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Comprehensive Perspectives for State Partnerships

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Background

- Started in 2001.
- Wisconsin Asthma Plan 2003 and 2009-2014.
- 155 renewed members.
- Institutionalization stage.



Structure

- **Chair:** Erika Horstmann, PharmD, RPh, Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin.
- **Vice chair:** Rhonda Duerst, RRT-NPS, AE-C, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.
- Executive committee.
- Initiative teams
(*former workgroups*).



2011 diamond anniversary

- Celebrated successes.
- Future outlook and focus:
 - Value-added strategies.
 - Decreasing disparities.
 - Good to great.
- Great time to evaluate!



Evaluator

Meridith
Mueller



Planned evaluation questions

1. How do the various groups within WAC interface?
 - 8 supporting questions.
 - 11 thought provoking questions.
2. Is the workgroup structure working? How can it be improved?
 - 10 supporting questions.



Document review

- 2007-2012 mini grant proposals.
- Proposal review and ranking.
- Executive committee meeting minutes.
- 2008-2011 CDC progress reports.



Barriers

- Larger group struggled with process.
 - Worked more closely with staff.
 - Reported back to larger group.
- Too many questions for key informant interviews.
 - Worked with CDC and staff to narrow focus.



Refocused questions

1. How do groups interface?
2. Are the workgroups effective?
3. What will increase participation of those serving disparate populations?
4. Are activities reaching disparate populations?
5. Are there gaps in membership?



Key findings

- Ideal balance of statewide partners and location-specific initiatives.
- Disparities work needs to happen at the local level.



Key findings

- Local asthma coalition mini grants.
 - Funding is essential.
 - Varied quality of proposals.
 - Annual activities, limited outcomes.
 - Limited funding, invest wisely.



Key findings

- Streamlined process.
- Divided on how to prioritize activities.
- Activities must be evidence-based, best practices or promising practices.



Action steps/use of findings

- Workgroups → initiative teams.
- Enhanced communication:
 - Core team.
 - Executive committee.
 - Local asthma coalitions.
 - Initiatives.



Action steps/use of findings

- Modified local coalition RFP.
 - Five key activities.
 - Focused questions.
- Increased focus on disparities.
 - Utilize data.
 - On all agendas.
 - Reprioritize implementation.



Lessons learned/ recommendations

- Include coalition partners in evaluation.
 - Smaller group for ongoing activities.
 - Consultants as needed.



Lessons learned/ recommendations

- Clearly stated, focused questions.
- Build in enough time for interviews and to analyze results.
- Only ask questions the group would consider for change.



Thank you

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