

MINUTES: ALCOHOL MISUSE TF 3/9/21

12 - 1 Pm

In person at Public Health and online over Zoom

PRESENT:

Mayor Matt Murdock, Town of Pinedale

Sheriff KC Lehr, SCSO

Dean Loftus, Pinedale Town Council

Cassie Crumpton, Sublette Treatment Court

Kari DeWitt, Wind River Brew Pub

Darrin Hull, Sublette Chamber of Commerce

Peggy Weber, community member

Kleif Guenther, Wyoming Highway Patrol

Dr. Brendan Fitzsimmons, Medical Clinics

Sgt. Travis Bingham, Sheriff's Office PIO

Sherri Redden, Sub9 School and Big Piney Town Council

Mike Crosson, Sublette County Attorney

Meeting notes:

Sublette County has suffered 2 DUI fatalities in the last 8 months, and is currently seeing a 100% increase in DUI arrests in the first 2 months of 2021 over this time last year. Since we have trainers and infrastructure in place to provide regular TIPS training to our establishments that serve alcohol is there interest in mandatory server training? If the Town of Pinedale is interested, what does the town need from this group and the coalition?

Those present were more supportive of looking into a ride program, or working with the coalition to promote/market the current transportation/ride services in Pinedale with flyers in all bar bathrooms saying 'If you feel you are not safe to drive home please talk to your server about getting you a safe ride home' than they were supportive of a mandatory TIPS (or other WLD certified) training for servers aimed at preventing overserving.

Those present also agreed that slow change of the alcohol culture through harm reduction education was a strategy they can continue to endorse.

On education: those present at the meeting encouraged collaborating with schools to do more alcohol education. The Sheriff is planning the Life Are You Ready event for fall 2021 and will speak with Trisha about how to involve the coalition. WHP community outreach has dropped off this year due to covid. The coalition can work with the health educators we are already working with to get WHP troopers into the schools on a more regular basis, and especially as follow up after the Life Are You Ready event.

Dr. Fitzsimmons reported to those present that he is working with the Green River Valley Health Foundation to bring a motivational speaker to Marbleton to speak with the 11th and 12th grade boys about alcohol and would appreciate the coalition's endorsement of the event. Those present agreed to endorse the event.

Agreements made:

- The task force and coalition can support business with flyers for safe rides
- The coalition can do more promoting of the mental health/suicide prevention local funds and funding project that supports counseling for all Sublette residents, and can also do more education/media on the intersection of alcohol and mental health.
- Trisha will contact Jen Wilkinson at PHS to request a meeting with Jen and Lt. Guenther about alcohol education for her health classes.
- Trisha and members of the task force will meet with Sheriff Lehr to make a plan for how we can be involved with Life Are You Ready.
- Lastly, agreement was made among those present that the alcohol culture in Sublette thrives and grows in silence. Members of the coalition, and community leaders like those present at this meeting can do more to speak out about the alcohol culture by being the one to say something in unsafe situations, by taking the keys, and by not being silent about overconsumption.

1:30: Meeting adjourned.