles of Interviewees:	
State:	
Interviewer:	
Note-taker:	
Date of Interview:	
Interview start time:	

## A. STATE ORGANIZATION

1.	[0-10.] Is there all agency of body that has the authority to make <u>programmatic, policy, o</u>
	resource allocation decisions for the <i>entire</i> statewide ATOD prevention system?
	Yes
	No
	Don't know
	Other, specify
	Not applicable, because
	Not asked, because
	Probe: <u>What funding streams (e.g., SDFS, SAPT, Synar)</u> are governed by this agency of body?
2.	Is the group that served as the SPF SIG advisory council still active?
	Yes (whether it is the same group or it merged with another one) No ( <i>If no, skip to question</i> )
	Other, specify
	Don't know ( <i>If marked</i> , <u>skip to</u> question)
	Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question)
	Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question)
	Probe: If no, why is the group no longer active?
3.	[11.] [Other than the SPF SIG advisory council]Does a group of <i>state-level</i> decision-makers conve <u>ne to integrate</u> and/or coordinate ATOD prevention efforts across the <i>entire</i> state system?
	Yes
	No (If no, skip to question)
	Other, specify
	Other, specify Don't know ( <i>If marked</i> , <i>skip to question</i> )
	Not applicable, because ( <i>If marked</i> , <i>skip to question</i> )
	Not asked, because ( <i>If marked</i> , <i>skip to question</i> )
	[Probe, if not <u>made</u> clear from previous responses]How do these two groups relate to
	one another?

4.	[19.] Is there any group (or forum) in which state-level and sub-state level stakeholders
	work together to improve or better integrate state and sub-state-level ATOD prevention
	efforts?
	Yes
	No (If no, skip to question)
	Other, specify
	Don't know (If marked, skip to question)
	Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question)
	Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question)
	<i>Probe: If yes, how does the group of stakeholders work to improve or better integrate</i>
	state and sub-state ATOD prevention efforts?
	" ====
5.	[2.] Is there a line item (or items) in the state's general revenue funds budget for ATOD
	primary prevention?
	Yes
	No
	Other, specify
	Don't know
	Not applicable, because
	Not asked, because
	<u> </u>
6.	Did the SPF SIG directly contribute to any changes to the state prevention organizational
	structure—including anything we've already discussed—(e.g., new groups formed)?

#### **B. NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND CAPACITY ASSESSMENT**

# Management/Organization of Data

7. Is your SEOW still active?
Yes —
No (If no, skip to question)
Other, specify
Don't know ( <i>If marked</i> , skip to question)
Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question)  Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question)
[1] The ability sectable (1] marked, ship to question)
[Probe, if not made clear]What are its main goals now and/or examples of its recent or planned activities?
<ul> <li>8. [51.] Is there any other state-level group that is responsible for organizing and maintaining data (for purposes of state-level needs assessment and planning related to substance abuse prevention)?</li></ul>
Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question)
Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question)
(1) marked, skip to question)
<ul> <li>[Probe, if not made clear from previous responses]</li> <li>How do these two groups relate to one another?</li> <li>How do they interact with the state-level advisory council or decision-making group?</li> </ul>
Epidemiological Data
9. Since R2, have there been any changes to the types of ATOD-related epi data your stat collects (e.g., new data sources/data collection, no longer collecting certain data)? [Interviewer will have data and levels of collection in front of him/her.]
Will you routinely go through an epidemiological, data-driven process to identify state needs/priority issues?
Probe: Have you gone through this process since the SPF SIG ended?

	No/low capacity	Moderate capacity	High capacity process		
	process (1)	process (2)	(3)		
10. Data-driven	There is no process	There is currently a	There is currently a		
process to	in place to identify	process in place to	regularly occurring		
identify priority	state needs/priority	identify state	process in place (at		
issue.	issues.	needs/priority issues;	least every two or three		
		however, the process	years) to identify state		
		does not take place	needs/priority issues.		
		regularly.			
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	Not asked, because				
	No/low capacity	Moderate capacity	High capacity		
	process (1)	process (2)	process (3)		
12. [60.] State	There is little	There has been at	The State routinely		
distributes epi	evidence of the State	least one instance in	distributes Epi data to		
data to sub-	distributing epi data to	which the State	sub-state agencies in		
state agencies.	sub-state agencies.	distributed epi data to	periodic reports, web		
	3	sub-state prevention	sites or data transfers.		
		stakeholders, but data			
		sharing is not routine.			

and interpret epi data?				
	No/low capacity	Moderate capacity	High capacity process	
	process (1)	process (2)	(3)	
13. [61.]	The state does not	There is evidence	The state provides	
Guidance about	play a role in providing	that the state has	substantial and	
interpreting epi	guidance about how to	engaged in some	continuing guidance to	
data.	interpret epi data.	activities that provide	sub-state stakeholders	
		guidance to sub-state	about interpreting epi	

routine.

stakeholders about

interpreting epi data, but guidance is not data.

