

**MINUTES: 6/9/22 SPC LUNCH  
12 - 1 PM  
ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH LOWER LEVEL  
CHAIR: REV. MELINDA BOBO**

**Present:**

**Rev. Melinda Bobo, Chair, Priest-Rector, St. Andrew's Church  
Aaron Preece, Counselor, High Country Behavioral Health (HCBH)  
Peggy Weber, Recovery Community, Tobacco Chair, Friends of Bridger Teton  
Darren Hull, Business, Event planner  
Deanna Fildey, recreation specialist, Pinedale Aquatic Center (PAC)  
Robin Carnes, staff nurse, Sublette Public Health  
Janna Lee, Nurse Manager, Sublette Public Health  
Sarah Hixson, Clinic Director, HCBH  
Dannie Fitzgerald, Counselor, HCBH  
Arisa Britton, representing youth  
Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator**

**Notes:**

Melinda called the meeting to order at 12:10pm.  
Welcome guests and new members Deanna Fildey from the Pinedale Aquatic Center, Dannie Fitzgerald counselor from High Country Behavioral Health, and Arissa Britton.

**Motion to approve 5/12 meeting minutes** made by Aaron Preece. Second to motion: Robin Carnes.

Yes to approve minutes: Unanimous; No: 0.

**Melinda reviewed changes to the bylaws proposed at the 5/12 meeting.** Trisha will add "as time permits" to the second bullet point under Article II Section 2 to read "[members agree] ... to attend at least 50% of general monthly meetings **"as time permits"**

**Motion to vote to approve the bylaws as amended made by Robin Carnes. Second to motion made by Peggy Weber.**

**Vote to approve changes Yes: Unanimous, No: 0.**

**Discussion and vote on rolling the 3 separate task forces of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs into one monthly meeting.** This change will allow all 3 task areas to meet with greater frequency and may bring more people to the table. Melinda noted that all 3 task areas have risk and protective factors in common.

**Motion to approve changing the task force schedule so that tobacco, alcohol and drug task forces happen together in one monthly meeting made by Sarah Hixson, Second to motion made by Aaron Preece.**

**Vote to approve change to schedule Yes: Unanimous, No: 0.**

**Dannie Fitzgerald, counselor from High Country Behavioral Health presented on Wellness Life Coaching and Caring 10 week program: Balanced Teen.** Dannie is looking to implement the program in Sublette County. The program has been in Sweetwater County for 1 year. It teaches coping skills, social skills, health basics, communication skills, and goal setting. It uses art and photography and outdoor skills. Teens are referred by the schools, Boys and Girls Club, probation, DFS. To operate in Sublette County, the program will need some funding sources to sponsor individual teens, and referral sources. The cost for one teen is \$300., and \$250 to sponsor equipment and food for the outdoor trip.

Dannie also presented information on how teen groups are beneficial, signs of a healthy community, and Wyoming's rankings on mental health for teens and access to mental health care.

**Suicide Prevention:** Aaron reported on the new 988 suicide and crisis lifeline rollout. We will distribute magnets at the July parades. Boulder Roll Poker Run is this Saturday and coalition members are asked to show up at 5pm at the VFW to thank the riders for their donations to the mental health fund. Gunlocks are coming from the VA with 988 imprinted on them. We will add our sticker and we made a county distribution list.

Darren requested that members call their legislators to advocate for mental health funds.

Suicide Prevention and Moral Injury trainings: June 13, 8am, June 16, 12 noon. St. Andrew's Church on zoom, contact Randy Belton to register: 307-231-1450

**Tobacco prevention:** Peggy Weber reported successes from the current grant cycle that closes June 30: Promoting 10 local smoke free businesses and offering ongoing tobacco cessation classes with the public and the behavioral health clinic. Next grant cycle: provide nicotine free signage to all school campuses; provide 2 cessation classes per year to the behavioral health clinic IOP groups, provide NRT to cessation class participants; recruit and train a counselor from HCBH or TBT to offer quit groups, recruit and train a nurse or other provider from the medical clinic to provide quit groups; provide parent education on vapes at school sports events 1x a month.

**Alcohol:** Robin Carnes presented data from the 2021 WASCOP Alcohol and Crime report. Overall, DUI's and arrests involving alcohol declined slightly in the county; BAC average is slightly up.

Members approved of the concept of a customized community event toolkit purchased from Sylvestri Customization Prevention Solutions.

TIPS: 68 servers trained by Deputies Marlene Johnston and Carol MacKenzie since January 2020.

14 servers from WRBC and Stockman's trained on June 6.

Continue with the plan to hold 4 trainings per year. Encourage Corral, Cowboy, and Daniel Den servers to attend.

Wrapped up a 6-week media campaign to educate parents on harms and impacts of underage alcohol use for the prom and graduation season.

We will begin mobilizing for the summer event season with posters for all venues promoting harm reduction.

**Youth marijuana use;** Trisha reported on the Rocky Mountain Prevention and Traffic Safety Summit in Laramie on May 25-27. The conference spotlighted the harms and impacts of high concentrate THC with 4 national level presenters. Germaine Galloway (Tall Cop Says Stop) did an environmental scan of 5 counties and found the most Delta 8 products in Sweetwater County. Officer Galloway called Delta-8 “gas station heroin”. All presenters showed slides of how the commercial marijuana industry is marketing aggressively to kids using familiar logos, colors, and brands for THC gummies, Doritos, Snickers, Skittles. Melinda stated that “we always take the individual approach to a corporate problem”. The prevention strategy to educate our citizens to educate our law and policy makers is an individual level approach to a problem brought on by corporations.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Next SPC meeting is July 13.

First combined ATOD meeting is June 27 at noon.