**PTTC Ad-hoc Meeting**

**April 19, 2021 12:00-1:00 pm CST**

Attendance: 17 participants

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| **Topic** | **Notes** |
| **Welcome and agenda review** | * Holly Hagel welcomed the attendees and reviewed the agenda.
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| **Guiding Questions**Group | **What are the PTTC Network strengths?*** The biggest asset is the collaboration with other regions and centers; we have established connections, who are more than willing to help and offer resources.
* Most of us operate at a regional level but can handle nation-wide requests.
* With limited funding we manage to create an impact as well as filling a void with EBPs, TA requests and resources.
* The PTTC has been flexible with emerging needs especially during COVID; we tailor our assistance based on TA requests.
* Each center brings their own set of skills and expertise.
* Our network is comprised of not only prevention providers and state prevention leaders, but also prevention researchers; allows us to use research to respond to community needs.
* The PTTC helps to enhance the effect of existing programs like the Bloch grant, SAMHSA discretionary grants, etc.
* We are well established within the workforce to provide TA and the network is making progress with credentialing challenges.
* We have a presence at SPR annual meeting as well as an established network with SPR.
* Establishing work groups has also allowed us to tackle upcoming new issues.

**What wins have we experienced as a PTTC Network?*** We have created new learning communities; encouraging leaders to participate in our learning collaboratives and leadership development trainings.
* The prevention workforce spreads across many fields so it’s hard to prove that the workforce is getting smaller.
* The ability to collaborate with organizations representing various groups and communities allows us to gain new insight.
* The network has made strides to improve environmental strategies within the northeast region as well as in developing capacity around local policy development.
* Several of the NPNs and a majority all the RAs would say we are "thought partners" in their work.

**What will take the PTTC to the “next level”?*** Possibility to do more in equity prevention and connecting prevention to public health; there is an increasing awareness of the need for more funding and resources dedicated to public health.
* Participating in the roundtable abstract for SPR; virtual exhibits as well.
* Having the virtual expertise, especially during COVID, has allowed the network to serve as an intermediator.
* Having more resources as well as having all the workgroups utilize EPBs.
* Having the ability to hire more staff will allot for more projects and tasks to be completed.
* With the opioid crisis, the prevention workforce has had to focus on overdose prevention, but we still need to work on alcohol and tobacco.
* To make progress through environmental strategies, we must work within a public health model, with many sectors involved.
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| **Link shared in chat** | <https://pttcnetwork.org/centers/global-pttc/pttc-areas-focus> |
| **Adjourn** | Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. CST. |
| **Next Meeting** | May 12, 2021 1 p.m. PST, 2 p.m. MT, 3 p.m. CST, 4 p.m. ET |