**13. [61.]** What guidance does the State provide to sub-state stakeholders about how to use

### **Prevention Capacity Data**

<b>14. [65.]</b> Please explain how, if at all, the <u>adequacy</u> and <u>needs</u> of the substance abuse
prevention workforce at the community level are assessed across the state (e.g., this
might include size or composition of the workforce, and the need for training, technical
assistance, or continual education).
Workforce adequacy and needs are assessed
Workforce adequacy and needs are <u>not</u> assessed ( <i>If not assessed</i> , <i>skip</i>
to question)
Other, specify
Don't know ( <i>If marked</i> , <i>skip to question</i> )
Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question)
Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question)
Probe: Describe the workforce capacity data, how and how often they are collected, an
how they are used to establish workforce development priorities.

	No/low capacity process (1)	Moderate capacity process (2)	High capacity process (3)
14. [65, 65a, 65b.] Assessment of the adequacy and needs of the prevention workforce.	There is no process in place to assess the adequacy and needs of the statewide substance abuse prevention workforce.	There is currently a process in place to assess the adequacy and needs of the workforce; however, the assessment does not take place regularly, and/or uses methods or data that are not ideal.	There is currently a regularly occurring process in place (at least every two or three years) to assess the adequacy and needs of the statewide prevention workforce; the assessment is based on timely, accurate data
			and sound methods.

<b>15. [50.]</b> Are data on <u>other</u> elements of <u>prevention systems capacity</u> at the community level collected (e.g., data collection capacity, <u>cultural</u> competency, coalition
capacity/readiness, planning capacity)?
Yes
No (If no, skip to question)
Other, specify
Don't know (If marked, skip to question)
Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question)
Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question)
Probe: Describe the capacity data, how and how <u>often</u> they are collected, and how they are used to establish capacity building priorities

	No/low capacity	Moderate	High capacity
	process (1)	capacity process	process (3)
		(2)	
15. [50g.]	The state	The state	The state collects
Comprehensiveness of data	collects <u>no</u> (or very	collects <u>some</u> data	a <u>comprehensive</u> set
collected about prevention	little) data about	about systems	of data about the
systems capacity (i.e., data	systems capacity.	capacity, but the	prevention systems
collection capacity, cultural		data are not very	capacity.
competency, coalition		comprehensive.	
capacity/readiness,			
planning capacity).			

<b>16.</b> How is the capacity of the <u>state-level</u> prevention system assessed (e.g., workforce ne data collection capacity, cultural competency, planning capacity of STATE staff)?	eds,
Probe: Describe the capacity data, how and how <u>often</u> they are collected, and how the are used to establish capacity building priorities.	they

	No/low capacity process (1)	Moderate capacity process	High capacity process (3)
	1	(2)	1 ()
16. Comprehensiveness of	The state	The state	The state collects
data collected about state-	collects <u>no</u> (or very	collects <u>some</u> data	a <u>comprehensive</u> set
level prevention systems	little) data about	about state-level	of data about the
capacity (i.e., data	state-level systems	systems capacity,	state-level prevention
collection capacity, cultural	capacity.	but the data are	systems capacity.
competency, coalition		not very	
capacity/readiness,		comprehensive.	
planning capacity).			

Did the SPF SIG contribute directly to any capacity gains in the area of data management, needs assessment, or capacity assessment—including anything we've already discussed—that you believe will be sustained as part of your prevention system? Please provide some concrete examples.

## C. STRATEGIC PLANNING

# SPF SIG Strategic Plan

What is the status of the strategic plan you developed as part of the SPF SIG (e.g., still in use as a separate plan, merged with another strategic plan)?
Are you still addressing the priority or priorities identified as a result of the SPF SIG needs assessment?  Yes  No (If no, skip to question) Other, specify Don't know (If marked, skip to question) Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question) Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question)
20. How would you characterize the <u>impact</u> of the SPF SIG state strategic plan on  a. your ability to address your SPF SIG priority outcomes?  b. your ability to enhance prevention capacity across the state?

