

## SUMMARY ISSUE ANALYSIS MATRIX

<b>KEY FINDINGS</b>	<b>ISSUE</b> <b>ALCOHOL and DRUG ABUSE</b>
<b>SURVEY RESULTS:</b>	
<b>Key Leaders</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Residents: Household Group 1---Group 2</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Residents: Neighborhood Group 1---Group2</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>FOCUS GROUPS</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>INDICATOR INFORMATION:</b>	Area 21* High School Youth Lifetime Use: Alcohol - 66%, Tobacco - 60%, Other Drugs - 32.1%
<b>Estimated people affected in 2001</b>	Tobacco-Exposed Newborns: 21.4/100 in CC, 25.9/100 in SCO DUI and Drug Arrests: 975 in CC, 642 in SCO Juvenile Alcohol/Drug Offenses: 186 in CC, 160 in SCO
<b>Geographic area most affected</b>	All income levels Touches all communities
<b>Population groups most affected</b>	Teens/adults and all family members Largest population group in treatment – male Caucasians, ages 18-24
<b>Trends over time</b>	Alcohol use among high school students increasing, drug use decreasing Tobacco-Exposed Newborns - up slightly since 1999 for CC and SCO DUI and Drug Arrests down 28% for CC and up 118% in SCO from 199-2001 Juvenile Offenses down 37% for CC and 18% for SCO from 1999-2001
<b>Comparison to state</b>	MO - lower alcohol use among high school students Tobacco-Exposed Newborns: 18.3/100 DUI and Drug Arrests down 1.8% from 1999 to 2001 Juvenile Offenses down 1.4% from 1999 to 2001
<b>PEOPLE ACCESSING EXISTING RESOURCES</b>	Substance Abuse Traffic Offender Program (SATOP) in CC - 256 in 2002 Treatment Program Admissions in CC - 591 in 2001 Alcohol-related hospital visits in CC - 383 in 2001 Drug-related hospital visits in CC - 259 in 2001
<b>PEOPLE NOT ACCESSING EXISTING RESOURCES</b>	C-Star program generally at capacity Waiting lists for treatment at Gibson Center – 8 weeks for residential, 3 weeks for out patients
<b>CAUSES</b>	<p><b>For avoiding treatment:</b> Stigma Not seen as a “disease” that needs treatment Frequent occurrences of relapses</p> <p><b>For using:</b> Adolescent study – 1)boredom/drugs available, 2) family enabling, 3)peer pressure Adult study –1)relaxation, 2)stress, 3)introduced by other family members Lack of education/understanding of dangers/consequences Stress/poor stress management skills Adolescents start for thrills, don’t quit—addiction cycle Access and availability Increased tolerance of individuals, families and society Trauma/emotional crises Self-medication (ex. people in need of psychotropic drugs resort to illegal drugs) Poor choices/not aware of alternative recreational choices Lack of altruism</p>

<b>RELATED (cross-cutting) ISSUES</b>	<p>Lack of identification of abuse by family physicians  Limited insurance benefits affect decisions to seek treatment in early stages  Transportation  Prevention funding very low, followed closely by low intervention funds  One alcohol-enforcement officer for 20 counties  Treatment medications very costly  Mental health issues</p>
<b>ASSETS of ASSOCIATIONS and ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<p>Gibson Recovery Center  Family Counseling Center/C-Star Program  Community 2000 Support Center  Southeast Missouri Youth Substance Abuse Coalition (C2000 Team)  Local law enforcement/Juvenile Office  SEMO University – Campus and Community Coalition for Change  Adult Drug Court/Juvenile Drug Court  Crossing – Mission Missouri – MO Foundation for Health grant for drug treatment  Community Trials Grant for CG - \$100,000 for law enforcement</p>
<b>POTENTIAL ACTIONS</b>	<p>Family Drug Court needed  Education of general population  Education to legislators – “sensitivity” to issue  Legislative reform  Changes in marketing practices  Treatment plans need to have family involvement/support system established  Pressure to decrease/eliminate alcohol and tobacco campaign contributions  Raise taxes on alcohol and tobacco – MO almost the lowest in the US  Fetal Alcohol Resource Center in CG  Use survey/research findings from SEMO Youth Substance Abuse Coalition to help define goals and outcomes for a community action plan</p>

**CC**-Cape County   **SCO**-Scott County   **DUI**-Driving under the influence of alcohol   **MO**-Missouri

\* Area 21 - Counties of Cape Girardeau, Perry, Scott, Madison, Bollinger and St. Genevieve