

MINUTES: 11/9/21 Rx & OTHER DRUGS TASK FORCE

12 - 1 PM

In Person at Public Health and on Zoom

Co-Chairs: Sarah Murdock and Annie Adams

Present:

Sarah Murdock, Bridges out of Poverty, Food Basket, Church Community

Cassie Crumpton, Sublette County Treatment Court

Sgt. Travis Bingham, Sublette Sheriff's Office

Peggy Weber, Pinedale Visitor Center

Charlotte Carlton, WDH

Richard Carlton, Visitor

Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator

Goal #1: By 2024, decrease the number of 10th graders who report using marijuana, on the PNA.

Progress on Goal: No data was collected in 2020 due to Covid shutdown. We will have data in 2022.

Goal #2: By 2024, decrease the number of students who report using prescription drugs to get high

Progress on Goal: No data collected in 2020 due to covid. We will be using data from the 2016, 2018, and 2022 PNA as measure for both goals.

Discussion:

Comments and responses to IASIC presentation "History of THC impacts on Women's Health":

The commercial marijuana industry is marketing THC to women as a medicine, a cosmetic, a weight loss regime, and a mental health supplement. The marketing is "slick, and subtle" and is designed to normalize THC use with the message that THC will "change our hearts and minds" for the better. One parent said she tells her son: "They are just reaching in your pocket for your wallet".

The group discussed legalization efforts in Wyoming and how the discussion of legalization has been framed in policy circles as: "Legalization is inevitable, how can we profit?" Can we have a place at the policy table that asks the question differently: "If legalization is inevitable, how can Wyoming learn from other states' mistakes and lead the nation in policies that effectively prevent youth use?"

Team agreed that since ballot initiatives are circulating and marijuana legalization is a time sensitive issue, it may be useful to step up the frequency of these meetings to focus on keeping the coalition educated. We can also step up the focus on providing learning opportunities about the changing landscape of commercial THC and how it affects youth and youth perception of harm.

Sgt Travis Bingham provided drug arrest data for 2021.

There have been 25 marijuana arrests in the county since the beginning of the year, 12 meth arrests, and 15 “other” arrests which included heroin, prescription drugs, and fentanyl. Sgt. Bingham will share the dashboard with the coalition at the 11/10 meeting. Sgt. Bingham noted that 54% of all 2021 arrests are local residents; 46% are out of county residents. Drug related arrests increased from 2020 to 2021. Sgt. Bingham noted that the SO is seeing more “hard drugs” than in past years.
(<https://www.sublettewyo.com/501/Public-Information-Sharing-Dashboard>)

Further discussion on data sources: Can we collect local data from the ER about drug related visits with the question: “Out of 200 ER visits, what percentage tested positive for substances?”

Strategy discussion for 2022 - 2023 school year: Use WASCOP sponsorship of a table at all WHSSA events to provide all prevention information to parents. Sarah H. suggested an online calendar for people to sign up to be at the table. Richard noted that the table may not be actively visited but makes the visual statement that the community is engaged in prevention. Trisha went over the **SAMHSA protective factors for youth marijuana use**. We will be using these to develop the 2022 - 2024 work plan.