

MINUTES 6/9/20 ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

12 - 1 PM

Public Health and Zoom

Present:

Marlene Bauman

Robin Carnes

Mike Crosson

Sarah Hixson

Sam Harnack

Robert Galbreath

Brendan Fitzsimmons

Joey Burke

Trisha Scott

Meeting Notes:

- Marlene presented January - May Sublette alcohol arrest data. Out of 76 total arrests, 30 involved alcohol. Limitations to data: Of those 76 total arrests 21 were warrant arrests and all warrant arrest data goes straight to the state database and is not allowed to be recorded at the county level.
- TIPS: Marlene and Josh will provide House Alcohol policy guidelines to business owners at upcoming TIPS trainings: Big Piney 6/18 and Pinedale 6/25.
- Rendezvous: Sam Harnack reported that parades are happening but nothing will be handed out at the parades due to covid. Task force discussed activities for a booth that may be staffed Friday afternoon/ evening and Saturday most of the day. Joey proposed beer goggles with possible field sobriety testing practice for new deputies. Booth can also promote moderate drinking information, virtual bar app, and Lyft and Uber rides. Sarah proposed wristbanding with an entry to a cool raffle prize. Booth can also promote other SPC activities, suicide prevention training, and tobacco cessation classes. Trisha will send out an email sign up sheet to gauge interest. Trisha will look into funding for Lyft and Uber rides.
- Marlene reviewed our "baby steps" approach: Since our problems with alcohol arise from a history of social and cultural acceptance of binge drinking we acknowledge as a task force that changing social acceptance is slow and happens over time. Our baby steps approach is to align wherever possible with business to promote small changes to the town alcohol permit, ex: no glass containers at special events; and use social media and print materials to stimulate conversation and dialogue about what moderate drinking actually looks like: No more than 1 drink per day for women and no more than 2 drinks per day for men.
- Mr. Crosson reported that state crime lab results are getting slightly faster but not fast enough to guarantee a speedy trial..

Next Alcohol task force meeting scheduled for September 8.

1:10: Adjourn formal meeting.