

MINUTES: 2/9/23 SPC LUNCH

12 - 1 PM

Public Health Conference Room

Online on zoom

Chair: Rev. Melinda Bobo

Present:

Rev. Melinda Bobo, Coalition Chair; St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,
Aaron Preece, Coalition Vice-Chair; High Country Behavioral Health
Sarah Murdock, Sublette Bridges, Food Basket, Church of the Resurrection
Alberto Flores, PAC
Janna Lee, Public Health
Robin Carnes, Public Health
Dave Stephens, County Commissioner
Matthew Daniels, Business, Emmanuel Baptist Church
Hazel Kennard, DFS
Deanna Findley, PAC
Kaidi Rainey, BOCES
Robert Galbreath, Newspapers
Dezi Saathoff, SAFV
Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator

Notes:

Melinda opened the meeting at 12:05.

Motion to approve both December and January minutes made by Sarah Murdock.
Second to motion made by Robin Carnes. Vote to approve YES: Unanimous, No: 0.

Members participated in a "data walk" to view 2022 Sublette PNA data on our task areas.
These observations were made:

Youth reported a decrease in their perception of harm for using marijuana, alcohol, and use of prescription drugs not prescribed to them. Numbers of youth reporting seeing adults drunk and intoxicated at public events increased. Robin noted that there is no data to pinpoint location of events where adults are observed intoxicated. Are they in the county or out of the county?

Both data points - adults intoxicated at public events and youth perceptions of harm from alcohol and drugs - are going in the wrong direction for our goals.

Matthew Daniels observed that the perception of harm increase may reflect an increased need for coping mechanisms.

Melinda noted that the two indicators together, perception of harm and increase in adult drinking, points to the need to increase efforts to reach adults as well as youth.

Other members noticed that there is a correlation between youth reporting lack of a trusted adult and students reporting suicidal thoughts in the last 12 months. 12% reported lack of trusted adult and 12% reported suicidal thoughts.

Trisha thanked Robert Galbreath from the Sublette Examiner for reporting that Big Piney Middle School Principal Tyler Walker educated the Sub9 school board on the PNA. Mr Walker reported that BPMS has made it a school goal to reach those 12% of kids who do not have a trusted adult.

The PNA measures "feeling unsafe at school" Does not measure feeling isolated.

Discussion followed about increasing youth sense of belonging, and increasing youth access to adults that may become trusted adults.

Members listed current after school gathering places for youth as PAC, Big Piney Rec, school sports, libraries, 4-H for activities.

Members indicated interest to continue discussion/brainstorming around youth services that connect youth to trusted adults at the next coalition meeting.

Adjourn 1:15 PM