

Coordinator Report 9/12/19

I want to thank all the people we have had the privilege to collaborate with in the past month: Tamara Currah, Sub 1 liaison with early childhood educators and childcare providers, Jen Zook, also collaborating with early childhood educators, and Michelle Humber and Liz from Pinedale library youth services. This group is an excellent example of communities partnering to invest in upstream prevention, and it is happening right here, right now. Our federal and state grant partners and managers regularly send us research based on ACE scores that suggests that good preschool education with parent involvement is a protective factor against suicide and substance abuse. We are doing this right now in Sublette with these excellent people in place in our community.

Thank you to all the people of Big Piney who showed up for the suicide prevention documentary THE S WORD, last Wednesday, and participated in excellent discussion afterwards. School staff at BPHS expressed interest and enthusiasm to get the documentary into the schools in small groups, with opportunity for discussion afterwards. Big shout out and thank you to Mike Orham at Flicks n Pins for showing the documentary and for giving us a deal so we could provide free popcorn and soda to the audience.

Thank you Bill Lehr and Mardy Sleight for getting the word out in the BP community for the candlelight walk. Thank you to Bill and Mardy for being such great members of our QPR team. Thank you to St. Andrew's Priest's Melinda Bobo and Randy Belton, and Bishop Ed Pluid from BP LDS Church for participating in the service after the walk. Over 50 people participated.

Thank you to both the Erics, Eric Makelky from Pinedale Middle School and Eric Canen from WYSAC who have worked hard to develop a vape survey that is specific to Sublette 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders. We are the only county in the state doing this. With this survey, we will be able to measure kids attitudes about vapes in October this year, and measure attitudes again in May, with the official PNA, to see if what we are doing on vapes is changing kids attitudes and behaviors.

Thank you to Sheriff Lehr, and our Sublette State Reps Albert Sommers and Jim Roscoe for consulting on the commercialization of marijuana, the likelihood of it happening in Wyo, and how to learn from our neighbors to the south if it does happen.

More thank you's to Albert for continuing to guide and inform the legislative process. Without Albert, we would not have the bills to regulate vape use that we have right now, and we would not have the Revenue Committee here, next week. We are sitting on a huge opportunity next week to show that we are not just 6 people in Sublette who are concerned about our kid's health, we are a whole community. Please do consider coming to that meeting. Even if you do not want to speak, your presence will speak.

Thank you to Deputy Ryan Day, Tonia Hoffman, and Joan Mitchell for putting on a very well attended and highly interactive presentation on vapes to our elders at the SW Sublette Pioneers Senior Center. Both presenters and the audience were amazing! Thank you Robert Galbreath for a great article and photos in the Examiner, on this event. Big shout out and thank you to Robert for continuing to keep attention on mental health and substance abuse issues in Sublette.

Thank you Donna Steele from the Boulder Bar, Jen and Mike Gilmore from Country Lane Liquors for taking the time to attend the alcohol task force, or to send comments via email about the town alcohol permit, specifically about beverage server training and wristbands for special

events involving alcohol. Thank you Mayor Matt Murdock for consultation about the town alcohol permit and for considering vape regulation at the town level. Thank you Doc Johnston, who has requested that the county commissioners ban vapes at the county level and is keeping the heat on, in regular emails to the commissioners. Thank you county attorney Mike Crosson for taking on the task of researching what the county can do that won't get them into a lawsuit.

Thank you Sub 1 Superintendent Harnack for taking an hour of his valuable time to discuss prevention priorities for the school this year. Superintendent Harnack has given the coalition the green light to provide a vape info table of info at any events that parents attend, this school year. We also discussed suicide prevention curriculums for the school and the door is open for further discussion.

Thank you Dr. Dorrity and Sarah Murdock for showing up at Wrangler Night to hand out info and talk to parents about vapes. Most parents and educators took info that will help kids quit, like the **ditchjuul** text app.

Thank you to Matthew Daniels for helping hang Suicide Prevention Awareness Month posters all over the county, for providing valuable technical assistance on the weekend, and also for providing insightful consultation on gun safety as it relates to suicide prevention. Matthew is "all in" on mental health issues, and comes at it from a variety of skill sets. I don't know what I would do without him.

Thank you to Travis Bingham for continuing to sift through our prevention posts and find the best and most relevant posts for Mugshot Monday.

Thank you to Deanne Swain of D. Swain Design for her patient collaboration and development of our new website, check it out: sublettepreventioncoalition.org.

And last but not least, thank you to the coalition leadership, John Kelly, Melinda Bobo, and Aaron Preece, and alcohol task force co-chairs Robin Carnes and Marlene Bauman, and suicide prevention task force co-chairs Matt Daniels and Aaron Preece. I think I am the luckiest CPS in the state to get to work with you all.