

**MINUTES - Opiates and Other Drugs Task Force
8/5/19 BOCES 12PM**

Attendees;

John Kelly, Veteran

Dave Siefkes, SCSO

Aaron Preece, HCBH

Trisha Scott, SCPH

Jennifer Zook, WECPLC - Regional Facilitator

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Continuous review of the 2018 - 2020 work plan to adapt plan to meet changing conditions.

DESIRED OUTCOME: Task Force members will discuss possible speaker series. Current proposal on the table is education for the community on the commercialization of marijuana. If there is time, task force members may also discuss developing information flyers for the clinic that educate consumers on “What to ask your provider about pain medications, and “alternatives to opioids for pain management”, using Kaiser Permanente guidelines.

12:00 - 1:15 PM Review strategies. Discussion followed: While both Opiates and Other Drugs strategies in the Sublette work plan have been approved by WDH, none of them cost any grant dollars. WDH has advised that one evidence based way to use funding dollars is to put on a speaker series, so that 1 consistent topic is presented from a variety of perspectives and reaches targeted audiences over a period of time. 6 months was given as an example. Task force members brought up challenging history of putting on events like this in Sublette and having no attendance. Task force members who are parents of middle and high school students spoke about how difficult it is to leave home in the evening hours when families are on a dead run at home wrangling kids for homework, chores, and family mealtimes. Despite those challenges, task force members agreed that educating the community about the commercialization of marijuana is a critical topic and an appropriate use of grant and coalition resources. Task force members discussed a broader once a month prevention film and event series to plan in the fall and launch in the winter that could accommodate speakers, events, and films, and would include food and incentives like raffles, and opportunity for discussion afterwards.

During discussion the following tasks were assigned:

- Jenn Zook and Trisha will reach out to Sub1 Superintendent Jay Harnack to ask the Superintendent what the school’s needs are re:prevention, and how the prevention grant and coalition can support those needs. JZ and Trisha will find out who the school wellness coordinator is and ask if that staff person might be a liaison to the SPC, to streamline/facilitate communication between Sub 1 and grant funds and resources.
- If the school is interested in bringing presenters here, and can commit to time and space for an event, Trisha will contact Sub 9 to assess interest.
- If both schools are willing and interested, Trisha will contact presenters starting with Ben Cort.

- John Kelly and Trisha will contact Judy Boyce at the library to discuss a prevention film/event series for winter.

1:15: Adjourn meeting.