

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, hereinafter referred to as LCG, and _____, hereinafter referred as Member, under the following terms.

BACKGROUND

We envision that the training entitled Louisiana Strategic Prevention Framework will result in the development of a board that coordinates planning, funding, and evaluation for substance abuse prevention at all levels, from service providers to state agency heads, in order to support the implementation of evidence based, culturally appropriate and cost effective prevention services in Lafayette Parish.

GOALS

- Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking; and
- Reduce substance abuse-related problems in our community; and
- Build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the parish and community levels.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

LCG and Member hereby agree to contribute to the following:

Establishment of a Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Coalition (SPFSIGC) in order to complete the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Strategic Plan within the state's specified guidelines.

Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) Vision Statement:

To recognize that alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse is a serious social and public health issue that when addressed will create a climate of healthiness and community wellness for all of Lafayette Parish.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ROLES:

- Develop a stronger infrastructure for substance abuse prevention.
- Encourage standards for program, policies and practices as well as substance abuse prevention workforce development.
- Provide a common message about substance abuse prevention.
- Support standardized substance abuse prevention among state, regional, parish and community efforts.

- Target the reduction of duplicate substance abuse prevention services and the increase of collaboration efforts.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assign a representative who will be present and engaged in the coalition's work, attend regular meetings and trainings, accomplish tasks between meetings, communicate coalition decisions and act on behalf of the Member through the coalitions work.
- Raise awareness about substance abuse prevention by endorsing and taking ownership of the coalition's mission, vision and strategic plan.
- Promote the community good rather than the immediate interests of individual agency.
- Pursue and share resources (such as human, technical, financial, and/or physical) to support the coalition's capacity as needed.
- Create a sustainable strategic plan that includes a focus on alcohol consumption and its consequences for those ages 12 – 29 years old.
- Align the coalition's strategic plan with the state's strategic plan to address community needs.
- Adopt and subscribe to the coalition's Bylaws and Conflict Resolution Policy.
- Strengthen the effectiveness of the coalition through the application of the Strategic Prevention Framework process in an effort to achieve short term successes and increase the commitment to long term goals.
- Complete agreed to or necessary assignments.
- Maintain and update Coalition Binder.

VALUE TO LAFAYETTE

- Planning grant provides opportunity and resources to create a healthier Lafayette.
- Decrease substance use and abuse.
- Increase workforce productivity.
- Increase family connectedness.
- Decrease consequences from substance use and abuse.

VALUE TO MUTUALLY COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS

- Defines mutually agreed upon skills and performance-based measures to ensure data driven outcome based planning.
- Substance Abuse affects all; working together across agencies maximizes resources.
- Connecting the work makes intended and measurable outcomes more likely.

TERMINATION CLAUSE

LCG or Member may terminate this MOU for cause based upon the failure of either party to comply with the terms and/or conditions of the MOU; provided that LCG or Member give the other written notice specifying the reason for requesting termination. If within thirty (30) days after receipt of such notice, LCG or Member shall not have either corrected reason for request or, if reason is unable to be corrected in thirty (30) days, begun in good faith and thereafter

