

**MINUTES: Tobacco and ENDS Task Force
1/10/19 12 - 1 PM BOCES Room 150**

In Attendance:

Erik Makelky, Principal, Skyline Academy, and Vice Principal, Pinedale Middle School
Sarah Hixson, Clinic Director, High Country Behavioral Health
Matt Murdock, Mayor, Town of Pinedale
Kelsi Sluyter, Public Health Intern, University of Wyoming School of Social Work
Steve Harrison, 4-H - Sublette, University of Wyoming Extension
Renaë Dorrity, MD, Sublette County Rural Health Care District
Robert Galbreath, Reporter, Pinedale Roundup
Stephanie Lund, Nurse Manager, Sublette County Public Health
Carolyn Normington, Counselor, Pinedale Middle School
Sullivan Ralston, Student, Pinedale High School
Ryley Huston, Student, Pinedale High School
Teegan Johnson, Student, Pinedale High School
Trisha Scott, Prevention, Sublette County Public Health

Agenda Items:

Purpose of meeting: Identify gaps in community wide prevention efforts.
Report from Sub1.
Report from Mayor Murdock.
Update on health effects of ENDS from SCRHCD medical provider.
Clean Indoor Air recognition in local businesses.

Main Points:

- **Prevention needs identified** by Sub1 students and school staff: Increase efforts to educate younger students and all parents. Adopt curriculum for middle school students. Increase legislation restrictions on 18 y/o students ability to buy for younger students, increase student awareness of consequences/fines for buying for younger students. Increase parent specific and student specific education via social media and posters. Students reported: “Don’t put words on materials geared to youth: youth willingness to read is very low.”
- **Health effects update** from Dr. Dorrity: “People with cardiovascular disease from tobacco use can be treated with oxygen. Once you are symptomatic for ENDS there may be no treatment for the effects of ENDS on the interstitial tissue of the lungs but a lung transplant”. “ENDS allow the health effects of addiction to fly under the radar”. Reported providers don’t have time in appointments to hand out materials, best way to implement healthcare initiatives with patients is to a) provide info when they are in with lung related symptoms, and b) have long term rapport and trust with patients. **Prevention needs identified:** Critical ages to reach youth with health and prevention info: are ages 8 - 15 years.
- State and local policy update from Mayor Murdock: Rep. Sommers developing legislation to levy excise tax on ENDS (currently no state tax on ENDS) this session. Town Council will discuss ordinance restricting ENDS sales in Town of Pinedale.
- Recognition of Clean Indoor Air in local businesses. **Prevention needs identified:** Prevent exposure to secondhand smoke.

Actions/Tasks:

- Attend Pinedale Town council meeting Jan 14,2019, 6pm: Sub1 students, school staff. and other concerned stakeholders encouraged to provide information as Council discusses restricting

ENDS sales; will also discuss measure to supplement funding for s ENDS remote sensors in school bathrooms

- Trisha will schedule small group meeting for week Jan. 21-25 with PHS students and Art and Health educators to promote continuing art and health collaboration focused on reaching middle school and younger PHS students with facts re: ENDS.
- Middle School staff will discuss where/how best to implement ENDS Tobacco Prevention Toolkit (or similar) curriculum.
- Kelsi will contact Chamber of Commerce director to request info re: Chamber of Commerce Clean Indoor Air recognition.