

APPENDIX E
FOCUS GROUP INVITEES AND QUESTIONS

Table 1
SEMCA Treatment Provider Focus Group

Renee Shaw Salvation Army Harbor Light – Monroe	Steven Genden The Guidance Center
Stephen Perrine Hegira Program, Inc.	Diane Cranston Black Family Development, Inc.
Joe Paliwoda Personalized Nursing Light House, Inc.	Paul Amadi Catholic Charities of Monroe
Catherine Green Parkview Counseling Centers	Susan Ferrell Rainbow Counseling Center
Carol Szczesny	Carol DiGiuseppe Hegira Program, Inc.
Kenyatta Stephens Black Family Development, Inc.	Pam Cimpak The Guidance Center
Keith Cornfield Adult Well Being Services	Linda Powell Salvation Army Harbor Light Evangeline

Table 2
SEMCA Prevention Provider Focus Group

Celia Thomas Matrix Human Services	Jim Hartz Matrix Human Services
Michelle Rowser CSSWC	Sue Sacks Monroe PS
Ann Antone Arab American & Chaldean Council	Heather Chrisman Hegira Programs, Inc.
Diane Cranston Black Family Development, Inc.	Terri Wheeler AWBS
Lisa Fitch The Guidance Center	Claire Bechard The Guidance Center
Candy Salazar-Hill Catholic Charities-Monroe	Carlisa Mathis SAHL – Detroit
Victoria Brown Catholic Charities	Abdelwahab Nasser Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services

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**Table 3
Monroe County Human Services Coordinating Body Focus Group**

Donald Spencer, Chairperson Monroe Intermediate School District	Jane S. Terwilliger Monroe Community Mental Health
Joe Grifka, Vice Chairperson Fairview	Laura Burkey American Red Cross
Cynthia Marinata Family Independence Agency	Jimmy Wilson The Salvation Army
Patsy Bourgeois Monroe County Health Department	Robert Ouellette Family Counseling & Shelter Services
Jim McGuire/Amber Totten Area Agency on Aging 1-B	Barbara Turner Community Representative
Mike Weipert Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney	Rusty Davis Community Representative
Honorable Pamela Moskwa Monroe County Probate Court	Bonnie Finzel-Doster Community Representative
Barbara Verran, At Large Board Member Monroe Michigan Works One-Stop	Laura Papenhagen Secretary-Consumer Representative
Thomas Kowalski Airport Public Schools	Sandy Libstorff Consumer Representative
Mike Hoydic, At Large Board Member Monroe County United Way	Barbara Jenkins Consumer Representative

**Table 4
Highland Park Focus Group**

Greg Byndrian, Director of Communications and Public Affairs Highland Park Schools	Eleanor Blackwell, School Board Member Reggie McKenzie Foundation
Robert Davis, President Highland Park School Board	Art Blackwell, Emergency City Financial Manager City of Highland Park
Hubert Yopp, Highland Park City Council Member City of Highland Park	Brigette Officer, Chief Judge 30th District Court Judge
Dr. Ameenah Omar, Council President City of Highland Park	Titus McClary, Mayor City of Highland Park
Patrick Franklin, Pastor Healing Springs Baptist Church	Sharon Taylor, Principal St. Benedict Catholic School

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Paulette James, Director Highland Park One Stop Center	Martha Scott, Senator Michigan Senate
Cheryl Sanford Highland Park One Stop Center	Antoinette Wirth Highland Park One Stop Center
Kenyatta Stephens Black Family Development, Inc.	Eric Reed, Manager Wayne County Dept of Community Justice
Yvette Woodruff AIDS Consortium of Southeast Michigan	Virdell Thomas Catholic Social Services of Wayne

