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To: Downeast Regional Coordinating Council
From: Hancock County Planning Commission
Date: 10/31/2007

Memorandum of Understanding for Substance Abuse Prevention in Hancock County

This Memorandum of Understanding acknowledges the importance of coordinating to support prevention and intervention programs regarding substance abuse in Hancock County. HCPC will engage in the following and provide the following resources:

1. A representative of the Hancock County Planning Commission will participate in quarterly planning meetings with other Hancock County SPEP partners as needed to provide input identifying the current challenges we are facing with substance abuse. HCPC will work with key collaborators/stakeholders on this strategic plan to implement the goals and objectives identified in the revised workplan for substance abuse prevention.
2. HCPC will take the following steps to further program goals:
 - Continue to monitor available statistical information on population, education, health and the environment and provide regional and local analyses for public health planning.
 - Respond to town and regional inquiries about laws, ordinances and policies that affect public health. Provide model ordinances, contact for legal support and other information in support of strengthening local capacity for public health.
 - Continue to host "Common Health" – a monthly public health community radio forum on WERU 89.9 FM and provide additional radio news items related to health as possible. Feature substance abuse prevention at least one time per year.
 - Work with our state partners and Hancock County SPEP partners to identify sources of evidenced-based data on indicators of youth underage drinking, young adult high-risk drinking, and elder alcohol use/abuse.
 - Work collaboratively with Hancock County SPEP partners on a quarterly basis to monitor progress of the action plan and make any necessary changes based upon information from key stakeholders and/or new data.
 - Provide information and assistance to increase Hancock County organizations' awareness of cultural differences and competence in providing services to meet the needs of a diverse community.