

Moving from Capacity and Planning to Implementation

The following are items that coordinators can be working on while waiting for strategic plan approval to move on to the implementation step:

Identifying and building capacity from within and outside coalition for strategy work including who will be responsible for implementation, identifying and securing resources, monitoring, fidelity, etc.

Consider creating working committees or subcommittees to oversee each strategy. Determine when these groups will meet, who will be responsible for leading them and setting the agenda, how they will communicate with each other and how they will communicate and share input and feedback with the larger coalition and other stakeholders.

Work with your coalition to review your county's capacity workbook. Additional guidance will be provided in the next two weeks including discussion points, specific items to review, and re-completing your coalition capacity checklist.

Start looking at media advocacy for each strategy. What will need to be done this fiscal year? Who are you looking to target with advocacy efforts? How can you reach this population? What media sources or sources of information work best for them? What cultural and linguistic considerations will you need to address? Start collecting information and begin putting together draft press releases and information items that will be ready to go when approved for implementation.

Look at the data gaps you have identified in your strategic plan. Work with your coalition and other stakeholders to determine if and how you will collect the identified data. What is needed? Who has access to it? Will you need to collect it yourselves? Who will collect and analyze it? How will you use it and share it?

Look at the disparate population you have identified. Is there more information that you need about this group? Is this group represented on your coalition and do they have a way to give meaningful input and project guidance?

Provide training/information to your coalition regarding the CLAS standards. Share what they are, how they relate to substance abuse prevention work, and which ones this project will focus on (require). IDPH will also provide some resources and fact sheets in the coming weeks, which you can share with your coalition. The July optional technical assistance call will focus on the CLAS standards for the IPFS project. Additionally, you can find more information here:

<https://www.thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/Content/clasvid.asp>