

# Provider Bulletin

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## Wyoming Department of Health Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services Division

#### **Information Only**

### **Core Prevention Grant Application for 2010-12 Biennium**

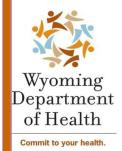
Further to its Provider Bulletin PB-2010-02: Integration of Community Prevention Funding, the Wyoming Department of Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division (the Division) hereby provides notice to its community-based prevention services providers of the posting of the Core Prevention grant application for the 2010-12 biennium. The Core Prevention application and supplemental guidance documents can be found on the Division's website at: <a href="http://health.wyo.gov/mhsa/prevention/index.html">http://health.wyo.gov/mhsa/prevention/index.html</a>. Before completing the Core Prevention application, please carefully review and consider the following:

- <u>Single Fiscal Agent</u>: The Division will contract with one fiscal agent per county to administer an approved Core Prevention plan for the provision of integrated community-based prevention services. The Division will consider only one application per county. In the case of multiple county applications, the Division will return all applications with the directive that the submitting agencies coordinate their efforts and resubmit a single, coordinated grant application.
- <u>Funding Awards</u>: Funding for each county prevention plan will be calculated on (1) a base funding amount for every county; and (2) an additional per-capita allocation. A small amount of discretionary funding will be available for projects of exceptional merit. While the specific amounts to be provided under the Core Prevention grant have yet to be determined, preliminary estimates reflect that *overall funding as supported by state general fund dollars* and federal block grant funds will be consistent with current funding levels for those programs. The specific amounts available to each county will be posted on the Division's website in the immediate future. You will be notified once those amounts have been determined.
  - SPECIAL FUNDING NOTICE: Federal funds provided to communities in previous years under the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) will <u>not</u> continue. The SPF SIG federal grant period will conclude on September 29, 2010. No additional funds are available or forthcoming. Additional federal funds from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) are not anticipated at this time. You should carefully consider the non-availability of these funds as you meet with your coalitions and other agencies to engage in your prevention planning.
- Local Prevention Coalition: As stated in PB-2010-02, each Core Prevention plan must identify a central prevention coalition comprising of local agencies and stakeholders that will provide advice and consultation on the design, implementation and evaluation of prevention activities within the county. Specific guidance and instructions regarding coalition participation and membership are included in the grant documents. Every local coalition should include within its operational framework those groups and individuals previously associated with the SPF SIG, Prevention Block Grant, Community Initiatives Project, and the State Suicide Prevention Program. The precise configuration of this integrated, collaborative framework will be left for each community to determine based on its unique dynamics.
- Project Manager and Other Staff: The approved Core Prevention plan should include funding for a Project Manager to oversee the day-to-day plan operations. Subject to available grant funding, the fiscal agent may hire such supporting staff as may be necessary to support the Core Prevention plan. In response to the concerns voiced by agencies and community stakeholders, the Division will not condition funding of the Core Prevention plan on the preapproval of any project staff, nor will it impose any other hiring restrictions on grant applicants.

As noted above and previously, the Core Prevention plan will <u>not</u> apply to or affect those providers engaged solely in the provision of tobacco prevention/cessation services. Nor will these changes affect any program funded with federal youth suicide prevention funds.

Attached hereto for your consideration are the responses to those comments submitted in response to Provider Bulletin PB-2010-02: Integration of Community Prevention Funding. In the interests of brevity, nonessential portions of certain comments and some comments entirely duplicative of others have been omitted.

Please contact the Division if you have questions or concerns.



#### Thank you for your courtesies.

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