County of Los Angeles – Department of Public Health

Substance Abuse Prevention and Control

**LOCAL DATA KEY FINDINGS SUMMARY FORM**

The purpose of the *Local Data Review Key Summary* is to review the information included on the *Archival Data Review, Political Record Review,* and *Media Coverage Review* forms and begin to determine what trends and issues are emerging as priorities based on collected data thus far and what information is missing to make an accurate assessment for your community.

After each phase of the assessment (archival data, environmental scans, key informant interviews, focus groups), more information/data will be known and then analyzed, and thereby should paint a clearer picture of the real alcohol and other drug (AOD) problems and contributing factors for the target community(ies).

Information included in this summary should highlight only those issues demonstrated by the *data* as being of highest priority thus far, knowing the picture may change as more information and data are collected. The evaluator can also be a resource in helping determine how to prioritize and compare this information.

**DIRECTIONS:** The *Local Data Review Summary* is a report developed by the contract agency to begin to organize and make sense of the local data collected thus far. The bolded topics are required, but it is up to the agency to determine what information is needed to best describe the communities reviewed. The “optional questions for consideration*”* are for your reference only and were not necessarily required as part of the *Local Data Review* forms. Other topics could be added if determined by the agency.

**ARCHIVAL DATA REVIEW: KEY FINDINGS**

**GENERAL POPULATION DATA:**

**Describe the demographics of the cities/communities you reviewed (e.g., age distribution, race/ethnicity, household make-up, poverty level, education). Include any significant differences among specific populations within those cities/communities or differences when compared to other locations (e.g., neighboring cities/communities, SPA, County), where available.**

*Optional Questions for Consideration:*

1. How do demographic or community characteristics often associated with substance use vary across the studied cities or regions?
2. How does data available from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health by SPA or Health District provide additional insight (<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ha/>)?
3. How does data from the U.S. Census (e.g., social, economic) provide additional insight (<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>)?
4. Are there other data elements or sources that must be reviewed/considered when describing AOD prevention projects in the community context?
5. What data is missing or unavailable at your community level?

**YOUTH (0-17) DATA:**

**Describe the substance use trends, consequences, risk, and protective factors among children (0-11) and youth (12-17) for the selected cities/communities based on available archival data. Using California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) data (if available), discuss possible trends within schools (e.g., grades 7th, 9th, 11th) and across schools (e.g., middle, high school) in the area. Include discussion of other available data sources for this population (e.g, probation, non-school youth, program data) to provide a more accurate picture of all youth in the area.**

*Optional Questions for Consideration*:

1. What schools are in your target area? Which schools participated in the survey and which did not? For those that participated, is the data reliable?
2. What are the attendance or drop-out rates for schools in your target area? Does this impact how the data might be interpreted for school-age youth in the area?
3. How does alcohol use (lifetime, past 30 day use, binge drinking) vary among 7th, 9th, and 11th graders attending schools in your target area? Does there appear to be more use at some schools than others?
4. How does drug use (e.g., marijuana, ecstasy, prescriptions, inhalant, over-the counter medication) use vary among 7th, 9th, and 11th graders attending schools in your target area? Does there appear to be more use at some schools than others?
5. How easy is it for 7th, 9th, and 11th graders attending schools in your target area to obtain marijuana and alcohol? Does access appear to vary by grade or by school?
6. What other data was reviewed for the 0-17 year old population? How does that information inform use, consequences and access for the population? Does the data collected at school sites versus other locations tell the same or different story?
7. What data is missing or unavailable for your city/ community for this population?

**YOUNG ADULT (18-24) DATA:**

**Describe the substance use trends, consequences, risk, and protective factors among young adults (18-24) for the selected cities/communities based on available archival data. Given the limited availability of data for this population, describe how this impacted your ability to accurately describe this population and what data you were able to collect.**

*Optional Questions for Consideration:*

1. What data related to substance use prevention efforts is available for the young adult population in your city/community?
2. Were trade schools, colleges, and/or universities able to provide any details?
3. Did national, state, or county level data provide any indication on trends among young adults?
4. What data is missing or unavailable for your city/ community for this population?

