

MINUTES: 10/8/2020 SPC Regular Meeting
3 - 4 PM
Big Piney High School Library

Present:

Melinda Bobo, Coalition Chair
Tonia Hoffman, Sublette #9
Jeff Makelky, Sublette #9
Melissa Mitchell, Sublette #9
Deputy Ryan Day, SRO
Norma Clements, Sublette #9
Sherri Redden, Big Piney Town Council
Diana Watkins, Community member
Trisha Scott, Prevention Coordinator

Meeting notes:

Melinda Bobo presented the “50,000 foot view” of the Wyoming Community Prevention grant, including what each county has to deliver should they choose to accept the funds. Trisha presented a brief overview of the 2020 - 2022 Sublette work plan for alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and suicide prevention. Diana Watkins and Sherri Redden asked about how the grant measures outcomes over time. Here is a brief overview of evaluation tools we use: Wyoming Association of Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police (WASCOP) Annual Alcohol and Crime Report, Sublette County Sheriff’s Office 90 day drug and alcohol and DUI arrest reports; Wyoming Survey and Analysis Center (WYSAC) evaluation tools such as the Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) given to 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades every 2 years, and the Adult Tobacco Survey. Wyoming Liquor Board reports county by county alcohol sales data. Annual socio-economic data such as average household income, housing prices, access to health care comes from the County Health Rankings annual report. We also use narrative reporting from the Sheriff’s Office, Wyoming Highway Patrol, schools, and High Country Behavioral Health. Prevention data in Wyoming has been tracked since the early 2000’s.

School reports: Norma Clements and Tonia Hoffman reported that having kids in school is better for overall health of the community than when kids were schooling at home in March, April, and May. Parents less stressed means families are less stressed. Kids are more motivated than ever to be in school and very good at wearing masks. Mr. Makelky reported that “kids appear to be getting the message that vaping is harmful.” Kids are still vaping but not at the high numbers of 2018 - 2019.

Principal Makelky reported that SRO Deputy Ryan Day teaches classes on preventing vaping, bullying, sexting, and de-mystifying the law for BPHS students. He also reported that kids feel safe with Deputy Day and kids go to Deputy Day for information, especially for information on the law. Principal Makelky gave credit to Sheriff Lehr for BPHS getting a SRO. Mr. Makelky reported that Deputy Day has been a critical prevention and health advocate and educator at BPHS.

Agreements and recommendations:

Principal Makelky and Trisha will communicate about getting a Big Piney community member trained to teach Dimensions Tobacco-Free classes for students caught vaping at the schools. Joey Burke and Trisha can train an instructor, or teach the classes. Mrs. Mitchell recommended increasing coping skills for students for coping with stress like the mindfulness classes she teaches to elementary students. There can always be more counseling services. Tonia Hoffman recommended more education on marijuana based on recent problems related to marijuana and students and suggested that social media prevention messaging is most effective when “in your face, specific, and not anonymous.”

Those present agreed to quarterly coalition meetings in Big Piney beginning on February 11, 2021. Dates TBD to accommodate school staff.

Time: 3:30 pm. Location: BPHS library.

Meetings will include Pinedale over Zoom.

Adjourn formal meeting 4:10 pm.