

**MINUTES: 7/8/21 SUBLETTE PREVENTION COALITION LUNCH
12 - 1 PM
PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE ROOM and ZOOM**

Present:

Melinda Bobo, St. Andrew's in the Pines, Coalition Chair
Robert Galbreath, Sublette newspapers
Cassie Crumpton, Sublette County Treatment Court, Alcohol Misuse Co-Chair
Janna Lee, Sublette Public Health
Peggy Weber, Chamber of Commerce, Tobacco Co-Chair
Randy Belton, Veteran's Organizations, Business, Lion's, St. Andrew's and UCC Churches
Aaron Preece, High Country Behavioral Health
Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator

Notes:

Melinda called the meeting to order at 12:03.

Motion to approve minutes from June 10 SPC meeting made by Aaron Preece. Second to motion: Peggy Weber.

Vote to approve minutes: Unanimous. No: 0.

Annual election of coalition leadership. Since current leadership is willing to serve another term in office, Randy made the motion to vote on current leadership as a slate. Peggy Weber seconded the motion. Vote to re-elect current leadership, Yes: Unanimous. No: 0.

Election results:

Chair: Melinda Bobo

Vice-Chair: Aaron Preece

Secretary: Sarah Murdock

Irlen's Syndrome: Cassie Crumpton presented on her recent training to become an Irlen's Syndrome screener.

Cassie gave this brief definition of Irlen's Syndrome: Irlen's has been researched since the 80's and 90's. There is a high percentage of incarcerated populations with Irlen's. People with Irlen's are sensitive to fluorescent light, it causes distortions in the brain's ability to process information. Can also cause migraines and stomach issues. Special lenses with specific colors treat Irlen's successfully. The high percentage of incarcerated people with Irlen's Syndrome suggests a connection between learning difficulties/disabilities and a future in the criminal justice system. Cassie will do Irlen's screenings for free and is in contact with the schools. Randy Belton suggested that Cassie appeal to the Lion's Club for financial support for anything related to glasses and lenses, if necessary.

Coordinated Care: Cassie requested that the coalition consider absorbing Coordinated Care. Historically, Coordinated Care was created by the County Commissioners in order to not duplicate services between county agencies. Those present discussed and agreed to add 30

minutes to the coalition meetings once a quarter to add Coordinated Care to the regular coalition agenda.

Tobacco: Peggy Weber reported that Quit Tobacco groups have been going for a year consistently, every Tuesday. Recently holding groups at the park in Marbleton. 50% of attendees have quit, 50% still coming but not entirely quit. We have people who use chew, cigarettes, and vape regularly. Peggy reported that the quitline support, with free patches and medications has been essential to success. Peggy and Trisha will meet with Aaron about doing a 6-week group at High Country on Monday nights.

Suicide Prevention: Randy reported the 2021 Boulder Roll raised \$14,000. to support counseling for all Sublette residents who request counseling services. Melinda noted that invoices are coming in from participating providers.

The Task force is brainstorming ways to make telehealth more accessible. Melinda reported that the library cannot loan iPads/tablets for telehealth, perhaps the medical clinics would consider holding and loaning iPads. Matthew suggested that tablets would be more cost effective.

Candlelight walks for Suicide Prevention Awareness Month are scheduled for 9/8 and 9/22.

Alcohol Misuse/Abuse Prevention: TIPs: Deputies Carol MacKenzie and Marlene Johnston trained 17 servers from Wind River Brew Pub, Stockman's, and The Museum of the Mountain Man on June 16. Deputy MacKenzie and Deputy Johnston would like to get on a schedule where they teach classes 4 times a year.

July is a big month to educate on alcohol harm reduction. Posters are out in all event venues for Rendezvous and Fair and PFAC summer music events promoting this message:

“What you do impacts children more than you might think. If you are over 21 and choose to consume alcohol please consider the moderate drinking guidelines, no more than 1 drink a day for women, no more than 2 drinks a day for men.”

Next coalition meeting scheduled for August 12.

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.