**Table 5
Law Enforcement Focus Group (Attendees)**

Nancy Hames 3 rd Circuit Court	Patricia Tresard 3 rd Circuit Court
Sylvia V. Thompson Family Service, Inc.	Chris A. Shreve NCADD Impact Adolescent Health
Kirk Blanchard Taylor Police Department	Terri Wheeler AWBS
Zeme' F. Fegel-Gibson 3 rd Circuit Court	Carlton Flakes
Jamie Senkbeil Plymouth Township Police	Robert Treat Personal Dynamics Center
Christie Urgode Lozano Traffic Safety Association of Michigan	Kathy Gibson Wayne RESA
Darwin Scott DRAND Narcotics	Scott Gatti Wayne County Sheriff's Office
Pamala Davis 3 rd Circuit Court – Juvenile Division	Nancy Bennett Office of Drug Control Policy
Rich Isaacson US Drug Enforcement Administration	Heather Willard AIDS Consortium of Southeastern Michigan
Leslie Niemer Starfish Family Services	Heather Chrisman Hegira Programs, Inc.
Victoria Brown Catholic Charities of Monroe	John Gora Michigan State Police
Mike Shaw Michigan State Police	Floyd Davis

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Doug Redding	Nancy Thompson
Maureen Mickalonis	Jim James Lincoln Park Police Department
Elyse Fine	Kimberly Howard-Zdan Rainbow Center of Michigan , Inc.
Chief Kenneth Dobson Allen Park Police	Katie Slabaugh 19 th District Court
Theresa Walker Substance Abuse Board Member	Robert Compton
Clifford West Romulus Police Department	Barbara Lowery Parkview Counseling
Delora White	John Leacher Romulus Police Department
Anthony Norman Romulus Police Department	Fred Wigen Kairos Health Care
Eleanor Brundage Growth Works	Jim Tumidanski Growth Works
Chil Wilkinson Comm. Care Services	Deanna Warunek Taylor Drug Court
Jane Beier Allen Park Schools	Sue Sacks Monroe Schools
Paul Brohl Allen Park Schools	Kimberly SHRC

SEMCA Treatment Provider Focus Group Questions

1. What are the trends you are seeing in use? (ages, type of drugs).
2. Based upon discussions with your peers or your own experience how wide spread do you think the problem of alcohol abuse is among the elderly?
3. Based upon discussions with your peers or your own experience how wide spread do you think the problem of prescription drug abuse is among the elderly?
4. What strategies would alleviate the barriers to treatment for special populations (MA/SA, DV clients, youth, the elderly)?
5. What portion of your clients are non-voluntary (FIA or Family Court referrals)?
6. What impact do you see recent legislation expanding the number of drug courts having on your program?
7. What impact do you see recent legislation requiring treatment for public assistance recipients having on your program?
8. Are you serving drug court clients?
9. Are you accessing Community Corrections matching funds for drug court clients?
10. What strategies would you like to see communities use to support persons in recovery?
11. What strategies would you like to see communities use to support prevention?
12. How should treatment services be marketed to reduce the stigma of substance disorders?
13. Can you assist in identifying consumers for consumer focus groups?
14. Can you assist in identifying community members for community focus groups?

SEMCA Prevention Provider Focus Group

1. How do you define substance abuse prevention?
2. What types of substance abuse prevention activities does your agency engage in?
3. Is underage access to alcohol a problem in your area?
4. Is underage use of alcohol a problem?
5. Is underage access to tobacco a problem?
6. Is underage use of tobacco a problem?
7. What are the trends you see in young people relative to substance use?
8. What are the trends you see in older adults (55 on up) relative to substance use?
9. What trends do you see in young adults 18 to 21?
10. What trends do you see in adults 22 to 54?
11. What strategies would you like to see SEMCA use to promote/market prevention services?
12. Are you involved in or aware of prevention coalitions in your community?
13. What services would you like to see prevention programs offer that they currently do not?
14. What community, family and individual protective factors would you like to see promoted and how?
15. What community, family and individual risk factors would you like to see mitigated and how?

