A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on December 9, 2014 at the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center, Arizona State University – Downtown Campus, 411 N. Central, Room 720, Phoenix, AZ, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

**Members Present (10)**

- David Choate
- Peggy Glider, Ph.D.
- Khaleel Hussaini, Ph.D.
- Douglas Kramer
- Christie Kroger
- Shana Malone
- Jamie Ritchey, Ph.D.
- James E. Riggs
- Meena Shahi
- John Vivian, Ph.D.
- Wendy Wolfersteig, Ph.D., Chair

**Staff/Guests Present (5)**

- Jeanne Blackburn
- Jackie Luckey, ADHS
- Gabrielle Richard, ADHS
- Heather Brown
- Jana Wardian

**Members Absent (5)**

- Randal Johnson
- JB Kilacheeney
- Jacqueline Picone
- David Repath, Vice Chair
- Jody Sekerak
A. **Call to Order**
   - Wendy Wolfersteig, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with ten (10) members and five (5) staff and guests present.

B. **Welcome/Introductions**
   - Wendy Wolfersteig, Chair asked each member to introduce him/herself.

C. **Review of Packet and Agenda**
   - Wendy Wolfersteig, Chair reviewed the agenda and packet of meeting materials with members and guests.

D. **Approval of Minutes**
   - Wendy Wolfersteig, Chair requested a review of the December 9, 2014 meeting minutes.
     - David Choate moved to accept the minutes.
     - The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

E. **SEOW: Update**
   - Discussion of 2015/16 Chair
     - Six nominees were submitted and all did not accept the nomination.
     - Wendy Wolfersteig, Chair will continue as Interim Chair until there is an opportunity to elect a new Chair in order to avoid vacating the position.

F. **Project Updates**
   - Gabrielle Richard provided an update on PFS grant and plans to host a conference in 2015.
   - ASAP Program Inventory Jeanne Blackburn
     - Currently conducting an inventory of treatment programs throughout the State. Awaiting further action until Governor Ducey makes critical decisions regarding funding and structure of treatment and recovery services. ASAP will use information to make decisions about making improvements.

G. **2015 Project/Priority**
   - Jeanne Blackburn discussed the potential for the Epi work group to make recommendations about how prevention money is spent in Arizona. ASAP serves as the advisory role for PFS Grant and Epi may be a natural partner in the process.

H. **Wendy Wolfersteig, Chair** asked for a review of the CDP updates at the next meeting.
   - There was a discussion about who would be interested in the updates and how to market the site. It was decided that the next meeting would have some time devoted to a discussion of data, marketing, and training for the CDP site.
   - Small presentations from Khaleel Husaini, John Vivian, Jamie Richey, and a representative from ACJC would be included as well. It was decided that The Morisson Institute would be invited to attend the next meeting.
   - Epi Update Newsletter needs to be revisited as a conduit for disseminating data and programming to communities and coalitions.

I. **General Announcements**
   - Shana Malone updated on the Prescription Drug Initiative. A recent trial run of the toolkit was implemented. She discussed the toolkit is like a road map and has gained national attention. One surprise was an increase in opioid abuse seen in ED. She posited several potential reasons including creating a hypervigilance and better coding practices.

J. **Call to the Public**

K. **Adjourn**

*Standing agenda item.
• Wendy Wolfersteig, Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Dated the 18th day of February, 2015
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:
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The next meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2015 at 1:30 at Arizona State University-Downtown Campus, 411 N. Central, Phoenix, Suite 720.