

MINUTES: 6/8/23 SPC LUNCH

12 - 1 PM

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE - 380 FALER AVE

On ZOOM

Chair: Rev Melinda Bobo

Present:

Aaron Preece, High Country Behavioral Health

Dezi Saathoff, SAFV Task Force

Sarah Murdock, Bridges of Sublette County, Food Basket, Church of the Resurrection

Kari DeWitt, Sublette Hospital District

Janna Lee, Sublette Public Health

Joanie Christie, Sublette Public Health

Trisha Scott, Coalition Coordinator

Notes:

Chair Melinda Bobo was absent for this meeting and Vice Chair Aaron Preece ran the meeting.

Motion to approve the 4/13/23 minutes was made by Kari De Witt.

Second to the motion was made by Dezi Saathoff.

Vote to approve 4/13/23 minutes YES: Unanimous, NO: 0.

Motion to approve the 5/11/23 minutes was made by Kari DeWitt.

Second to the motion was made by Dezi Saathoff.

Vote to approve the 5/11/23 minutes YES: Unanimous,. NO: 0.

Aaron reminded those present that annual coalition leadership elections are on July 13.

Aaron suggested that the coalition consider holding a vote at the July meeting to change 2024 elections from July to September, to get greater attendance. Coalition meetings are generally not as well attended in the summer when school is out.

Janna Lee announced the coalition coordinator transition schedule. If all goes according to plan, the new coordinator will begin approximately August 7 for a 3 week training period with Trisha. The job description is on the Sublette County website and on Pinedale Online. Interviews will be held July 6.

Suicide Prevention Task Force report, Aaron Preece: SPTF Co-Chair Aaron Preece announced that Co-Chair Matt Daniels has sent written notice to the coalition Chair and Coordinator that he intends to step down due to work commitments. Mardy Sleight agreed to Co-Chair the task force beginning July 2023.

Aaron reviewed July events to promote 988 and the AgriStress helpline:

July 3 - Chuckwagon Days Youth Rodeo

July 8 - Rendezvous Parade with Boulder Roll Awareness and Prevention (BRAAP)

July 28 &29: County Fair.

Coalition members were invited to participate, contact Trisha for more information.

Sheridan Veterans Administration suicide prevention coordinator Kayla Stevens will teach a Crisis Response Planning training to the task force on October 2.

ATODS - Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs Task Force report, Janna Lee: Janna reported that Public Health is working with a treatment court participant on their community service project to promote distribution of free Narcan - an emergency medication that saves lives from opiate overdose.

Sarah Murdock reported that misinformation on legal THC was spread at the Wyoming Association of Municipalities meeting this month. A resolution was proposed in the organization to decriminalize medical marijuana. FDA approved cannabis/medical marijuana products for cancer treatment, specific childhood seizure conditions, and pain management is available and regularly prescribed by medical providers across Wyoming. WAM did pass the resolution. Task Force members suggested we work with our legislative representatives to offer clarification and technical assistance on the issue.

Task force members discussed the argument that legal THC would bring tax revenue. One member noted that the WAY legislature has 1 billion in reserves, does not need additional tax revenue from legal THC.

Community reports:

SAFV: Dezi Saathoff reported that SAFV's annual golf tournament fundraiser is in August. Members of SAFV's Thoughtful Concerned Citizens for Change (TCCC) initiative traveled to Washington DC in January to learn from the organization Men of Strength. TCCC is looking for up to 10 male facilitators to facilitate Men of Strength in Sublette. Please contact SAFV with any recommendations for male facilitators. Time commitment: 1 after school period per week.

Sublette Hospital District: Kari DeWitt reported June is Men's Health month. The Hospital District is promoting physicals with \$100. gift certificates for men who sign up for a physical. Construction news: The hospital construction trailer arrives Tuesday June 13.

Bridges of Sublette County: Sarah Murdock reported 4 new Getting Ahead graduates. Bridges now has 26 Sublette Getting Ahead graduates. The next step from Getting Ahead is Staying Ahead, a peer group formed to support each other with developing and maintaining resources and goals.

Sarah reported Staying Ahead is a critical step.

Affordable housing report: Sarah Murdock, Aaron Preece reported there are 2 affordable housing projects in the works for Pinedale:

Sarah reported that the town is creating a 501c3 non profit to develop a housing board that can apply for grants. After the creation of the non-profit the Town will step out and the board will develop the project. Getting Ahead graduates are involved in the process.

Aaron reported that a private developer is working on a 501c3 for "Pronghorn Crossing", an affordable housing development that will be tied to USDA grants and funding. Pronghorn Crossing proposes 85 houses. There will be income restrictions for prospective buyers to keep

the houses available to service sector incomes. The USDA involvement is not a loan program, it is a subsidy.

Both housing projects propose a path to home ownership.

Coalition members noted that affordable housing is an important topic for prevention efforts.

Affordable housing is a proven suicide prevention strategy.

Meeting adjourned: 1:15 PM

Next full coalition meeting is July 13, 2023.