Monroe HSCB Focus Group Questions

1. How would you define substance abuse?
2. What does the term substance abuse prevention mean to you?
3. What is your community's attitude towards substance abuse?
4. What drugs are used most frequently in your community by the following age groups: teenagers, 11-17, young adults 18 - 21, adults 22 – 54, older adults 55 years of age and up?
5. What drugs are used most frequently in your community by the following age groups: teenagers, 11-17, young adults 18 - 21, adults 22 – 54, older adults 55 years of age and up?
6. Are there enough substance abuse prevention and treatment programs in your community for these age groups?
7. How big a problem is substance abuse in your community for the following age groups: teenagers, 11-17, young adults 18 - 21, adults 22 – 54, older adults 55 years of age and up?
8. How would you rate the quality of prevention and treatment programs in your community?
9. Where in the community do people go for substance abuse treatment?
10. Are there intervention services for people in your community who are experimenting with drugs and alcohol, but do not meet the eligibility criteria for treatment programs?
11. How many of you know how to make a referral to SEMCA?
12. What strategies are needed in your community to help people in treatment/recovery stay clean and sober?
13. How should prevention be marketed/promoted?
14. What else should we be asking?

Consumer Focus Group Questions

1. In your opinion are there enough substance abuse prevention and treatment programs in your community?
2. Are there enough intervention programs for persons who are experimenting with drugs or alcohol, but do not meet the eligibility criteria for treatment?
3. Are there programs accessible to persons who need them?
4. What are the barriers to accessing area prevention and treatment programs? (e.g. transportation, cultural/religious issues, wait lists, cost)
5. How would you rate the quality of prevention and treatment programs you have interacted with?
6. At what age did you start using substances?
7. Why did you start using substances then?
8. What would have prevented you from using substances when you started?
9. When you were using substances, how did you support your habit?
10. What activities do you find therapeutic to help you in recovery?
11. What services would you like to see substance abuse treatment providers offer that they currently do not?
12. For persons with both a substance abuse and a mental disorder, what are the barriers to treatment?
13. What services are needed in your community to prevent people from using substances?
14. What services are needed in your community to help people in treatment stay clean and sober?
15. Are there services/supports for recovering persons in the community that traditional service providers and networks are not aware of such as a self-help group sponsored by a local church etc.?
16. What effect do you think labeling has on the treatment services people received (e.g. mental health diagnosis or substance use type)?

Highland Park Focus Group Questions

1. List the top three problems in your community relative to substance abuse?
2. How would you describe the community's attitude towards substance abuse?
3. Among youth in your area what drugs do you feel are the top two used?
4. What are the types of substance abuse problems you see among adults?
5. Are you seeing any substance abuse problems with the older adults 54 years of age and older?
6. What are the barriers to accessing area prevention and treatment programs? (e.g. transportation, cultural/religious issues, wait lists, cost)
7. How would you rate the quality of prevention and treatment programs?
8. What services would you like to see substance abuse treatment providers offer that they currently do not?
9. How do you think prevention services should be marketed?
10. On what drugs and locations should SEMCA focus its attention?
11. What prevention strategies would you like SEMCA to pursue?
12. Are there services/supports for recovering persons in the community that traditional service providers and networks are not aware of such as a self-help group sponsored by a local church etc.?

Law Enforcement Forum Questions

1. What trends do you see in drug seizures in the past three years relative to the types of drugs being seized?
2. What trends do you see in drug seizures in the past three years relative to the size of caches?
3. What other trends do you see in drug seizures in the past three years (e.g., age or those arrested, locations of seizures)?
4. What trends do you see in arrests for driving under the influence or other alcohol related arrests in the past three years?
5. Among youth in your area what do you feel is the problem in regards to substance use?
6. On what drugs and locations should SEMCA focus its attention?
7. What prevention strategies would you like SEMCA to pursue?
8. What are the types of substance abuse problems you see among adults?
9. Are you seeing any problems with the older adults 54 years of age and older?
10. List the top three problems in your community relative to substance abuse?
11. Based on what you have learned today, how can SEMCA work with your agency (e.g., Resources, Training, and Increased Collaboration)?
12. How can we partner with your organization to make tobacco and alcohol ordinance compliance a regional priority?