

MINUTES: 5/12/22 SPC LUNCH MEETING

12 - 1 PM

St. ANDREW'S CHURCH

CHAIR: REV. MELINDA BOBO

Present:

Melinda Bobo, Priest, St. Andrews Church

Tamara Currah, Sub1 Early Childhood Liaison

Joanie Christie, Director, Chamber of Commerce

Aaron Preece, Counselor, High Country Behavioral Health

Peggy Weber, Pinedale Visitor Center

Janna Lee, Nurse Manager, Sublette County Public Health

Robert Galbreath, Journalist, Sublette newspapers

Matthew Daniels, Business and Faith Community

Sarah Murdock, Sublette Bridges

John Kelly, Veteran, Community member

Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator

Notes:

Motion to approve minutes from 4/14 made by Aaron Preece, Second to motion by Peggy Weber.

Vote to approve 4/14 minutes. Yes: Unanimous, No - 0.

Discussion on amending Article II of the by-laws. Members present agreed to:

Preserve Article II Section 1: eligibility for membership and stakeholder list.

Change Article II Section 2 from "levels of membership" to "Membership".

Preserve list of agreements for membership in section 2.

Strike all language defining active and community membership.

Preserve Article II Section 3. Resignation.

Melinda recommended that the coalition "allow people to self-select whether they vote or not."

Members will vote on changes to bylaws at the next meeting June 9. .

Trisha asked coalition members to consider and discuss changes to the task force schedule.

Specifically: Each task force has excellent leadership from co-chairs but varying attendance from community members. Would attendance increase and our initiatives be better served if we had one Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs teams rolled into one monthly ATOD meeting?

Arguments for:

- All task areas forces have similar risk and protective factors
- There are prevention strategies that cross all 3 areas that intersect - like supporting peer mentors in the schools, supporting increase in tobacco tax; supporting youth programming that fosters connection to trusted adults, supporting education and media educating on harms and impacts
- Rolling all areas into one may guarantee a minimum of 8 people at each meeting

Concerns:

- Would 20 minutes per task area once a month be enough time at each meeting to do the necessary work?
- Would 3 co-chairs, one for each task area work for leadership?

Members will consider pros and cons and vote at the June 9 SPC meeting. Janna suggested that Trisha survey coalition leadership for the best time for that combined task force meeting.

Task force reports:

Suicide Prevention: Aaron reported that 11 people completed the 2 day ASIST suicide prevention training May 6 and 7. Both the training and instructors were excellent.

Aaron Invited the coalition to attend the Blessing of the Bikes for the Boulder Roll Poker Run on June 11, to thank the bikers for raising money for the community mental health fund.

Times to show up: 10 am at Boulder Bar or 5pm at the VFW.

Aaron reported "tremendous use of the MH fund" by residents.

Other Drugs: Sarah reported Sublette data gathered from the 2021 WASCOP Alcohol and Crime Report. The drug task force looked at all data with Sgt. Travis Bingham from the Sheriff's office on May 10. Marijuana is involved in 20% of all Sublette arrests and drugs are involved in 28% of all arrests. Half of all arrests are out of county residents. Reported on Delta-8, a lab concentrated hemp product with psychoactive properties, made legal by the farm bill, and sold in gas stations statewide. Sarah suggested educating the county level government about Delta-8 and considering a ban on sales.

Alcohol: 20 servers are signed up for TIPs on June 1 at Public Health, contact Trisha to register.

Tobacco: Peggy reported that the quit groups are in between sessions. Peg and Trisha are still doing intakes with the general public to get people connected to the quitline. The Hospital District is interested in the 1 click e-referral to make it easy for providers to connect nicotine users to the quitline. There is interest in the Revenue Committee to look at increasing the cigarette tax. Any coalition member can talk to their legislator about how tax increases decrease youth initiation.

Community Reports:

Sarah Murdock, Sublette Bridges: Bridges graduates the third Getting Ahead class May 16. The graduates are now part of a Staying Ahead class. Getting Ahead will now be offered 1x a year. Staying Ahead will meet once a month. The Staying Ahead class is very interested to learn about investing and credit.

Aaron Preece: Class on family emergency preparedness is offered at LDS Church 1x a week, contact teachers John and Katie Shivers for more info.

Joanie Christie, Sublette Chamber: SAFV and the Chamber are partnering to offer "Fight The New Drug", a training for students on porn addiction. Presentation scheduled for the third

Thursday in September. Joanie announced that she is leaving the Chamber at the end of May to take a job with Public Health.

Adjourn formal meeting 1:15.