	No/low capacity	Moderate capacity	High capacity process
	process (1)	process (2)	(3)
20a. Impact of	The SPF SIG	The SPF SIG	The SPF SIG
strategic plan on	strategic plan has had	strategic plan has had a	strategic plan was
priority issues.	no or little influence in	notable influence on the	successfully
	addressing the SPF SIG	SPF SIG priorities, but	implemented and
	priority issues.	the impact of the plan	resulted in a substantial
		was constrained in	impact on the SPF SIG
		some way (e.g., due to	priorities.
		aspects of the plan not	
		being implemented as	
		intended).	
20b. Impact of	The SPF SIG	The SPF SIG	The SPF SIG
strategic plan on	strategic plan has had	strategic plan has had a	strategic plan was
prevention	no or little influence in	notable influence in	successfully
capacity.	enhancing prevention	enhancing prevention	implemented and
	capacity.	capacity, but the impact	resulted in a substantial
		of the plan was	impact on prevention
		constrained in some	capacity.
		way (e.g., due to	
		aspects of the plan not	
		being implemented as	
		intended).	

# Broader Strategic Plan

1. Our past interviews indicated that you DID/DID NOT have a state strategic plan for
substance abuse prevention, beyond the strategic plan for the SPF SIG project.
[IF DID NOT HAVE]Was a plan developed since our last interview? Yes No (If no, skip to question) Other, specify Don't know (If marked, skip to question) Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question) Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question)
[Probe for details, if not made clear, including whether the plan is a "stand-alone" plan
for prevention or part of a larger state strategic plan.]
1. I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
[IF NO] Do you have plans to develop a state strategic plan or use the SPF SIG plan more broadly?  Yes No (If no, skip to question) Other, specify Don't know (If marked, skip to question) Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question) Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question) Probe for details, if not made clear.]
[IF DID HAVE]Is that plan still active?  Yes No (If no, skip to question) Other, specify
Don't know (If marked, skip to question)
Not applicable, because (If marked, skip to question)
Not asked, because (If marked, skip to question)

<b>22.</b> [30.] How would you characterize the <u>impact</u> of the state strategic plan on				
a. <u>preve</u> ntion policies (here we mean public policy, including laws and regulations)?				
b. funding	g prevention programming	(including standards of ca	re for providers)?	
c. preven	tion workforce developmer	nt efforts?		
[Probe for the extent to which the plan itself led to the changes, rather than simply reflecting changes that were taking place anyway.]				
	No/low capacity process (1)	Moderate capacity process (2)	High capacity process (3)	
22a. [30a.]	There is no	The plan has played	The plan clearly	
Impact of	evidence that the plan	a role in formulating	drives all or nearly all	
strategic plan on	has driven the	some but not all	prevention policies.	
prevention policies.	formulation of	substance abuse		
22b. [30b.]	prevention policies.  There is no	prevention policies.  The plan has played	The plan clearly	
Impact of	evidence that funding	a role in some but not	drives all or nearly all	
strategic plan on	for prevention	all funding for	funding for prevention	
funding	programming is	prevention	programming.	
prevention	influenced by the plan.	programming.		
programs.	m ·			
22c. [30c.] Impact of	There is no evidence that the plan	The plan has played a role in formulating	The plan clearly drives all or nearly all	
strategic plan on	has driven workforce	some but not all	workforce development	
prevention	development efforts.	workforce development	efforts.	
workforce	1	efforts.		
development				
efforts.				
<b>23. [67.]</b> Is there a written plan in place for statewide ATOD prevention workforce development (either as a separate document or as part of a strategic plan)?				
	Yes			
	No (If no, skip <u>to a</u>	question)		
	Other, specify	aulad aliju ta avaatian)		
		arked, skip to question)	kin to auestion)	
<ul><li>Not applicable, because (<i>If marked</i>, <i>skip to question</i>)</li><li>Not asked, because (<i>If marked</i>, <i>skip to question</i>)</li></ul>				
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[Probe, if not made clear]How or to what extent is the plan used to inform decisions				
	ns related to workforce dev			

	No/low capacity process (1)  There do not appear to be any mechanisms for linking state and sub-state planning efforts.	Moderate capacity process (2)  Mechanism(s) exist for linking state and sub-state planning efforts, but they are not used routinely and/or consistently.	High capacity process (3)  Mechanism(s) for linking state and substate planning efforts, and they are used routinely and/or consistently.
communit	No/low capacity		
and action  Mechanisms for  25. [47] Are the templates/mirror the provided by	State and Sub-state Plant here mechanisms for linkin logic models issued to sub-state level plan or contain by the state for planning at the Yes No (If no, skip to) Other, specify  The describe the mechanisms or with the mechanisms of the mechani	ning  g state and sub-state plannestate entities, requirements core elements/principles, the sub-state level, etc.)?  for linking state and sub-state these mechanisms? Doese these mechanisms?	ing efforts (e.g., planning s that sub-state plans echnical assistance
	No Other, specify Don't know Not applicable, bed Not asked, because		
	ere a written plan for addres system (either a separate o Yes	-	

### D. EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND PRACTICES

policies,	ercentage of these funds is r , and practices?ease describe the assistance		
	Other, specify Don't know ( <i>If n</i> Not applicable, b	marked, <u>skip to</u> question) pecause (If marked use (If marked, skip	, skip to question) o to question)
	SAPT block grant recipien ecified percentage of funds Yes No ( <i>If no</i> , skip <u>to</u>	on evidence-based progra	
	hat percentage of the block so, policies, and practices?		be spent on evidence-base
	Not applicable, b		, skip to question) o to question)

The next questions are about supporting strategies that are appropriate for the cultural context in which they are being implemented.

