

MINUTES: 8/11/2022 SUBLETTE PREVENTION COALITION LUNCH  
12 - 1 PM  
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LOWER LEVEL  
ONLINE on ZOOM

Present:

Melinda Bobo, Chair, Priest-Rector, St. Andrew's Church  
Grace Grove, Community member  
Robert Galbreath, Reporter, Sublette newspapers  
Sarah Murdock, Bridges out of Poverty, Food Basket, Church of the Resurrection  
Darrren Hull, Business, Event Planner, EMS  
Peggy Weber, Bridger Teton Forest, Recovery Community  
Robin Carnes, Public Health,  
Clayton Melinkovich, Deputy County Attorney  
Trish Burt, Boulder Roll Motorcycle Club  
Tessa Miller, SAFV  
Dezi Saharoff, SAFV  
Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator

Melinda opened the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Motion to approve 7/14 minutes made by Robin Carnes, 2nd to motion: Peggy Weber.

Melinda reviewed three recent coalition reports:

1. Sublette Coalition Effectiveness Report from Omni Consultants
2. 2015-2020 Sublette SPF - Partnership for Success grant report from WYSAC
3. 2022 - 2027 Sublette Strategic and Sustainability Plan

Melinda requested that active members be notified and reminded of all future evaluation surveys and make a priority to complete them to keep us informed on what we do well and where we can improve.

Melinda requested Trisha store a binder with all coalition reports to keep at St. Andrew's for reference.

ATODS report/data report from Robin Carnes: Robin reported Alcohol arrest data from the Sheriff's office dashboard, reports show no increase in DUI rate and small decrease in average BAC at time of arrest to this date.

Darren reported - anecdotally - an uptick in alcohol related ER visits (per Kari Hull).

Peg reported seeing intoxicated and belligerent adults at the ballfields during games where kids were in attendance. Peg asked who is the vendor for games, can we get them TIPS certified.

Peg concerned that people are leaving the ballfields and driving impaired.

Grace Grove requested TIPS for Old Stones servers. Trisha will contact Grace with the next TIPS date and location.

Tobacco: Clayton Melinkovich said that state laws do not discourage tobacco use in statute.

Clayton suggested talking to legislators about the MIP consequences for tobacco/vapes. The current fine is \$25. no court costs, record expunged within 6 months. Clayton suggested this is a

place to enhance enforcement to have greater consequences/impact on minors choosing to use tobacco products. "Kids don't care" about the fine. Darren brought up that we are one of few places in the US where there is no smokefree indoor air policy. Trisha reminded coalition members present that they can freely lobby legislators anytime with info learned in coalition meetings. Coalition Coordinators are not allowed to lobby, but can provide information upon request from a lawmaker.

Suggested that we speak with the Eagle Bar in La Barge to learn how going smokefree has impacted their business.

Drugs: Sarah Murdock reported on progress of prevention tables at school sports events.

Suggested that the ATODS team might watch the powerpoint about Kratom and Delta 8 so we can be confident sharing info with parents and families. Trisha will put the powerpoint on the agenda for 9/26 ATODS. Clayton willing to help at tables, Darren reported that Kari Hull from the clinic will help at the tables. Trisha will contact Kari DeWitt at the Clinic with school dates to share with providers, after the 8/22 ATODS group makes the schedule.

Mental Health/Suicide Prevention: Melinda reported that the MH fund revealed how great the need is for counseling in Sublette. Before the fund people did not request services because the cost was a barrier. Working with the fund has also revealed important info like how students only qualify for school supported counseling if they have an IEP. Darren reported that our state Rep is aware of the inadequate funding. Important to keep the conversation going at the state level about Dept of Ed or Behavioral Health funds for counseling. Trisha will reach out to Albert Sommers and Governor's Office for follow up on the May call with Sub9 counselors requesting the state step up to fund counseling for all students.

The fund currently has \$12,000. available.

Melinda reported it is important to start an appeal for donations, not as the SPC but as the Sublette Community Mental Health Fund. Trish B and Melinda and Trisha will meet to draft appeal to be ready to share on coalition members media platforms and in social networks/churches/business/agencies to coincide with Suicide Prevention Awareness Month events in September.

Darren suggested reaching out to Fishing for the Fight for MH costs related to travel and lodging.

Trisha will reach out to new SPED director Norm Cox at Sub1 to invite him to task force and coalition meetings.

Meeting adjourned 1:15.

