

**MINUTES: 4/13/23 SPC LUNCH**

**12 - 1 PM**

**PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE**

**ONLINE with ZOOM**

**CHAIR: Rev. Melinda Bobo**

**Present:**

**Rev. Melinda Bobo, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

**Aaron Preece, High Country Behavioral Health**

**Joanie Christie, Sublette Public Health**

**Robert Galbreath. Sublette newspapers**

**Dezi Saathoff, SAFV**

**Deanna Fildey, Pinedale Aquatic Center (Rec Center)**

**Maura Williams, Bridges of Sublette County case manager**

**Robin Carnes, Sublette Public Health**

**Matthew Daniels, Business and faith community**

**Kari De Witt, Sublette Hospital District**

**Sarah Murdock, Bridges of Sublette County**

**Hazel Kennard, DFS**

**Kaisha Simpson, DFS**

**Trisha Scott, Coalition coordinator**

**Notes:**

Motion to approve 3/9 SPC Big Piney minutes: Robin Carnes

Second to motion; Aaron Preece

Vote Yes to approve minutes - Unanimous of those present at the Big Piney meeting.

Vote No - 0

Melinda Bobo: Elections for coalition leadership are in July. The coalition by-laws set term limits at 3 years. Melinda will be stepping down from the role of chair due to the 3 year term limit.

The Coalition provides an opportunity for leadership experience. Melinda appealed to members to consider a leadership position.

Matthew Daniels and Aaron Preece gave the suicide prevention report:

Dates to note:

May 3: "Navigating mental health challenges in the age of social media - a youth led discussion"

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85980496296?pwd=dGNRemlvMm9McIhhUXhGZzRPWHFOUT09>

May 3: Community Unity for Suicide Prevention Teton County event 6-8 pm. Western Wyoming region invited to attend.

QPR total Sublette trained: 1062.

Task force discussed County Health Rankings data showing optimal ratio of counselors in a community as 1 counselor for every 350 residents.

Sublette currently has 1 counselor for every 1100 residents (2021 data).

Noted that the topic of affordable housing comes up as a barrier to building capacity in the MH workforce.

Robin Carnes referenced loan repayment programs for MH workers from the National Health Service Corps Scholarship program:

<https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/nhsc-loan-repayment-program>

Robin Carnes gave ATODS - Alcohol, Tobacco, other Drugs Task force report:

- 12 local servers trained in TIPS on 4/11 by Deputy Marlene Johnston. Next training tentative scheduled for June 6 or 13. Attended by Waterhole, Stockman's, Brew Pub and Green River Bar servers.
- 18 stakeholders attended the first Opioid Settlement Fund assessment meeting 3/31 and provided input on problems related to opioid use and possible strategies. Next step: follow up email with an application for funds will be sent out by Friday 4/28 by the county commissioner's designated advisory committee.
- 100 Big Piney Middle School students attended "Vape prevention listening sessions" on April 17th. Tonia Hoffman and Officer Day facilitated. Trisha was invited to do "ice breaker" activities with the youth, and gave this report: In their feedback to Mrs. Hoffman's and Officer Day's questions, students demonstrated a scientific knowledge base about the harms and impacts of vaping, and the process of addiction. Students offered suggestions about prevention measures not yet explored, specifically, peer groups without teachers or parents to explore stresses of being an adolescent and how to cope with stresses without substances.
- Talk They Hear You underage drinking media - we are now paying to boost the social media posts to test if there is an increase in reach. Media campaign will focus on safety planning as we get closer to graduation.
- Delta - 8: Shared legal opinion from Ashley Schluck, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor, Wyoming Highway Safety, City of Laramie Attorney's Office. Letter is available from Trisha.
- 6 week Dimensions Tobacco Free classes begin May 2 at High Country Behavioral Health. 12 people in the group. Peggy Weber and Trisha will be facilitating.
- May 31: Drug Take Back event at Marbleton Senior Center.
- Stephanie Sprenger of the Sublette County Attorney's office reported graduating the first diversion class for MIP for tobacco.

Community reports:

Dezi from SAFV: April 25 is SAFV annual spring luncheon with a speaker from Uprising Wyoming speaking about sex trafficking in Wyoming.

Sarah Murdock from Bridges of Sublette:

May 5 at 12 noon ribbon cutting at the Chamber of Commerce.

May 19: All day workshop Breaking Barriers and Building Bridges COmmunity Workshop  
8:30 - 3:30 Lovatt Room Pinedale Library

Kari Dewitt from Sublette Hospital District: The Hospital board has locked in the gross maximum price of the hospital construction. Construction is expected to last 2 years from groundbreaking. There were 55 ambulance rides from Sublette County to St. John's last month. The new hospital will result in fewer ambulance rides out of the county. All Title 25 holds will take place in the new hospital.

Meeting adjourned 1:15 PM.  
Next SPC meeting 5/11.