#### 33. [101.]

	a. Are there requirements to ensure culturally and linguistically competent programs,
	policies, and practices, in <u>cluding</u> the use of culturally appropriate prevention materials,
	at the community level?
	Yes
	No
	Other, specify
	Don't know
	Not applicable, because
	Not asked, because
	Probe, What impact have these requirements had in ensuring cultural competence?
	Frobe, what impact have these requirements had in ensuring cultural competence:
	b. [c.] Are there resources provided to sub-state entities to help them select, adapt,
	<u>and/or implement</u> culturally and linguistically competent programs, policies and
	practices (e.g., technical assistance and materials)?
	Yes
	No
	Other, specify
	Don't know
	Not applicable, because
	Not asked, because
	[Probe for details, if not made clear.]
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34	Did the SPF SIG directly contribute to any capacity gains in the area of EBPPPs—
	including anything we've already discussed—that you believe will be sustained as part o
	your prevention system? Please provide concrete examples and also consider any gains
	in relation to supporting and implementing culturally competent EBPPPs.

## E. EVALUATION

or evaluation  36. [104.] Can evaluation	on-related technical assista  Yes  No (If no, skip to q  Other, specify  Don't know (If max  Not applicable, becomes  Not asked, because	rked, skip to question) cause (If marked, skip to cause (If marked, skip to caluator's role and involved cuator provide TA in acces	level staff?kip to question) o question) ment in ATOD prevention
35, 36 [103., 104.] Availability of an evaluator and their role and involvement in ATOD prevention evaluation	No/low capacity process (1)  The state does not have an evaluator on staff or under contract to provide prevention evaluation services and technical assistance.	Moderate capacity process (2)  The state has an evaluator on staff or under contract who can provide prevention evaluation services and technical assistance, but little regular use of evaluation expertise can be documented.	High capacity process (3)  The state has working or contractual relationships with evaluation experts who play a significant role in prevention evaluation efforts.
of evaluation programs (	on are required for the bloce.g. outcome evaluation, p	for sub-state ATOD prevenck grant and other substand rocess evaluation, or fideling the between BG and other parts.	ce abuse prevention

	No/low capacity process (1)	Moderate capacity process (2)	High capacity process (3)
kinds of evaluation	There are no guidelines that specify evaluation requirements for substate recipients.	At least some evaluation guidelines have been developed, but they include only one or two of the following: a) process evaluation, b) outcome evaluation and c) fidelity monitoring.	There are evaluation requirements for sub-state recipients, including a) process evaluation, b) outcome evaluation and c) fidelity monitoring.

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	No/low capacity	Moderate capacity	High capacity process	
	process (1)	process (2)	(3)	
38. [110a.] State	There is no evidence	There have been some	Evaluation data are	
sharing of	of evaluation data being	instances of evaluation	routinely shared with	
evaluation data	shared with state or sub-	data being shared with	state or sub-state level	
with sub-state level	state level prevention	state or sub-state level	prevention	
prevention	stakeholders.	prevention stakeholders,	stakeholders.	
stakeholders.		but this is not done		
		routinely.		

<b>40.</b> Did the SPF SIG directly contribute to any capacity gains in the area of evaluation—including anything we've already discussed—that you believe will be sustained as part of your prevention system? Please provide concrete examples.
CAPACITY GAINS IN CULTURAL COMPETENCE
<b>41.</b> Did the SPF SIG directly contribute to any capacity gains in the area of cultural competence that you believe will be sustained as part of your prevention system? Please provide concrete examples
EXTERNAL EVENTS
<b>42. [127.]</b> Finally, we'd like to ask about events that have occurred in your state that may have an impact on the state's prevention activities.
In the past 12 months, what external events or incidents have taken place that may have an impact on ATOD prevention activities in your state? (These could be things like new legislation, administrative changes, and significant changes in prevention funding sources or levels or even natural disasters.) For each event, please describe

### **CLOSING SCRIPT**

May we call you back if we need further clarification on any of the things we have discussed?
Yes No
Would you like to receive the notes for this interview for your review?  Yes No
If so, please return that review within one week if you have changes you would like to see. We will be glad to discuss the results of the interview with you.
Thank you for your time.