

*****January 2020 in Prevention *****

Happy New Year! Big news that I'm sure you all have already heard: In December the U.S. Congress voted to raise the national minimum age to purchase tobacco (and vape products) to 21. What does this mean for us in Sublette County, where the state law to purchase tobacco products is still 18? The next Tobacco Task Force meeting is Monday January 6 at 12 noon, BOCES. We will be exploring the changing legal landscape, celebrating accomplishments, and sending thank you cards to local and federal lawmakers for their efforts. We want to thank the Marbleton Town Council for thoughtfully and carefully considering a town ordinance banning the sale of flavored vapes. Council will be doing a second reading on that ordinance this coming Monday at their monthly meeting, with time for public input. Council has also set aside time at the beginning of the meeting to learn about how the federal law will be enforced in the immediate future. That meeting begins at 5 pm at Town Hall in Marbleton. If you are interested in this issue, please consider attending.

Please read this forward from Cassie Crumpton, Sublette County Treatment Court Coordinator about an opportunity coming up this month to advocate for our Sublette neighbors living in poverty:

"The January 23rd Coordinated Care meeting is welcoming guest Sheela Schermetzler, who is working on the **Sublette County Community Services Block Grant Needs Assessment**. The purpose of this Needs Assessment is to determine the needs of the low income in Sublette County. It includes surveys, focus group sessions, quantitative data, a Dialogue on Poverty and a final report. Sheela also hopes to meet with our local Bridges out of Poverty Team. This is a great opportunity to accurately provide information that will ultimately assist those in need. As a former WIC participant and TRIO student myself, I can tell you how much a smile or a programmatic helping hand can change a person's path in life. I know you wonderful people have good information on local access to affordable health care, housing, food, transportation and job training, so please show up and help!"

Please mark your calendars for these dates in January. All meeting agendas are attached and may also be found on the website calendar:

SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE:

Monday January 6, 7:30 - 8:30 am - St Andrew's Church, downstairs.

TOBACCO TASK FORCE:

Monday January 6, 12 - 1 pm - BOCES Room 148 PLEASE RSVP!

SUBLETTE PREVENTION COALITION MONTHLY LUNCH

Thursday January 9, 12 - 1 pm - BOCES Room 148 PLEASE RSVP!

FOCUS GROUP: SUBLETTE COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Thursday January 23, 12 - 1 pm - BOCES Room 150

I will send reminders for meetings. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for what you do every day for our community!

Trisha