

**MINUTES: 12/9/21 SPC LUNCH**

**12 - 1 PM**

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH/ONLINE WITH ZOOM**

**Present:**

**Melinda Bobo, Coalition Chair; Priest, St. Andrew's Church**

**Aaron Preece, Counselor, High Country Behavioral Health**

**Matthew Daniels, Business; My Satisfied Soul**

**Amy Douglas, Community member**

**Tamara Currah, Sub1 School District Early Childhood Liaison**

**Amber Anderson, Director, Pinedale Aquatic Center**

**Tessa Miller, Prevention Coordinator, SAFV Task Force**

**Eric Makelky, Principal, Pinedale Middle School**

**Vern McWilliams, Community member**

**Darren Hull, Sublette Unified Fire: Business**

**Shaun Stone, Peer Specialist, recovery community**

**Sarah Murdock, Bridges out of Poverty, Food Basket, Church of the Resurrection**

**Randy Belton, Veterans Organizations; Business, Lion's Club, Associate Priest St. Andrew's**

**Jenny Arne, school counselor, Pinedale Elementary**

**Peggy Weber, Recovery community, Pinedale Visitor Center**

**Livie Sanchez, new community member**

**Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator**

**Notes:**

Melinda opened the meeting at 12:05 for welcome and introductions.

**Alcohol task force report:** Co-Chairs Cassie Crumpton and Robin Carnes were unable to attend today so Trisha gave the task force report. Coalition members present today discussed alcohol media campaigns. Shaun recommended media promoting these topics: How to recognize you have a problem; where and how to "ask for help"; and promoting free local resources for help. Discussion of target of change vs agent of change, discussion of how to reach the targets of change. Darren recommended that we create moderate drinking postcards for medical providers similar to the smoking cessation postcards. Melinda requested those present with more interest and ideas for the media campaign to reduce the harms and impacts of adult binge drinking to communicate with the task force. Task force minutes are on the website under 12/3/21 Tobacco Task Force. All present recommended opening TIPS to all events (example Mpintain MAn Museum and Library, facilities that hold events and even those who throw house parties due to data showing that 50% of DUI's come from bars and 50% from private homes. Amber suggested Pinedale Half Marathon servers receive TIPS.

Matthew Daniels presented the 12/6/21 **Suicide Prevention Task Force** notes: (minutes are on website). As of November 30, 700+ Sublette Gatekeepers are trained. In November, 30

Skyline students and all 83 Pinedale High School 10th graders became Gatekeepers. Thanks to Jen Wilkinson for teaching all PHS health classes and Bill Lehr, Mardy Sleight, Cassie Crumpton, Melinda Bobo, and Matt Daniels for teaching Skyline. Teaching QPR at Skyline generated discussion of how to get counselors on site in the schools for students with telehealth or in person and paid for by the community MH fund when necessary. A contract meeting to discuss the billing and scheduling details will be held Friday 12/10.

**Opiates and Other Drugs task force.** Sarah Murdock reported and promoted that coalition and task force members continue to have opportunities to learn more about the science and impacts of cannabis, specifically high potency cannabis, with 1 hour webinars from IASIC (International Academy on the Science and Impacts of Cannabis). The task force would like to start a short term (4 month) subcommittee for those interested in staying current on WY marijuana legalization efforts. Trisha will send updates to the coalition.

116 pounds of prescription drugs were disposed of safely in the drug disposal boxes between July 1 and December 6, 2021

Task force would like to hold 2-3 focus groups with youth to talk about their needs/wants for summer 4-H classes.

### **Community Reports:**

**Sarah Murdock, Bridges out of Poverty:** Bridges has received a grant to hire a community resource officer to help anyone who needs it with filling out forms for all aid, medicaid, disability, rent assistance, health insurance enrollment, assistance of all kinds. Tammy Heuck has been hired and will work part time out of High Country Behavioral Health. "One stop help center". Another resource for assistance of all kinds is the "Unite Us" website.

**Tessa Miller, SAFV:** SAFV is still providing help with enrolling residents in ERAP, the state rental assistance program established with covid funds.

**Kari DeWitt, Sublett Hospital District:** The District broke all records for patient visits July - October, November numbers are slower and that is good for overworked providers and staff. The east coast is experiencing a 3rd surge of covid cases and rural areas are usually 2 months behind the urban surges.

**Melinda Bobo, St. Andrew's Church:** St. Andrew's and St. Hubert's are both applying for a \$10,000. grant from the Episopal Diocese that would benefit youth receiving MH services. Those dollars are intended to supplement the Boulder Roll youth fund.

**Darren Hull, Pinedale Properties:** Darren is working with BOCES to start a first time homebuyers class.

Tessa offered that the Wyoming Community Development Authority has down payment assistance and assistance for closing costs. Trisha will pass this info on to Sarah and the new CRO Tammy Heuck.

**Adjourn meeting 1:15.**