

## P2Rx Executive Committee Call

Andy Bray, Jean Waters, and Beth Anderson met on a call September 22, 2008. Ed Gonzalez was unable to join because his plane was late, Julie Woosley had trouble with their phone system and couldn't make the long-distance call.

We discussed the ideas Rob Guillemin proposed for coordinating the EPA P2 grant programs and using P2Rx more deliberately to provide information and coordination among grantees. For example, if EPA picked two or three focus areas, P2Rx could provide a specific set of information and services. TAPs would agree to work with P2Rx and other TAPs nationally to coordinate resources, share successes, etc. P2Rx could provide training, such as webinars, news about the focus area, and a user-list serve on the topic. P2Rx could split the work among centers.

One hurdle in writing the RFP is to know how to write evaluation criteria that gives points to those that coordinate their proposals with others.

Can a top 'priority project' (i.e., one that focuses on the nationally identified priority issue) be 'guaranteed' funding through evaluation criteria, or funding priorities that are called out in the solicitations, e.g., 10% of the funding will go to toward funding "priority projects"?

Perhaps the evaluation criteria to demonstrate partnering could be something like - 10% for standard stuff, e.g., letters of support, +10% for demonstration of a higher level of coordination of work plans and participation in a topical workgroups? There is demonstration that P2Rx can support NPPR workgroups – as in the P2 Results workgroup and the Tribal workgroup. The focus area workgroups would not necessarily need to be part of NPPR but that could also work.

The idea is that coordination of effort can be put in the RFP as a task, e.g., grantees will work together through the center.