**ADULTS (25+), INCLUDING PARENTS AND GUARDIANS IF AVAILABLE:**

**Describe the substance use trends, consequences, risk, and protective factors among adults (25+), including parents and guardians for the selected cities/communities based on available archival data. Given the limited availability of data for this population, describe how this impacted your ability to accurately describe this population and what data you were able to collect.**

*Optional Questions for Consideration*:

1. What data related to substance use prevention efforts is available for the adult population in your city/community?
2. How did data from the Los Angeles County Health Survey inform AOD use for this population?
3. Was data from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Probation Department, or local police department available? If so, what data was helpful in describing this population and how?
4. Did national, state, or county level data provide any indication on trends for adults?
5. What data is missing or unavailable for your city/ community for this population?

**COMMUNITY CONDITIONS AND NORMS:**

**Describe the community conditions, norms, and alcohol and drug related harms/deaths for the target cities and communities as available. Include a description on the types and numbers of on-sale and off-sale outlets in the target cities/communities and sales to minors violations and other violations that may impact the community. Describe any other community conditions and norms for which data is available for the target cities/communities.**

*Optional Questions for Consideration*:

1. Does there appear to be a high concentration of on-sale or off-sale outlets in the target cities/communities? Do sales to minors or other violations appear to significantly impact specific cities/communities, and if so what leads to this preliminary determination?
2. Did a review of the violation information from specific alcohol outlets yield any additional information on priority locations?
3. How does alcohol related violent crimes, vehicle crashes, and deaths vary by target city/community?
4. Did national, state, or county level data provide any indication on community-level conditions?
5. What other data is available to help describe community conditions and norms?
6. What data is missing or unavailable for your city/ community that would inform this topic?

**POLITICAL RECORD REVIEW: KEY FINDINGS**

**Detail which of the alcohol and marijuana dispensary related ordinances are and are not in place in the target cities/communities. Include any available information on why these ordinances are or are not in place, including support or opposition from local political officials as available.**

*Optional Questions for Consideration in Analysis*:

1. For cities/communities that have alcohol and/or marijuana related ordinances: what is already in place, what is enforced, and what could be added to improve community conditions?
2. For cities/communities that do not have alcohol and/or marijuana related ordinances: is there any indication why this has not been done?
3. What cities in the target area could benefit from additional regulations (conditional use permits, deemed approved, social host, zoning) to restrict alcohol use by minors?
4. What cities in the target area could benefit from additional regulations (conditional use permits, zoning) to effectively manage and monitor marijuana dispensaries to restrict marijuana use by minors?
5. Based on the review of agendas and voting records, do local council persons support alcohol, illicit drug, or misuse of legal product related issues differently? Are efforts targeting one substance over another more likely to be supported or not supported?
6. What other information was or should be collected to provide a more accurate picture of the local community in this context?
7. What data is missing or unavailable for your city/ community that would inform this topic?

**MEDIA RECORD REVIEW: KEY FINDINGS**

**Highlight any media related coverage on alcohol, illicit drugs, and misused legal products that are particularly relevant for the target cities/communities. Describe why this coverage is important to understanding the local conditions and what is or is not important from a news coverage perspective to the local population.**

*Optional Questions for Consideration*:

1. What type of AOD related topics are most frequently covered, and how does this characterize the local community or opinions of local community members?
2. Is AOD related media coverage generally supportive or not supportive of use?
3. Based on the review, are there any opportunities to develop relationships with media staff?
4. What are the opportunities and hazards of considering news coverage as a source of “data” regarding substance use and prevention?

**GAPS IN DATA**

**Describe any significant gaps in archival data that prevent the ability to provide an accurate picture of the AOD related issues in the target cities/communities. Describe how this data could be collected in order to better address that gap (e.g., focus groups, key informant interviews).**