

SAMHSA's Center for the Application of Prevention Technologies

Enhancing the Structure and Function of State/Tribe Epidemiological Workgroups

**SAMHSA's State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)
Contract Core Tasks and Activities (FY 2006-2013)**

SPF Step	Core task	Activities	Related products
II. Capacity*	Create and maintain an epidemiological workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify core members and stakeholders Coordinate workgroup meetings Develop workgroup tasks and goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workgroup charter
I. Assessment	Collect, analyze, and report data on substance abuse and related behavioral health problems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify, collect, and analyze key datasets and indicators Summarize findings to inform prevention planning Disseminate data to prevention planners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State epidemiological profile Community epidemiological profile Dissemination plan
III. Planning	Assist in data-guided prevention planning and decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needs assessment section of state strategic plan Factsheets on priorities
IV. Implementation	Assist in resource allocation based on data-guided priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify high-need communities Assist communities in understanding and using data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation guides Data-use toolkits
V. Evaluation	Ongoing monitoring/surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor existing priorities Track emerging trends and priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data monitoring system Factsheets on priorities

* SPF Step 2: *Capacity* is listed first in this table to illustrate that many epidemiological workgroups first build their internal capacity under the SEOW contract, before conducting the needs assessment (SPF Step 1: *Assessment*).