

MINUTES – Opiates and Other Drugs Task Force 2/14/2019
BOCES Room 150 12PM

In Attendance:

Lt. Klief Guenther, Wyoming Highway Patrol
Lt. Dave Siefkes, SCSO
Aaron Preece, High Country Behavioral Health
Dave Kappenman, MD, Sublette County Rural health Care District
John Kelly, Veteran, Concerned Citizen
Trisha Scott, Prevention, SCPH
Robert Galbreath, Pinedale Roundup

Agenda Items:

- Report on use of SCSO facebook page for prevention posts. Request feedback and input on content of posts.
- Report from SCRHCD on changes in opiate and pain killer prescribing policies.
- Discuss community readiness for enforcement of impaired driving laws.
- Brief report on movement forward on governance vision for coalition, with by-laws and board of directors, as required by Wyoming Dept. of Health (WDH) prevention grant.
- Brief report on overall work plan due to WDH May 13th. review task force recommended strategies.
- Brief review of WDH drug prevention strategies.

Summary of Main points:

- Use of social media: SCSO Mugshot Monday and Tidbit Tuesday posts scheduled to launch March 1, 2019. Sgt. Bingham will target teen messaging (ex.: stayfresh wyo Instagram posts) via use of Hoot Suite. Members advised measuring readership with question and answer format. Prevention posts began on Public Health facebook page week 2/12/19, scheduled 2x week. Currently focused on vaping. School district booster club recommended as popular social media site to promote prevention info. Task Force members requested student input on task force activity, in future. Broader communication strategy for coalition as a whole mentioned as possible task force, “all task areas require messaging”.
- Discussion of court and school consequences for minors: Consequences/Community Service/Diversion/Alive at 25 programs could include service in prevention activities (make a video, give a speech).
- Report from SCRHCD on history of prescribing policies, and recent changes in prescribing policies. SCRHCD follows guidelines of Wyoming Worker’s Compensation program for prescribing, and uses pain contracts with pain medication patients. Providers would benefit from access to patient’s prescription hx across state lines. “25% of pain medication patients are doctor shopping” across state lines. Discussion of naloxone, methadone, and Xanax use.
- Research states that key (“green light”) environmental strategy to prevent/decrease problems related to use of alcohol and drugs is to “enforce impaired driving laws”. Representatives of treatment and LE on the task force reported that out of 100 DUI’s in Sublette County, 75% will not be prosecuted, creating habitual offenders (frequent flyers). Historically, “Wyoming’s culture supports drinking and driving”. Desire expressed by task force members to have county attorney’s office participate in the discussion on community readiness for enhanced enforcement of impaired driving laws.