

Prevention Coalition Mtg 2/21/2019

In attendance:

Robert Galbreath, Pinedale Roundup

Mike Crosson, County Attorney

Amanda Key, Sublette County Rural Health Care District

Aaron Preece, High Country Behavioral Health

Randy Belton, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Kelsi Sluyter, UW School of Social Work

Lance Gehlhausen, Sheriff's Office

Dave Siefkes, Sheriff's Office

Robin Carnes, Public Health

Stephanie Lund, Public Health

John Kelly, Veteran

Mike Crosson, Sublette County Attorney, gave a report of how DUIs are handled in Sublette County. If someone charged with a DUI gets a deferral, they get probation for one year. If they pass the terms of the probation the case is usually dismissed. Every DUI case is not the same. Depending on the case there might be a deal made. DUI's are taken seriously in Sublette County; Mike would like anyone that feels like DUIs are not taken seriously to call and meet with him.

Reports from each task force came next.

Opiates and other drugs - John Kelly

Suicide - John Kelly

Adult Binge Drinking - Robin Carnes

We need to f/u with Cassie Crumpton to find the results of the year long study on DUI enforcement - did rates go down? Have rides home been discussed in this group? Needed resource although it is difficult because people live so far from town.

Underage Drinking - Kelsi Sluyter

Tobacco - Stephanie Lund

The next Tidbit Tuesday is all about vaping, Lance Gehlhausen passed around the information that will go out.

John Kelly next presented the idea of having a governing task force for the coalition. Our current process is informal, he would like to see structure with a governing body. This task force could work on bylaws, reviewing data, putting together a website. The governing task force would present items to the coalition that would be voted on, ie. the work plan, spending money, etc. John has worked on other coalitions in the past and would like to share his expertise with us.

Tracy Young from WASCOP (Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police) presented on coalition building next. Tracy has worked with the coalition in Albany County since 2002. She has been helping coalitions across the state for the last two years. In 2016 there was a focus group from Sublette County that did a pretest interview on how our coalition was functioning. Tracy told us this is how we receive the funding that we get for prevention work. The Wyoming Department of Health also evaluates how coalitions function. In the past years the CPS (Certified Prevention Specialist) did all the work and coalitions began falling apart. Tracy proposed that we meet with her and Rodney Wambeam for a four hour session to evaluate our coalition and identify areas that we are good at and areas that we need help. Tracy and Rodney will help us identify three trainings to assist us in or needs areas. If we have local people to assist us we can use them, if not Tracy and Rodney will help us find the resources we need.

From our discussion on Coalition building: Stephanie Lund would like to see the coalition become what it is meant to be, that is a body that makes the decisions about prevention work in Sublette County with Public Health and Trisha Scott being the resources for them, doing the work of providing meals, meeting minutes, emailing information. Robin Carnes would like to move forward with the process. John Kelly

would like to move forward. He states “we should tap into the resources from WASCOP”. Amanda Key would like to see time better spent during our meetings. Our time is important, she can see the benefit to the coalition having more structure. Randy Belton said that this was discussed a couple of years ago, and never acted on. The general consensus for those in attendance is that we need to move forward with building a strong coalition.

Stephanie, Trisha and Kelsi will define what the governance task force would look like for everyone so they can make a decision about being involved with it.

Stephanie, Trisha and Kelsi will determine a date for the meeting with Tracy and Rodney and let everyone know so they can attend all or part of that meeting, whatever works for their schedule.