Training/Professional Development

**Goal:** Develop and Implement a professional development plan for all Problem–Solving Court Team Members this fiscal year.

Was this goal accomplished? (Yes or No?)

**Please explain:**

No, we were unable to accomplish this goal. As a result of the opioid crisis, ABC problem-solving court was forced to accept many new participants this year. Our program has grown from 20 participants to 50. The resources that we were set to use for the outside training that we listed in our grant application had to be diverted into drug testing services. Our plan for the next upcoming grant year is to request additional resources. Our staff was still able to attend the training offered by the Office of Problem-Solving Courts, however, we were unable to attend any others that required the use of monetary funding.

Community Outreach

**Goal:** Maintain a Steering Committee for ABC County Problem-Solving Courts.

Was this goal accomplished? (Yes or No?)

**Please explain:**

Yes, we were able to accomplish this goal. As stated in our grant application, we set specific dates to contact stakeholders. Please see below:

- September 1, 2019- Coordinator contacted the agency head of the Local Department of Health, Department of Corrections and Parole and Probation, to see if they could be a part of this process or could send a designee.
- October 1, 2019- Made an MOU with our local town hall, to hold these meetings.
- December 1, 2019- Sent a draft agenda to all parties.
• February 1, 2020- Held first meeting in ABC Town Hall. Subcommittees were formed, and we all agreed to report back every quarter, with plans to hold another meeting before June 30, 2019.

Treatment

**Goal:** Decrease the number of positive drug tests by all participants in the Problem-Solving Court within the first month of participation.

Was this goal accomplished? (Yes or No?)

**Please explain:**

Yes, we were able to accomplish this goal. At the beginning of the fiscal year, we had 10% of new participants testing positive for opioids in the first phase of the ABC Problem-Solving Court. We increased drug tests, from once a week schedule, to 2 times a week randomly. Once they became random with a call-in service, we have yielded better results. As of June 1, 2020, we have decreased positive drug tests in the first phase of our program by 5%. We plan to continue this process, and hopefully make this the standard for all testing in the county.