

RECIPE FOR CHANGE

West Virginia's State Planning
Grant

2002 -- 2006

Recipe for Change – What it Takes

- Necessary Ingredients
- West Virginia's SPG
- Results to Date
- What's Next

Necessary Ingredients

- Support from the Top
- Good Information
- Representation
- Patience
- Flexibility
- Respect for Constraints

Support from the TOP

- Goes without saying
- Not just the Governor's Office
- Essential for acceptance and advocacy
- Takes work and good communication

Good Information

- National frame of reference
- What other states are doing
- The real world of local data
- Puts a face on the problem
- Accurate and reliable
- Makes the case for your goals

Representation

- Allow all sides a seat at the table
- Good facilitation
- Define consensus up front
- Start with issues that are easy
- Allow group members to lead
- Never prejudge or select the outcome
- Push for conclusion

Patience

- Things always take longer than you think
- Administrative environment changes are inevitable
- Respect other priorities in the policy agenda
- Policy support from the top is worth the wait

Flexibility

- Ability to adjust strategies
- Accommodation to new styles of governance
- Incorporate new circumstances and ideas
- There are many roads to success

Identify and Respect Constraints

- Policy preferences
- Financial limitations
- Cultural barriers

West Virginia SPG

- Began as a 2002 Grantee
- Partnered SPG grants with
RWJ State Coverage Initiative Grants
- SPG 2004 Demonstration Planning Grant

Results to Date – West Virginia Small Business Plan

- Private/Public Partnership
- Background and Policy Issues
- Legislative Compromise
- Current Status

Results to Date – Access WV

- Background and Policy Issues
- Partners
- Current Status

What's Next

- Proposals for 2006
- Individual Health Access Plan/Adult Basic Package
- Clinic-based Model
- Community Solutions for Near Elderly

Without a Universal Strategy,
Our Work is Never Done.